

**MINUTES**  
**CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE**  
**“FOCUS ON ART” MEETING**  
**January 29<sup>th</sup>, 7pm**

The Tarpon Springs Public Art Committee held a special meeting “Focus on Art” meeting at the Heritage Museum which was open to the public. Chairperson Marleen Gravitz called the meeting to order at 7:05PM. All Board members were present except for Bev Kurpinski. City appointed representatives Ginny Haller and Dr. Kathleen Monahan and Asst. City Attorney Shauna Morris attended. In addition, Vice Mayor Robin Saenger and Interim City Manager Mark LeCouris were also present.

Mrs. Gravitz opened the meeting by introducing herself, committee members and associates giving an overview of this committee and its mission. She explained what public art is, reasons for public art and how the public plays an integral part in its mission and vision. A PowerPoint Presentation showing types and examples of public throughout the United States followed this introduction.

Following this presentation, the group including members separated into groups and addressed “Focus Group Questions” that each attendee had been given. A committee member directed each group. Responses included ideas, suggestions and many recommendations related to public art, which were all transcribed on flip charts.

Following the group sessions, ideas and suggestions were summarized. This information will be reproduced and posted for public view on the Committee’s City Website.

Survey “Response Sheets” and comment cards were distributed to gain further public input. Responses and comments submitted will be tabulated and presented during a future meeting. Overall, including members, there were 36 people in attendance, total. (12 committee related, 24 public.) Prior to adjournment at 8:55pm everyone was invited to participate in/with special events, serve on juries, or help in any other capacity so related.