

**MINUTES**  
**CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE**  
**March 17, 2009**

The Tarpon Springs Public Art Committee met in the Tarpon Springs Library Conference Room on Tuesday, March 17, 2009 with all members present: Marleen Gravitz, Sue Geier, Barbara Schnipper, Michael Poppa, June Fox, Beverly Kurpinski, Maria Bobotas. Also in attendance were City Staff Representative Director of Cultural and Civic Services Dr. Kathleen Monahan, City Advisor Ginny Haller, City Liaison Debbie Stott, and our regular guest, Vice Mayor Robin Saenger. Asst. City Attorney Shauna Morris was absent.

Chairperson Marleen Gravitz called the meeting to order at 10:03AM. February 17<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes were reviewed. Maria Bobotas moved to accept as presented, Barbara Schnipper seconded. Minutes were accepted and approved as presented.

Mrs. Gravitz advised as routine business that the Master Plan is in the last developmental stages. She wants this document ready ASAP to present to the BOC in April or May. A handout enumerating "Major Roles for Public Art in Tarpon Springs" was distributed and reviewed. Based on findings from the "Art Sites Tour" to be taken during the April 21<sup>st</sup> Board meeting, enough information may be obtained for completion of the Master Plan. Discussion ensued about locations, gateways/entryways, and places to drive by on this "silent" sites tour with regard to the Sunshine Law. This tour will take place prior to the regular formal meeting on April 21<sup>st</sup>. Mrs. Gravitz stated that Public Art Guidelines are still a work in progress. She gave an update on the Board's City website which now includes an Artist Registry Form. Old Business posed the question as to whether this Board wanted to pursue a "Community Based Mural Art Program". Everyone agreed that this is a positive effort especially from the perspective of getting students and youth involved.

New Business addressed Developing Young Artists specifically through the above-mentioned Mural Art program. Robin Saenger announced she met with TSHS art teachers. Teachers and students are anxious to work with public art projects with a goal of creating partnerships producing work that stands out. Grant money will be sought to assist in this effort.

Mrs. Gravitz announced she has a meeting scheduled April 23<sup>rd</sup> with Leepa-Ratner for their input and art ideas. Maria Bobotas inquired about the status of the art inventory being done by a volunteer. Mrs. Gravitz informed everyone that the volunteer has collected a lot of information and data. This will be presented to this Board possible in May. She also advised that it is important everyone plan to attend the next meeting for the tour as well as to elect new officers. With no further comments or business the meeting adjourned at 11:45AM.