

THAN

Public
Safety
Committee



Everyone deserves to live in safe conditions.

Neighborhoods are stronger when they work together.
What are the safety issues in your neighborhood? Let's collaborate to solve them.

**January 23rd, 2024
6:30pm - 7:30pm**

**C. Blythe Andrews Library,
Mathew Gregory Room**

**2607 E. Dr Martin Luther King Jr Blvd
Tampa, FL 33610**

THAN - Tampa Homeowners: An Association of Neighborhoods

What is THAN?

- Umbrella organization for Tampa's neighborhood/civic associations
- Tampa City Council watchdogs
- Policy advocates
- Engine for solutions-driven, neighborhood collaboration

Why should I care?

- Institutional knowledge
- Track record of success
- Opportunities for partnership
- Name recognition

THAN Leadership



President - Stephanie Poynor

Stephanie has been the president of the Southtown HOA, the Gandy Civic Association and Stop Overbuilding SOG. She has been on the Citizens Budget Review Committee for three years. Stephanie is a frequent advocate at City Council.



Vice President Carroll Ann Bennett

Carroll Ann is a founding member of the Tampa Tree Advocacy Group (T-TAG), was the THAN representative on the PURE Stakeholders Group, and most recently was on the committee that selected the consultant group that is going to rewrite Tampa's Land Development Code.



Board Member At Large Sandy DeDiego Sanchez

Sandy was the long-time president of the Armory Gardens Civic Association, is on the Board of the CAC for the West Tampa CRA, serves on the Citizens Budget Review Committee and heads the Art Committee for public art, actively pursued the renovation of the Vila Brothers Park and has recently had the dog park at the Vila Park named for her for her community involvement.

THAN Leadership



Treasurer - Pat Wolfe

Pat is a full-time CPA who generously volunteers her time keeping THAN's books and is currently modernizing our record-keeping process.



Board Member At Large - Kella McCaskill

Kella founded the Center for Economic Development, which holds seminars and training sessions and works on the many housing challenges facing Tampa citizens. She organizes dozens of volunteers and business sponsors for multiple Community Cleanup days each year to benefit seniors and disabled residents of East Tampa.



Secretary - Alison A. Hewitt

Alison is a long-time professional in the community redevelopment field working hard on projects to revitalize businesses and bring amenities to the East Tampa neighborhoods.

Public Safety

Everyone deserves to live in safe conditions.

Police services

Fire/Rescue services

Design - CPTED & safe streets

Public investment

What else contributes to public safety?

Education

Cost of living

Social services

Public health

Employment

Community cohesion

THAN Public Safety Committee - Purpose

Education

Collaboration

Empowerment

THAN Public Safety Committee - Roles

Organizer(s)

- Sets meeting agenda, sends invites, schedules guest speakers, prepares materials for City Council agenda items, supports members, etc.

Secretary

- Takes minutes, records attendance, sends to THAN Board.

Specialists

- Institutional knowledge keepers, City Council wonks, special experience - provide context for City policy and assists in understanding opportunities to engage (TPD, Fire, safe streets, schools, businesses, etc)

Members

- Any resident or neighborhood leader who wants to participate in any way!

THAN Public Safety Committee - Guest speakers?

Vik Bhide - Director, Mobility Department

Luis Viera - Tampa City Council; HART Board Chair; Public Safety Master Plan Advocate

Lynn Hurtak - Tampa City Council; TPO Board; Chair - Livable Roadways Committee of TPO

Keith O'Connor - Director, Neighborhood Enhancement Division

Erica Moody - Director, Tampa CRA

Vivian Shedd - Tampa Fire Public Information Officer

Zalavia Harley - Tampa Fire Public Education Coordinator

Jonee' Jones - Director of Communications and Public Affairs, Tampa Police Department

Michael Randolph - CEO, Center for Nonprofit and Community Development

YOU!!!

Neighborhood Partners

City of Tampa

Tampa Police Department

Hillsborough County

Community Redevelopment Agency

Local businesses

Religious institutions

Schools

Grant organizations/nonprofits

Other neighborhood/civic associations

How do neighborhood/civic associations fit in?



 **Gandy Civic Association Sunbay South GCA**
October 25, 2022 · 🌐

GCA stepped up to the plate to help [Robinson High PTSA](#) with their Knights In Need - Thanksgiving Drive. When we're able to rent out the center, it allows us to give back to our community. We never want to say no to our community so the next time you hear of someone asking about a rental venue, don't hesitate to say The Gandy Civic Center!

RHS PTSA can still use your help! Below is a sign up sheet with the items they need to ensure some young Knights have a wonderful Thanksgiving day! Please pick up any extra goodies from the list the next time you're at the grocery store. Your contribution will go a long way!

<https://m.signupgenius.com/...>

#goknights #gandycivicassociation



Introductions

What neighborhood organization do you represent?

What public safety challenges have you faced in your community?

What successes or failures can we learn from as a group?

What city-wide public safety issues can THAN and neighborhood partnerships meaningfully address?