

THAN
TAMPA HOMEOWNERS, AN ASSOCIATION OF NEIGHBORHOODS
MEETING OF June 13, 2012
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. Margaret Vizzi, reporting for the Zoning Committee, referred to the letter the committee sent to Mayor Buckhorn commenting on the report of the Economic Competitive Committee (ECC). This letter, now on the THAN web site, requested a meeting with the mayor. He suggested instead that it meet with Thom Snelling, Director of the Department of Planning and Development Services. They did so. Thom was joined by Cathy Coyle, Zoning Administrator. They gave the committee three documents: *Consolidated Land Development*, *Code Outline of the Current Code – General Outline*, and *Consolidated Definitions* to explain the restructuring of the Zoning Code. Steve LaBour commented that the consolidation of the Zoning Code is a good thing in that it pulls together all the codes that impact development into one place. The present rules – scattered throughout the various codes – are often difficult to find and, at worst, conflicting. He commended Cathy Coyle for consolidating these regulations. He noted that when she found two contrary regulations, she chose the one that was stricter. As a side issue, Storm Water was mentioned. The current rule is that a recently built property must cover no more than 51% of the property, the remaining 49% must remain permeable to avoid an excess of run-off water during storms. After two years, this restriction vanishes. However, it was noted, no one is enforcing this Storm Water Regulation. Jerry Frankhouser remarked that we hope for information on the proposed code consolidation by our August Meeting. Some of the changes that will be proposed will be in the July Cycle. Margaret said that a meeting will be scheduled with Thom Snelling and Cathy Coyle to review our remaining comments on the ECC report, after which we will request a meeting with the mayor to review our comments on the ECC report. Simplicity in the Zoning Code will encourage new construction in that it will be easier to tell if code requirements are met. Possibly the code requirements can be computerized for ease of access. In any case, this consolidation is a good thing.

3. Neighborhood Reports
 - a. Al Steenson, Gandy/Sunbay CA, reported on several issues.
 - i. The Summer Youth Camp in his area had 56 students. This is a great program that helps keep young people active in the summer.
 - ii. Saving the old Gandy Bridge, now the Friendship Trail Bridge, is a major priority. The issue is now before the County Commission, but time is needed to work out the details. Consult www.FriendshipTrailBridge.com for more information.
 - iii. The lake in Bobby Hicks Park is a breeding ground for mosquitoes, hence a public health problem. To see what Al is talking about, visit www.change.org/petition/clean-up-bobby-hicks-pond-view-video. Any help you can give is appreciated.

- b. Fred Zerla reported that the University Square CA presented a plaque as a Good Citizen Award to a fifth grader at each of Belle Witter and Lassie Shaw Elementary Schools, the two schools within the boundaries of the association. He also noted that the lake in Copeland Park is being cleared of brush and exotic trees and dredged to avoid a potential flooding problem in neighboring Briarwood.
 - c. Gail Matson reported that the Forest Hills NA is participating in Babe Zaharias Day at the golf course named in her honor on June 21.
 - d. Ruth McNair, West Riverfront CA, told that the Sulphur Springs Center will be named in honor of her late daughter on June 15.
 - e. Steve Labour reported on two issues regarding the problem of homelessness.
 - i. The Homeless Coalition of Hillsborough County, Inc., with support from the Corporation for Supportive Housing, is sponsoring a Charrette (i.e., an intensive planning process commonly used in urban planning). The first of several community meetings is scheduled for Hyde Park United Methodist Church, 500 W. Platt St., 33606, on Monday & Tuesday, July 23 & 24. the times will be posted on their web site, www.homelessofhc.org.
 - ii. He presented information from HEARTH, an organization that provides resources to aid communities in handling the problem of homelessness.
4. Shannon Edge reported for the Office of Neighborhood & Community Affairs. She distributed copies of her *Photos of the Month, June 2012* containing helpful information and special events. [I forwarded this to the THAN e-list]. She mentioned especially the *Mayor's Weekly Review* found on the city web site, www.Tampagov.net. In response to concerns about foreclosure issues, she said that the Legal Department is working on how to provide relief to neighborhoods to explain that we are not Homeowners Associations.
 5. President Frankhouser said that efforts to have our next several meetings at the Seminole Heights Garden Center were unsuccessful. Our August Meeting will be held at the LORETTA INGRAHAM RECREATION COMPLEX, 1615 N. Hubert Ave., in West Tampa. In September we will host the mayor and in October, the city council.
 6. Wofford Johnson said that the city wants more neighborhoods to participate in the Neighborhood Tree Watch. He encouraged associations to join.
 7. Martha Jean Lorenzo, chair of the Membership Committee, reported that 20 associations and past presidents have rejoined THAN. Remember that the Bylaws have July 1 as the deadline for membership renewal.
 8. Margaret Vizzi, reporting for the Elections Committee, told the results of the election of officers. Of the 36 ballots sent out, 20 were returned. The slate of officers suggested by the Nomination Committee was elected unanimously.

THAN officers for 2012-2013 are:

President: Jerry Frankhouser, *Bayside West NA*
 Vice President: Gail Matson, *Forest Hills NA*
 Treasurer: Patricia E. Torres, *Golfview CA*
 Secretary: Fredric Zerla, *University Square CA*

9. Fredric Zerla gave the Secretary's Report. No changes were suggested to the first draft minutes distributed soon after the May Meeting. These minutes were accepted as presented.
10. In the absence of Bill Duvall, Treasurer, Fredric Zerla gave the Treasurer's Report. In May, a deposit of \$60 was made from four \$15 checks given to the ABC's of Zoning Meeting. A check for \$223.08 was given to Steve LaBour to cover expenses he incurred for this meeting.
11. Margaret Vizzi noted that we have no awards left for former THAN presidents and our present mayor. She has found an artist who can duplicate the design for the present needs, then design a simpler version for future recipients.

MOTION: That THAN allot up to \$500 for awards for a former and the present THAN president and the current mayor of Tampa.

(Margaret Vizzi, seconded and passed unanimously).

12. The Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m. As THAN does not meet in July, our next meeting is on Wednesday, August 8, 2012, from 7:00 p.m. till 8:30 p.m. at the LORETTA INGRAHAM RECREATION COMPLEX, 1615 N. Hubert Ave., in West Tampa..

Respectfully submitted,

Fredric Zerla, Secretary