

CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE  
Minutes - April 20, 2010

The Tarpon Springs Public Art Committee (TSPAC) met in the Tarpon Springs Library Conference Room on Tuesday, April 20, 2010 with members Marleen Gravitz, Sue Geier, Barbara Schnipper, June Fox, and Maria Bobotas present. Also present were Director of Cultural and Civic Services Kathy Monahan, City Advisor Ginny Haller, and City Liaison Denise Manning. Board members Mic Poppa and Beverly Kurpinski were absent. Regular guest Vice Mayor Robin Saenger was present as well. Assistant City Attorney Shauna Morris will no longer be attending PAC meetings due to budget cuts. Barbara Schnipper moved to accept the minutes from the meeting of March 16, 2010; Sue Geier seconded the motion; all were in favor.

Robin Saenger announced that the gala at the Leepa Rattner was well attended. Kathy Monahan mentioned recent and upcoming City cultural events including the *Twilight of the Gods* opera at the Performing Arts Center, the *Bleacher Bums* play at the Cultural Center, and *Night at the Islands* on the Sponge Docks. Sue Geier announced the upcoming performance of *Love and Deception* at her Studio 212, as well as the idea of an artist's cooperative at Studio 212 where local artists could lease space to create and display their work.

Denise Manning will provide to City Finance Director Arie Walker, a draft of the Public Art Committee Guidelines, marking pages 5-6 where questions occur for Ms. Walker. Barbara Schnipper will complete punctuation edits and provide to Ms. Manning for revision.

Sue Geier presented ideas for the Welcome Mat Project and discussion ensued regarding youth group participants, materials, and logistics. Barbara Schnipper moved to proceed with the project, June Fox seconded the motion; all were in favor. Ms. Geier will draft a proposal detailing project elements including goals, objectives, and benefits of the program for all involved.

Barbara Schnipper moved to elect Sue Geier to a second term as Vice Chair; June Fox seconded the motion; all were in favor.

Robin Saenger suggested a public art kick-off event to rededicate the Starburst painting in Craig Park after restorations to the artwork have been completed. Sue Geier made a motion to pursue a low-cost method for restoration using City staff and advice of the original artist, Liz Indianos. The TSPAC will contribute \$100 from the Public Art Fund for materials. Barbara Schnipper seconded the motion; all were in favor.

The next meeting of the public art committee will be on May 18, 2010. Barbara moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:20 a.m.; June Fox seconded the motion; all were in favor.

*(Approved and signed by Marleen Gravitz and Denise Manning May 18, 2010)*