

CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE  
Minutes – June 21, 2011

The Tarpon Springs Public Art Committee (TSPAC) met in the Tarpon Springs Public Library conference room on June 21, 2011. Members Barbara Schnipper, Marleen Gravitz, Maria Bobotas, John Hoffman, Lynn Pierson, and Georgia Post were present. Also present was City Liaison Denise Manning. Board member Rene Torres was absent as was Director of Cultural and Civic Services Kathy Monahan. Heather Risley, president of the Tarpon Springs Art Association, and City Manager Mark LeCouris were guests.

Barbara Schnipper called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. New member John Hoffman was introduced. Lynn Pierson made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular TSPAC meeting on May 3rd, and to approve, with one change noted, the minutes of the special meeting on May 10th. Maria Bobotas seconded the motion; all were in favor.

### **City Updates**

Marleen Gravitz mentioned her recent visit to an art destination in Rochester, NY called Artisanworks. It includes artists working on site in all types of media, and contains finished works for sale, for lease, and for lease to own. Several event venues are available along with caterers. The owner/creator would like to mentor people to create similar sites in other cities. Denise Manning will provide a laptop and projector at the next TSPAC meeting to view the promotional CD and website at [www.artisanworks.net](http://www.artisanworks.net).

### **Project Updates**

Logo Contest: The winners will be sent a release of art, and will be publicly recognized at an upcoming BOC meeting.

Cross Retrievers Monument: No update from Emmanuel Gombos.

Plein Air Event: Heather Risley provided event dates: November 8-12, 2011. Tuesday, the 8<sup>th</sup> will be sign up, plein air painting and photography will take place on Wednesday-Friday the 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>, and the judging and awards reception will be on Saturday, the 12<sup>th</sup> at Artists' Faire. Ms. Risley also mentioned two new features for this year that could take place on Saturday morning or afternoon before the reception. One idea is a "quick draw" in which artists would have two or three hours to create an artwork for judging and for sale. A second idea is a children's event for T shirt painting or similar activity; perhaps to include participation by the Lightning or the Rays.

Additional space is required on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday for a "wet room." This area will be used to store unfinished work overnight during the event. Possible ideas are the Heritage Museum, Rec Center at Craig Park, and maybe the old Chamber building if possible. Ms. Risley hopes to produce promotional postcards again this year. Promotional T shirts have been donated by Robin Saenger's brother. The T shirt design will include sponsors and the 2011 Plein Air logo which will be based on a 2010 entry.

Ms. Risley advised that twenty volunteers are needed to help with the event. She provided the TSPAC with letters requesting sponsorship, volunteers, and patrons, and the call to artists is ready to go out. Ms. Risley would also like a website to be created for the event.

### **New Business**

One-Year Plan: Ms. Schnipper provided the draft for the TSPAC's one-year plan. Mark LeCouris advised that the Mother Meres mural project has a couple legal loose ends, but a favorable outcome is expected. Ms. Gravitz moved to accept the one-year plan, with changes as discussed; Ms. Pierson seconded the motion; all were in favor. The TSPAC will present the plan to the Board of Commissioners for approval on Tuesday, July 19, 2011

Mural: At the next meeting on July 19<sup>th</sup>, the TSPAC will draft a call to artists for a mural as detailed in the one-year plan. Ms. Gravitz suggested that the "Call for Artists Resource Guide" created by Americans for the Arts be used to create it.

Urban Furniture Installation: Ms. Manning will provide a visual of the City's wayfinding project for the TSPAC meeting on July 19<sup>th</sup>.

### **Announcements**

Georgia Post requested an idea scrapbook be kept for the TSPAC, Ms. Manning volunteered to do so. Ms. Pierson announced that construction is underway for the Chamber of Commerce space in the Artists' Faire building. Ms. Pierson also mentioned the summer film series at Leepa-Rattner Museum of Art with the first selection being shown on Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup>. She also mentioned that requests to use Leepa-Rattner facilities should be directed through SPC's provost office. SPC owns the building in which the museum is housed and due to insurance and security reasons, SPC must approve its use.

Ms. Gravitz advised that her home in Tarpon Springs has been listed for sale and that when it sells, she will resign from the TSPAC. She will however, be available as an art ambassador.

Ms. Gravitz moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:15 a.m; Maria Bobotas 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 July 19, 2011)*