

CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE
Minutes – August 16, 2011

The Tarpon Springs Public Art Committee (TSPAC) met in the Tarpon Springs Public Library conference room on August 16, 2011. Members Barbara Schnipper, Marleen Gravitz, Lynn Pierson, John Hoffman, Georgia Post, and Rene Torres were present. Also present were Director of Cultural and Civic Services Kathy Monahan and City Liaison Denise Manning. Board member Maria Bobotas was absent. Daniela Smyth from the Recreation Department and Diana Hugg from Sanitation were guests.

Barbara Schnipper called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. Lynn Pierson made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 19th TSPAC meeting; Marleen Gravitz seconded the motion; all were in favor.

City Updates

Diana Hugg from the City's Sanitation Department presented an idea for TSPAC involvement. New dark green plastic recycling bins have been installed on Sunset Beach. The recycling containers, installed next to the existing trash bins, have brought attention to the unsightly appearance of the old wooden trash bins. Ms. Hugg suggested a community project to paint the twenty wooden trash bins, along with two wooden benches, and the park's garbage corral.

Ms. Gravitz made a motion that the TSPAC consider its role and level of participation to facilitate artistic enhancement of urban furnishings at Sunset Beach and discuss later in the meeting or at a future meeting; Ms. Pierson seconded the motion; all were in favor. The TSPAC will provide its recommendations to Ms. Hugg by November.

Daniela Smyth from the Recreation Department announced a new Hot Seats fundraiser with an auction at Artists Faire. Ms. Smyth will advise project dates and more details when they are finalized.

Project Updates

Plein Air Event: Ms. Gravitz provided updates for the Plein Air event. Sponsorship goals are at 50%, and an additional sponsor is needed for the reception. Judy Fallon will design the artwork for the postcards, T shirts and other promotional items. Gen Crosby will help with press releases and Georgia Post volunteered to call Diana Steinle from the North Pinellas edition of the St. Pete Times.

Starburst plaque: Dr. Monahan is awaiting samples from Landmark Awards and will quote different plaque materials.

New Business

Mural and Urban Furniture Installation: It was decided that more research is needed into wayfinding signage design and placement before a call to artists is drafted. Dr. Monahan will invite Renea Vincent and Rodney Chatman to the next TSPAC meeting to provide more details on the wayfinding project and updates on the new park on Live Oak. Denise Manning will see that large-size maps of the Art and History Trail are available for that meeting as well.

Announcements

Ms. Pierson announced that more new artists are coming to Artists' Faire. With no other announcements, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

(Approved and signed by Barbara Schnipper and Denise Manning September 20, 2011)