

CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE  
Minutes – May 10, 2011

The Tarpon Springs Public Art Committee (TSPAC) held a special meeting on May 10<sup>th</sup> in the Library conference room to draft their One-Year Plan for fiscal year 2012. Members Barbara Schnipper, Marleen Gravitz, Lynn Pierson, and Maria Bobotas were present. Also present were Director of Cultural and Civic Services Kathy Monahan and City Liaison Denise Manning. Board member Georgia Post was absent.

Barbara Schnipper called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Kathy Monahan confirmed the Public Art Committee budget at \$50,000 which includes public art allocations from new construction for the Lowes store and the Wal-Mart renovation.

Many ideas were discussed for types of public art including murals, signage, and urban furnishings. Public art locations were presented such as City entrances, the Art & History Trail, and the water tanks. Ideas for urban furnishings included benches, bike racks, entryway features, and information kiosks. Mark LeCouris had advised during a past discussion that the County would approve public art installations on the Pinellas Trail if the artworks were maintained by the City.

Marleen Gravitz made a motion, with Maria Bobotas seconding, to spend 50% of the Public Art Committee budget in fiscal year 2012 as follows:

1) Urban furnishing installation	\$15,000.00
2) Mural	\$5,000.00
3) Outreach fund	\$1,500.00
4) Flexible fund to be used to supplement numbers 1-3 above	<u>\$3,500.00</u>
	\$25,000.00

More discussion ensued regarding information kiosks and if the project budgets were adequate. It was decided to wait until after the Chamber move in July, and the sponge docks beautification project is complete, to determine if information kiosks are necessary in the downtown and sponge docks areas. Also, discussion of additional signage will wait for completion of the City's wayfinding project.

The motion detailed above was revised by Marleen Gravitz and seconded by Lynn Pierson; all were in favor. **The TSPAC One-Year Plan for 2012 will include:**

1) Eye-catching urban furniture installation, creating linkages within the City, at a key point on the Art & History Trail	\$20,000.00
2) Mural – size and location to be determined	\$8,500.00
3) Outreach fund – project to be determined	<u>\$1,500.00</u>
	<b>\$30,000.00</b>

It was also decided that the TSPAC spend an additional \$500.00 for public relations and promotional materials for public art openings in fiscal year 2012.

Barbara Schnipper will draft the one-year plan for revisions/approval by the TSPAC at the next regular meeting on June 21<sup>st</sup>. Denise Manning will provide quotes for T shirts and other promotional items at that meeting as well. The 2012 One-Year Plan will be presented to the Board of Commissioners on June 28, 2011.

Marleen Gravitz moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:00 p.m.; Lynn Pierson seconded the motion; all were in favor.

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes were approved by the Tarpon Springs Public Art Committee.

*(Approved and signed by Barbara Schnipper and Denise Manning June 21, 2011)*