

CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE  
Minutes – July 19, 2011

The Tarpon Springs Public Art Committee (TSPAC) met in the Tarpon Springs Public Library conference room on July 19, 2011. Members Barbara Schnipper, Marleen Gravitz, Lynn Pierson, and Rene Torres were present. Also present were Director of Cultural and Civic Services Kathy Monahan and City Liaison Denise Manning. Board members Maria Bobotas, John Hoffman, and Georgia Post were absent. Heather Risley, president of the Tarpon Springs Art Association, and Pat Weber, Executive Director of the Housing Authority of Tarpon Springs, were guests.

Barbara Schnipper called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. New member Rene Torres was introduced. Marleen Gravitz made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 21st TSPAC meeting; Lynn Pierson seconded the motion; all were in favor.

### **City Updates**

Pat Weber from the Housing Authority presented photographs of two beautiful public artworks being installed at the new housing development, Oak Ridge Estates, in the Union Academy neighborhood. Kathy Monahan suggested a reception and artist talk be held at the Cultural Center to coincide with the opening of the developments. Dr. Monahan and Ms. Weber will coordinate the event.

Heather Risley advised that nineteen artists are represented in the new art gallery, Artists Faire; and the gallery is still accepting new artists, especially those who work in three-dimensional media.

Dr. Monahan provided Cultural Center updates: the success of recent play, “Same Time, Next Year;” the anticipation of Sunday hours in the near future; and Tina Bucuvalas’s grant for the new Gulf Coast Folk Arts Center with the first folk festival on November 19<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Monahan also mentioned a 2014 project in which the Leepa-Rattner will partner with the Innis family to exhibit works of George Innis Sr. and George Innis Jr. from private collections.

### **Project Updates**

Logo Contest: The release of art for the winning artists will be revised by Denise Manning and Dr. Monahan.

Starburst plaque: Elements such as title, date of work, etc. were discussed. It was decided that wording on the plaque should be brief with additional information available on the website. Dr. Monahan will bring sample plaque materials to the next TSPAC meeting.

Plein Air Event: Heather Risley is sending letters and visiting prospective sponsors. The call to artists is out and twenty responses have been received so far. A suggestion was made that film students could record the event for a course project. Marleen Gravitz is organizing event tasks and coordinators. A sports personality is still needed for the children’s shirt painting event.

## **New Business**

Mural and Urban Furniture Installation: The TSPAC decided that calls to artists for both projects could go out together after specifications and locations have been established. Ms. Manning will create a rough draft call to artists, with input from Pinnacle Housing Group's public art coordinator. Ms. Manning and Dr. Monahan will also provide final wayfinding visuals for the next meeting.

The TSPAC viewed the DVD from Rochester's Artisanworks.

## **Announcements**

Lynn Pierson announced the Leepa-Rattner opening on July 24<sup>th</sup> of works by Bassmi Ibrahim, and the SPC art faculty exhibit from July 24<sup>th</sup> through September 18th.

Dr. Monahan reminded the TSPAC of their annual presentation at the Board of Commissioners meeting, July 19th at 6:30 p.m.

Ms. Pierson moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:50 a.m; Marleen Gravitz 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 August 24, 2011)*