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The Tarpon Springs Board of Commissioners has commissioned a Planning and Redevelopment Focus Group to serve as the core public involvement body for 5 ambitious planning initiatives that the City has initiated. As such, your board/group/organization has been identified as having the type of civic-minded people that will be instrumental in the long-term success of our community. As you know, for communities to grow and prosper, they require involvement from leaders who feel an obligation to their community to make it the very best place in which to live. In order for Tarpon Springs to prosper, we must take steps now to ensure its future growth and development by innovative planning that is shaped by the local community leadership base. The projects that the City of Tarpon Springs has initiated are as follows:

- Landscape and Roadway Design Plans for Lemon Street
- Landscape Design Plans for North Safford Avenue
- Wayfinding and Signage Plan for the Community Redevelopment Area (CRA) and the Sponge Docks
- Special Area Plans for the CRA and the Sponge Docks
- SmartCode Calibration for the CRA and the Sponge Docks

To participate in the focus group, we ask that 5 members of the public agree to serve for approximately 18 months. Each focus group member will be required to volunteer their time and experience, be willing to think big and beyond themselves, read in preparation, and be prepared to plan.

The tentative schedule of upcoming focus group meetings are as follows:

- Wednesday, October 7, 2009 @ 6:30 p.m. - Orientation
- Tuesday, October 13, 2009 @ 6:30 p.m. - Safford Avenue/Lemon Street Landscape Design Charette
- Tuesday, November 10, 2009 @ 6:30 p.m. - Signage and Wayfinding Plan Discussion

Attached you will find a description of the focus group including the roles required and responsibilities of each member. Please keep in mind that each member must be a City resident, a local business owner or a local property owner. **To be considered for membership on the focus group, please fill out the application and return it to the City Clerk's Office as soon as possible.** We hope you join us in making the most of this tremendous opportunity.

Sincerely,

CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS