

MINUTES  
CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE  
March 16, 2010

The Tarpon Springs Public Art Committee (PAC) met in the Tarpon Springs Public Library Conference Room on Tuesday, March 16, 2010 with members Marleen Gravitz, Mic Poppa, Barbara Schnipper, Beverly Kurpinski, and Maria Bobotas present. Also present were City Advisor Ginny Haller, and City Liaison Denise Manning. Board members Sue Geier and June Fox were absent, as were Director of Cultural and Civic Services Kathy Monahan, and Assistant City Attorney Shauna Morris. Regular guest, Vice Mayor Robin Saenger, was also absent.

Chairperson Marleen Gravitz called the meeting to order at 10:05 am. Barbara Schnipper moved to accept the minutes from the meeting of February 16, 2010; Maria Bobotas seconded the motion; all were in favor.

An e mail was received from Sue Geier advising that she would be unable to attend PAC meetings in the foreseeable future. Marleen Gravitz will talk with Ms. Geier and advise the length of her absence.

The group reviewed a design mock-up of the Garden Fairies project. A mural fabricated from paint and mosaic tile is planned for the outside, west wall of the Antique Asylum building. The Garden Fairies welcome helpers for this project. Ginny Haller advised that use of tile in the design would require Historic Preservation Board approval.

Ginny Haller announced that the historic district did get the expansion they requested, which includes the buildings in Craig Park originally constructed by the WPA in the 1930s, and the fruit salad district. Ms. Haller also announced a focus group meeting on March 23<sup>rd</sup> to review signage designs for the Wayfinding project.

Beverly Kurpinski suggested that when a presentation is scheduled for an upcoming PAC meeting, the presenter provide a written report to the group prior to the meeting. In this way, the group can review the project if the presenter should be absent.

The PAC General Guidelines were reviewed and revised from the top of page 26 through the end of the document. Denise Manning will proofread the guidelines, reformat as necessary, and provide copies to Marleen Gravitz and Barbara Schnipper for punctuation editing and final proofreading by Tuesday, April 13th. Ms. Manning will also proofread the PAC Master Plan and provide to the group by May 11<sup>th</sup>.

The group discussed inspection and maintenance of existing public art, and the required maintenance reserve of 10% of the artwork cost. Also discussed was the public art archive which will hold digital images of artwork, along with material and color specifications. A checklist will be developed listing artwork elements required for the archive. The group agreed that the library could house the public art archive. If and when the archive outgrows the space available at the library, an alternative storage area can be addressed.

Maria Bobotas moved to elect Barbara Schnipper to a second term as secretary of the PAC; Mic Poppa seconded the motion; all were in favor. Ms. Bobotas moved to elect Marleen Gravitz to a second term as Chair to the PAC; Ms. Schnipper seconded the motion; all were in favor. Election of a Vice Chair was tabled until the next PAC meeting due to unavailability of candidates.

Ginny Haller announced that the Heritage Preservation Board will have a board opening the end of May.

Barbara Schnipper announced the upcoming "Art on the Bayou" art show the weekend of March 27-28.

Beverly Kurpinski reminded the group of the swearing-in ceremony at 6:30 pm that evening for the new City mayor and commissioners.

Barbara Schnipper moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:05 p.m., Mic Poppa seconded the motion; all were in favor.

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