

CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE
Minutes – December 14, 2010

The Tarpon Springs Public Art Committee (TSPAC) met in the Tarpon Springs Library Conference Room on Tuesday, December 14, 2010 with Marleen Gravitz, Sue Geier, Barbara Schnipper, and Lynn Pierson present. Also present were Director of Cultural and Civic Services Kathy Monahan, City Liaison Denise Manning, and regular guest Vice Mayor Robin Saenger. Mic Poppa, Maria Bobotas, and Georgia Post were absent.

The TSPAC appointment terms of Marleen Gravitz, Sue Geier, and Lynn Pierson lapsed temporarily. All three will be reinstated at an upcoming BOC meeting. Barbara Schnipper called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. and asked Marleen Gravitz to preside over the meeting from that point forward.

City Updates:

The current Director of Leepa-Rattner, Lynn Whitelaw, will now be the Museum's full-time curator and a new director will be hired.

Marty Balin, vocalist from Jefferson Starship (formerly Jefferson Airplane), is a painter who will be showing his work at Studio 212. On December 18th at 8:00 p.m., Balin will preview his collection and play guitar and sing. The actual opening will be in mid-January.

Project Updates:

Signage for Individual Public Artworks: Signs will be designed on a case by case basis with lifespans that correspond to the lifespans of the artworks they represent.

Sunburst Restoration: Kathy Monahan will E mail Tom Funcheon to verify that a uv protectant has been added to the paint and that the surfaces are pretreated. Gen Haley will photograph the mural before and during restoration, and the TSPAC will participate in a photo op when restoration is complete. Photographs and updates will be provided to Suncoast News.

Community Outreach/Welcome Mat Project: Sue Geier will invite area representatives to the January 18th TSPAC meeting along with Leslie Allisandratos from the Historical Society and Sue Thomas from the Chamber. Area reps will include one business owner from the Sponge Docks, one from Downtown, one from the South end of the City, and one from the US 19 area.

Logo Contest: A flyer was created by Georgia Post, and Gen Haley will create a separate press release announcing the logo contest. These will be distributed City wide. The selection jury will include Heather Risely, Lynn Whitelaw, Ann Larsen, Dennis Gaston, and Sue Geier. Robin Saenger will contact Dennis Gaston, and Lynn Pierson will contact Heather Risely, Lynn Whitelaw and Ann Larsen. Contact info will be forwarded to Denise Manning to E mail reminders prior to the jury meeting in early March.

Trauma Informed Community Initiatives: A grant opportunity may be available to SPC for an art therapy program for at-risk students.

Sue Geier announced her recent meeting with Tampa Bay Rays' co-owner, Gary Goldring, and his interest in expanding the Rays' presence in north Tampa Bay through public art, especially with a focus on children. Many ideas and locations were discussed including the Boys and Girls Club, the Art and History Trail, the Live Oak dog park revitalization, SunTrust Bank, and the Wallpaper Mart. Ms. Geier suggested TSPAC members review the Rays' philanthropy webpage before the next meeting when ideas will be discussed further, after which a TSPAC proposal will be presented to the Rays.

Marleen Gravitz presented ideas for structuring TSPAC member responsibilities as follows:

Public relations (press contacts, art openings and unveilings) - Georgia Post

Social correspondent (thank yous, and other written correspondence) - Barbara Schnipper

Art Ambassador Coordinator - open

Project Manager (Submissions and solicitation of sites and sponsors) - open

Community Outreach (Welcome Mat Project Manager) - Sue Geier

Design parking and landscape buffer for Mother Meres mural - Mic Poppa

Calendar Management (maintain tickler of TSPAC responsibilities) - Denise Manning

Lynn Pierson will contact Dorothy Brown to confirm if Ms. Brown will retain copyright of the photographs she is donating to the City before the a public art donation letter is drafted.

Announcements included upcoming events at the Performing Arts Center, and an invitation from Robin Saenger for her Twitter page entitled "Small Town Art."

Marleen Gravitz adjourned the meeting at 11:50 a.m.

(Approved and signed by Marleen Gravitz and Denise Manning January 24, 2011)