

CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE
Minutes – May 18, 2010

The Tarpon Springs Public Art Committee (TSPAC) met in the Tarpon Springs Library Conference Room on Tuesday, May 18, 2010 with members Marleen Gravitz, Mic Poppa, Barbara Schnipper, June Fox, and Maria Bobotas present. Also present were City Advisor Ginny Haller and City Liaison Denise Manning. Board members Sue Geier and Beverly Kurpinski were absent, as was Director of Cultural and Civic Services Kathy Monahan. Two guests were in attendance: regular guest Vice Mayor Robin Saenger and Heather Risley from the Tarpon Springs Art Association.

Chairperson Marleen Gravitz called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. Barbara Schnipper moved to accept the minutes from the meeting of April 20, 2010; Maria Bobotas seconded the motion; all were in favor.

Ms. Schnipper advised that grammar and punctuation revisions for the General Guidelines and Master Plan would be sent to Denise Manning by June 24th. The group discussed the map being created for the Master Plan showing the proposed Art and History Trail. Ideas for art acquisition for the trail were discussed.

Liz Indianos has agreed to act as consultant on the restoration of her Starburst mural for a \$100 honorarium from the TSPAC. Donations for supplies and labor will be sourced, and a rededication event planned.

Heather Risley announced the first-annual Tarpon Springs Plein Air Painting and Photography Contest to be held in November. The T.S. Art Association, in partnership with the T.S. Chamber of Commerce, will host the three-day event consisting of two simultaneous competitions: one for painting and one for photography. The event will culminate with a reception and awards program on Saturday evening. The Art Association is currently pursuing grants and sponsors, and will provide more details as they become available. Ms. Risley requested involvement from the TSPAC. The group was very receptive to the event and offered their support.

Vice Mayor Robin Saenger announced the development of two housing projects by Pinnacle Housing Group: both of which will contribute to the public art fund. A representative from Pinnacle, Lisa Stephens, will attend next month's PAC meeting to discuss the projects.

Ms. Schnipper moved that the group sponsor a logo-design contest for the TSPAC. June Fox seconded the motion; all were in favor. Vice Mayor Saenger will draft a call to artists to include T.S. High School students, St. Petersburg College students, and the general public. There will be no entry fee, and entries must be submitted (in hard-copy and digital forms) to Ms. Manning at the Library by July 1st. Ms. Schnipper donated \$50. for prizes, as well as made a motion to allocate \$50. from the public art fund toward prizes. Mic Poppa seconded the motion; all were in favor. Additional prize contributions will consist of gift certificates donated by local businesses.

Vice Mayor Saenger suggested that representative(s) from the TSPAC attend City Board of Commissioners' meetings to advise current and upcoming TSPAC projects.

Ginny Haller announced her retirement as urban planner for the City of Tarpon Springs. Her last day will be June 5th.

Chairperson Gravitz announced the upcoming Sunset Beach Concert on May 27th featuring a Parrothead group.

The next meeting of the TSPAC will be on June 15, 2010. Maria Bobotas moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:29 p.m.; Barbara Schnipper seconded the motion; all were in favor.

(Approved and signed by Marleen Gravitz and Denise Manning August 17, 2010)