



TARPON SPRINGS AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY LOCAL HISTORIC MARKER PROGRAM

BACKGROUND

The Tarpon Springs Area Historical Society (TSAHS) Local Historic Marker Program is an outgrowth of extensive efforts over the years to preserve Tarpon Springs' considerable heritage. In 1988, a historical resources survey culminated in the designation of the Tarpon Springs National Historic District. In 2009, the area boundaries were extended to establish a broader local historic district. Several state historic markers are located throughout the city. To boost the presence of historic markers, the TSAHS in 2021 created a Local Historic Marker Program. The program is operated by the TSAHS and funded by the City of Tarpon Springs.

The Local Historic Marker Program is separate from the Florida Historic Marker Program. Details on that program can be found here: <https://dos.myflorida.com/historical/preservation/historical-markers/>

LOCAL HISTORIC MARKER PROCESS

Interested parties wishing to submit an application should be prepared to detail the historic significance of the structure/organization/person/event/site/object. Applications will be evaluated on the following criteria:

Criteria/Evaluation

To qualify for a local historic marker:

- Buildings/structures must be at least 50 year old.
 - Historical - Was it associated with an event or person of note?
 - Architectural - Does it display unique architectural details from a certain period in Tarpon Springs' past?
 - Social - Does it depict a characteristic way in which people lived in the area?
- Persons must have been deceased at least 10 years. The person must have made a significant contribution to the community or received recognition for something noteworthy.
- Events must have happened at least 10 years prior to application. The event must have been newsworthy and had some discernible impact on the community.
- Sites must be at least 20 years old. The original structure does not have to be standing, or the site could be the location of a specific event.
- Objects must be at least 30 years old. Objects could include items such as vehicles OR natural material.

Supporting Documentation

Please attach the following information to the application. ***Copies of supporting documentation that detail historical significance should be attached. Please do not submit originals.***

■ **Statement of Significance.** On separate pages, please provide a narrative describing why the marker subject is significant to the City of Tarpon Springs. The narrative should be supported by additional documentation that substantiates the history and the statement of significance. Additional documentation can include copies of primary source material, including historic documents, photographs, journals, diaries, letters, newspaper articles, etc. Secondary source material, which includes information gathered and recorded in books, articles, and other publications, may also be submitted to enhance the application. The narrative should include chronological and historical development of the marker subject, and any other applicable information including:

1. Alterations. List any known changes or modifications made to the property/structure/site throughout its history.
2. Prominent Historical Figures. List any prominent historical figures associated with the property/structure/site.
3. Property Ownership/Tenants. List all known owner/tenants of the property. Include original owner and subsequent owners if known.
4. Additional Information. Provide any additional information that supports the application. This may include a listing of books, articles, and other sources of information used to prepare the application.

■ **Suggested Marker Text and Title.** On an attached sheet, please type a suggested marker text and a title for the marker. The text is subject to change, as the TSAHS prepares and approves the final marker inscription.

■ **Digital Photographs and Map of the Location.** Provide a current photograph of the property/structure/site and a map of the site indicating where you would like the marker placed.

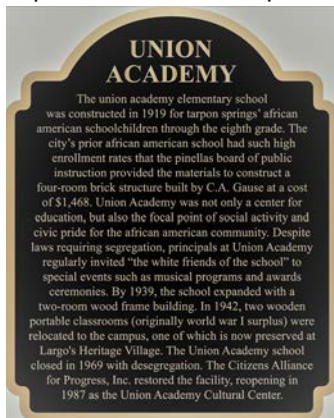
■ **Signed Ownership Agreement.** A signed affidavit by the owner of the property is required. Prior to approval of the marker, an agreement between the property owner, TSAHS, and City of Tarpon Springs is required.

Approval Process

Applications are first-come, first-served based on available funding. The TSAHS Board will meet periodically to review applications. Sole judge of suitability for approval will be the TSAHS. If additional information is needed, the application will not be accepted until sufficient data is presented. If changes are made to the suggested marker text by the TSAHS, the applicant will be notified prior to receiving approval.

Marker Cost/Responsibilities

There is no application or marker fee. The City of Tarpon Springs funds the program. Installation of the marker is done by the City of Tarpon Springs. Neither the City nor the TSAHS are liable for the timeframe required for ordering and receiving the marker. Applicants are responsible for the planning of any dedication ceremony.



Marker Sizes

Markers are cast bronze and can be building/fence mounted or pole mounted. TSAHS will determine size and mounting type.

Sizes: 13x18, 16x20, 18x24, 20x26, 22x28 or 24x30

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Applicant's Name (Individual or Organization): _____
Contact Person (if different): _____
Mailing Address: _____
Telephone: _____
E-Mail: _____

This marker nomination will commemorate:

- A Historic Property/Building/Structure
- A Person
- An Object
- An Event
- A Site

Address of Property/Building/Structure/Site: _____

Owner's Name, Mailing Address, Phone Number, E-Mail:

Proposed Title of Marker: _____

Proposed Location of Marker: _____

Submission Material Should Include:

- Statement of Significance
- Proposed Marker Text and Title
- Source Materials/Bibliography
- Digital Images & Map of the Location

Signature: _____ Date: _____

IMPORTANT: Please attach supporting documentation to this form. Copies only.



Return Application to:

Tarpon Springs Area Historical Society
Local Historic Marker Program
160 E. Tarpon Ave., Tarpon Springs, FL 34689

City of Tarpon Springs and Tarpon Springs Area Historical Society
Local Historic Marker Program
Property Owner Agreement

This Agreement is made and entered into this _____ day of _____ (month), _____ (year), by and between the City of Tarpon Springs, Florida (hereinafter collectively referred to as "City") and The Tarpon Springs Area Historical Society, Inc., (hereinafter collectively referred to as "TSAHS" and _____, (hereinafter referred to as "Property Owner"), owner of property/building located at _____ in the City of Tarpon Springs, Florida.

WHEREAS, the TSAHS has developed a Local Historic Marker Program, operated by the TSAHS and funded by the City, the purpose of which is to promote and commemorate Tarpon Springs' rich cultural heritage, educate the public on local history within the City and increase tourism to the area; and

WHEREAS, the Property Owner recognizes that the purpose of the project, which is to enhance the community and encourage tourism and commerce in the City, is mutually beneficial to the City, TSAHS, and the Property Owner and therefore desires to have a local historical marker installed on his or her property; and

WHEREAS, the nature of the Local Historic Marker Program is such that it is necessary and desirable to enter into an Agreement expressly setting forth the respective rights, duties, and obligations of the parties;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the local historic marker covenants hereinafter contained, it is mutually agreed between the parties as follows:

1. The Property Owner hereby agrees to allow the City to fabricate and install a local historic marker, depicted substantially as seen on "Exhibit A," on the property located at _____, Tarpon Springs, FL.

2. The Property Owner and the TSAHS will mutually agree on the location where the historic marker will be installed. The marker shall be placed in a location visible to be read by the public, and Property Owner shall allow public access to the marker. The marker shall be allowed to remain on the property for a period of ten (10) years.

3. This Agreement may be extended for successive ten (10) year periods upon the mutually agreed upon written agreement between the Property Owner and the TSAHS prior to the end of the initial ten-year period.

4. During the term, or any extension thereof, at such time as property is being offered for sale or lease, or the building on such property is being demolished or expanded where the marker is located, or the marker otherwise interferes with the Property Owners' use, occupancy, or control of the property, then at the Property Owner's sole discretion, the

Property Owner has the right to cancel this Agreement upon six (6) months written notice to the TSAHS.

5. The City agrees that it shall pay for the marker and its installation.

6. The Property Owner agrees to provide the City with reasonable access to the site for such installation so as not to interfere with the Property Owner's business operations. The marker shall at all times be properly maintained in appropriate condition by the City at its cost and the marker's condition shall not be allowed to deteriorate.

7. The Property Owner understands and agrees that the installation of the marker on the property in no way entitles the Property Owner to use, at its discretion, the artwork/design/photograph(s) and written content on the marker for advertising/profit making purposes, or any other publicity, except under conditions in which the artwork/design/photograph(s) and written content on the marker has been released by both the City.

8. The Property Owner agrees to indemnify and hold the City and TSAHS and its commission, departments, boards, officers, agents, employees, representatives, contractors or subcontractors, or their employees harmless from all liabilities, third party claims, causes of action, judgments, damages, losses and expenses (including reasonable attorney's fees) arising out of any breach of Property Owner's representations and promises and performance of obligations under the Agreement.

9. The subject and text for the marker shall be the sole responsibility of the TSAHS.

10. Any dispute hereunder between the parties shall be resolved by resort to binding mediation.

11. This Agreement shall be subject to and governed by the laws of the state of Florida.

12. Any notices required pursuant to this Agreement shall be served at the following addresses:

City of Tarpon Springs
C/O Karen Lemmons
Economic Development Manager
P.O. Box 5004
Tarpon Springs, FL 34688

The Tarpon Springs Area Historical
Society, Inc.
160 E. Tarpon Ave.
Tarpon Springs, FL 34689

**Property Owner Name &
Address:**

13. This Agreement represents the complete understanding between the parties with respect to the matters set forth herein. No amendment or modification of the Agreement shall be valid unless evidenced in writing and executed by the parties thereto. In witness whereof, the City, TSAHS and the Property Owner have executed this Agreement on the date and year first hereinabove set forth.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the City and the Property Owner have executed this Agreement as of the date first above written.

ATTEST:

CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS:

Irene Jacobs, City
Clerk and Collector

Costa Vatikiotis, Mayor

THE TARPON
SPRINGS AREA
HISTORICAL SOCIETY,
INC.

President

APPROVED AS TO FORM CORRECTNESS:

By: _____
City Attorney

PROPERTY OWNER:

By: _____

Print: _____

Title: OWNER

Today's Date: _____