

THAN Tampa Minutes 5/8/2024

Location: ZOOM- if you'd like for us to hold a meeting in your NA, reach out

Time: 6:30pm

I. Call to order- Stephanie Poynor

Call to Order: 6:31pm

Attendance:

Stephanie Poyner

Sandy Sanchez

Pan Carpenter

Carol Ann Bennett

Kelly Scharf

Missy Martin

OSHNA

Kim Linton (Wellswood)

Tim McGaughey

Richard

Jim

Bobby Creighton

John Bennett – City of Tampa

Chief of Staff

Ybor Heights

Ivan Rivera

Toinette Gaines

April Cobb, TPNA

Tim

Isabel

Rhonda Ellis

II. Guest Speaker: Chief of Staff for the City of Tampa—Dr. John Bennett

Topics of discussion:

1. Job history
2. Topics of the COT Strategic Plan
3. Lean government model for the COT
4. Lowest employees to citizens for a city of this size
5. Use efficiencies to keep crime down not just hire police officers
6. Importance of Sustainability and Resilience
7. Florida is one of the lowest states requesting FASFA (Federal Student Aid)
8. Zoom participant comments
 - a. Bobby Creighton and Ivan Revira
 - i. Would you open budget to for a "lot cop" at Borrell Park or 3515 N Nebraska
 - ii. Two locations for Generational drug dealing how can you help to make it a safe area
 - b. Mimi
 - i. provided update for Borell Park and partnership with other organizations
 - ii. Can the City create a citywide homeless coalition?
 - c. Missy Martin – McFarland Association
 - i. When we hear crime is down that is not what we feel.
 - ii. Shared issue with a problem with the police response to a safety issue with an Air BNB.
 - d. Sandy Sanchez and Carol Ann Bennet
 - i. How to get more officers on the street
 - e. Isabel – Ybor Heights
 - i. Why didn't the service area happen on Nebraska?
 - f. Sandy Sanchez

- i. An Ombudsman should be revisited to provide assistance to residents during land development process
- g. Rhonda Ellis
 - i. Inconsistency is a problem. How do we bridge the gap between the police and other city services, i.e. parks & recto be responsive and help residents feel safe?
- h. Tim McGaughey
 - i. Can you expand on the trees? Why do I need to apply for a permit for the City to inspect a Tree?
- i. April Cobb
 - i. Tacoma Trail Park has become a place of illegal activity, a streaker and a goat.
- j. Tim Keeperts
 - i. Is there a neighborhood watch for every grid? Is there an effort to find a neighborhood watch for every grid?
- k. Carol Ann Bennett
 - i. Would like some momentum behind the Public Service Impact Fee

III. THAN minutes and treasurers report

[Video link to last month's meeting.](#)

IV. Issues---

- a. Design Exception – Sandy Sánchez
 - a. 2 motions for May 23rd COT Meeting but they may move to another date/agenda
 - b. Encourage people to come with examples
- b. Zoning 101 and 102
 - a. Hanna Street meeting, encourage all to attend
- c. Amature works having a Community Benefits Agreement
- d. Register with Primetime with Purchasing May 9, 2024
- e. Tiger Bay with candidates coming up soon
- f. USF has withdrawn Comp Plan Amendment request but will watch for when it comes back up. It will be monitored
- g. Approval of the Minutes
 - Motion: Carol Ann Bennett Second: Sandy Sanchez
- h. Public Safety report - Bobby Creighton
 - Next Meeting last Tuesday of the month May 21, 2024 at 6pm at the north Tampa Library
- i. Next Month: Tampa Connect

V. External Open issues a) Anything that the attendee would like to discuss.

VI. If you'd like the THAN Eboard to attend a meeting of your neighborhood, please email us at info@thantampa.com

VII. Closing 8:45pm