

THAN
TAMPA HOMEOWNERS, AN ASSOCIATION OF NEIGHBORHOODS
MEETING OF DECEMBER 14, 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 guest at this meeting was **Nikki Daniels, Director of the Family Justice Center**. Ms. Daniels explained that the Family Justice Center is one of only 15 such centers nationwide. It opened 5 years ago to handle issues of domestic violence. Its aim, as stated in its brochure, is: "If you are a victim of domestic violence, WE CAN HELP. We're the Family Justice Center, a one-stop-shop for domestic violence victims. We have a team of people who can help with many services to eliminate the need for you (and your children) to travel to all over town to get help." Ms. Daniels told of far more services they offer than can be listed here. She invites us to view their web site at www.fjchc.org or in person at the old Floriland Mall, 9309 N. Florida Ave., Suite 109. Call them at (813) 935-2015. She also mentioned *Survivors of Domestic Violence*, a support group to help victims. As the Family Justice Center has no marketing budget, it depends on word-of-mouth to reach each potential client. They welcome donations, especially children's clothes. Ms Daniels closed with a request that we inform the members of our associations of the Family Justice Center and its work.
3. Shannon Edge reported for the Office of Neighborhood & Community Relations. She distributed copies of her *Photos of the Month* and said it had been sent to the presidents of the associations listed in the Neighborhood Registry. [I forwarded this report to the THAN e-list.]
4. President Frankhouser discussed future meetings. In January, our guest will be **Tanya Brickhouse, Director of the Division of Solid Waste**. President Frankhouser questioned whether THAN should have a committee to explore the Solid Waste yearly charge. We will take up this question at a later meeting. A discussion ensued as to whether we should invite a representative of TBARTA to our February Meeting to discuss the possibility of widening roads and restricting lanes for rapid transit buses. We were assured that such plans are both speculative and in the distant future. With the voters' rejection of light-rail, TBARTA is searching for other ways to alleviate traffic congestion in the county. As traffic overcrowding is a major concern in the city, President Frankhouser asked if we should establish a Committee on Transportation. This committee could also keep us all informed about the increase in road building in the neighborhoods being considered by FDOT and TBARTA. We will consider this later.

5. President Frankhouser asked for neighborhood issues and several were discussed.
6. Steve LaBour gave an update on the *ABC's of Zoning Workshop* of Saturday, January 21, 2012, at the Gandy/Sun Bay South Community Center. He presented a program and said that several city administrators will attend. In a discussion of costs, we decided that a participant who is a members of a THAN association would pay \$12, and other participants, \$20. All attendees must RSVP and can pay at the door. People who RSVP that they are coming but fail to attend will be billed for the full cost. (The entry fee is for the box lunch which THAN must buy in advance.) More information will follow. Steve can be reached at (813) 508-9216. Information will be posted on THAN's web site.
7. The THAN officers will meet with the Mayor on Tuesday, January 24, 2012, to discuss issues of concern to the neighborhoods. Please let us know of items you would like us to discuss. President Frankhouser can be reached at THANpresident@gmail.com or (813) 839-1066 or (813) 507-9664.
8. Fredric Zerla gave the Secretary's Report. He thanked Margaret Vizzi for expanding the entry on the Zoning Committee's report. The November Minutes were approved as presented in the final draft.
9. in the absence of Bill Duvall, Fredric Zerla gave the Treasurer's Report. In October, \$50 was deposited. In November, \$75. These amounts represent the dues of five returning members.
10. Margaret Vizzi reported for the Zoning Committee that the issues reported in previous months are on-going and she is monitoring their progress. No new issues have arisen.
11. Wofford Johnson of the Tree Committee and Richard Formica, Riverwalk Liaison, both reported that they have no new information. Wofford did note, however, that the Parks Department now has a page on their web site regarding the Neighborhood Tree Watch program. It can be accessed on the Parks & Recreation section of the City's web site. He recommends that we all look at it.
12. Barry Shalinski, representative from the Riverside Heights Civic Association, reported that four proposals have been received to build a restaurant into the old Water Works Building in Tampa Heights. These are being evaluated by the Mayor's Office. Barry can provide more information. He can be reached at BShalinsky@hotmail.com or at (813) 787-0016.
13. Martha Jean Lorenzo of the Membership Committee said that, as a gesture of good will, she would send holiday greetings on behalf of THAN to associations that are not THAN members.
14. The Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m. Our next meeting is on Wednesday, January 11, 2012, from 7:00 p.m. till 9:00 p.m. at Union Station.

Respectfully submitted,
Fredric Zerla, Secretary