

THAN
TAMPA HOMEOWNERS, AN ASSOCIATION OF NEIGHBORHOODS
MEETING OF MAY 11, 2011
HELD AT UNION STATION

1. President Jerry Frankhouser called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. He asked for a moment of silence to reflect on our mission and that we pledge allegiance to the flag. He then asked the members and guests to introduce themselves.
2. Our guests were Jake Slater, Director of Code Enforcement, and Ernest Mueller, Assistant City Attorney. They reported that the Citation Process has worked well in the 2 ½ years it has been in use for zoning problems. Approximately 4,000 citations have been issued in this time and only about 500 of these needed to be pursued. Learning from experience, Messrs. Slater and Mueller want to fine-tune the citation process. A long discussion and question-and-answer session followed. Mr. Slater said that the change would be presented to Council at a Workshop on June 16.
3. President Frankhouser opened the floor to discussions of Neighborhood issues. Among the issues raised was that of bicycle safety, particularly after dark.

MOTION: That THAN ask Police Chief Jane Castor if bicyclists traveling at night without proper lights and light colored clothing are being cited. Mayor Bob Buckhorn, Council Chair Charlie Miranda, and Director Shannon Edge are to be included in the distribution of this letter.

(Bobby Ann Tarcza, seconded. Passed unanimously.)

4. Shannon Edge reported for the Office of Neighborhood & Community Relations. Her report was distributed at the meeting and to the THAN e-list. She emphasized the following points:
 - a. Smoke alarms can be obtained at no cost from a fire station.
 - b. The annual Hurricane Exposition will be held at the Museum of Science & Industry (MOSI) on Saturday, May 21, 2011, from 9:00 a.m. till 2:00 p.m.
5. Fredric Zerla gave the Secretary's Report. The Minutes of the April Meeting were approved as presented. He noted that we have a quorum at this meeting. He said that membership renewal forms and ballots for the election of officers would be sent to the THAN Representatives and Member Past Presidents soon after the meeting. [They were in the mail the next day.]
6. Bill Duvall gave the Treasurer's Report. As April began, the account contained \$5464.43. During the month, no deposits and one withdrawal for \$500 for PYHO were made. The ending balance for the month was \$4964.43.
7. Bill Duvall then reported for *Paint-Your-Heart-Out, Tampa*. He presented a recognition award to THAN in appreciation of its sponsorship.
8. Margaret Vizzi reported for the Nominating Committee. The slate of candidates for the offices of THAN is: President, Jerry Frankhouser; Vice President, Patt Fosnaught;

Secretary, Fred Zerla; Treasurer, Bill Duvall. No nominations were received from the floor.

9. Richard Formica reported on several activities on the Riverwalk. He also told of a lecture he had attended on April 27 at the Patel School of Global Sustainability at the University of South Florida. The talk, *Global Water Challenge, Threats and Opportunities*, was given by Paul Reiter, Executive Director of the International Water Association. This talk emphasized the growing crisis on the availability of fresh water in the world. Richard's notes will be transmitted to the THAN e-list.
10. Wofford Johnson reported that *Tree Watch* has begun. Signs have been prepared for Bayshore Beautiful; those for Bayshore Gardens will begin soon. He asked Neighborhoods to contact him to begin the process. *Tree Watch* is open to every Neighborhood in the city, not just those in THAN.
11. Margaret Vizzi reported that the Community Gardens process passed Council on first reading. A public hearing will be held soon. Cathy Coyle is developing a permitting process.
12. The Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. Our next meeting is on Wednesday, June 8, 2011, from 7:00 till 9:00 p.m. at Union Station.

Respectfully submitted,

Fredric Zerla, Secretary