

MINUTES
CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE
January 26, 2010

The Tarpon Springs Public Art Committee (PAC) met in the Tarpon Springs Public Library Conference Room on Tuesday, January 26, 2010 with members Marleen Gravitz, Sue Geier, Barbara Schnipper, June Fox, and Beverly Kurpinski present. Also present were City Staff Advisor Kathy Monahan, Assistant City Attorney Shauna Morris, City Advisor Ginny Haller, and City Liaison Denise Manning. Board members Mic Poppa and Maria Bobotas were absent as was regular guest Vice Mayor Robin Saenger.

Chairperson Marleen Gravitz called the meeting to order at 10:07 am. The minutes from the meeting of December 15, 2009 were approved as read. Barbara Schnipper moved to accept, seconded by June Fox; all were in favor.

Beverly Kurpinski presented ideas from the recent Redevelopment Focus Group meeting on January 19th. The group had discussed ways to tie retail and tourist traffic from downtown to the sponge docks and the bayous. Ginny Haller, Renea Vincent, and Julie Staley attended the same focus group. Their group is writing a grant for a federal Preserve America Community feasibility study to enhance local cultural resources. Ms. Haller also advised that façade grants may be available for the Community Redevelopment Agency and would be a discussion item at the Board of Commissioners meeting on February 2nd.

Marleen Gravitz verified with Shauna Morris that it is appropriate for the PAC to make recommendations to City departments and committees regarding public art. Ms. Morris confirmed that it is appropriate and customary; she suggested that Tom Funcheon and Paul Smith from Public Services were very cooperative and open to suggestions.

PAC General Guidelines were reviewed and revised from the middle of page 20 through the middle of page 22. Shauna Morris will rewrite a section in "Instructions for Maintenance" to address artist's warranties and the de-accessioning process. This draft document will continue to be revised at future PAC meetings. Upon completion, a final review will be done prior to approval and publication.

Current PAC projects were reviewed. Denise Manning advised that she had forwarded Fern Hotel/Mother Meres research to Siobhan Nehan of the Garden Fairies regarding their project. Costs involved with the City water tank project were discussed. Kathy Monahan is researching possible grant money availability for next year that might fit this project, advising that no more than \$5,000 could be expected. Ray Page volunteered to donate \$500 toward paint costs for the water tank project. Dr. Monahan will provide more information regarding possible grants at the next PAC meeting. Sue Geier will craft a proposal for the next PAC meeting detailing the logistics of the welcome mat project. Ginny Haller suggested fund raising ideas, potential donors, and the potential for cross marketing.

Kathy Monahan provided a snapshot of the activities during the first annual Manatee Celebration Day. Dr. Monahan expressed a special thank you to June Fox for creating a large

banner of sea life drawings for children to paint. Dr. Monahan and Ms. Fox were pleased with the popularity of the banner painting activity. Sweetbay had donated \$500 toward supplies for the project and the finished banner will be displayed at Sweetbay. Manatee Celebration Day will continue as an annual event, being held next on January 22, 2011.

Dr. Monahan announced upcoming events at both the Performing Arts Center and the Cultural Center. Marleen Gravitz mentioned an exhibition of artwork by the Colored Pencil Society. These announcements led to a discussion about a possible gazebo to post City events, performances, and other activities

June Fox made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:00 p.m., Sue Geier seconded the motion; all were in favor.

(Approved and signed by Marleen Gravitz and Denise Manning March 16, 2010)