

MINUTES
CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE
July 21, 2009

The Tarpon Springs Public Art Committee met in the Tarpon Springs Friends of the Library Room on Tuesday, July 21, 2009 with members Marleen Gravitz, Barbara Schnipper, June Fox and Beverly Kurpinski present. Also in attendance were City Representative Kathy Monahan, City Advisor Ginny Haller, Asst. City Attorney Shauna Morris, and City Liaison Debbie Stott. Guests included Vice Mayor Robin Saenger and AG Development representatives David Padilla and John Heuer. Absent were Board members Sue Geier, Mic Poppa and Maria Bobotas.

Chairperson Marleen Gravitz called the meeting to order at 10:07AM. June meeting minutes were reviewed. Barbara Schnipper moved to accept as presented, Beverly Kurpinski seconded. Minutes were unanimously accepted and approved as presented. Old Business was deferred until later in the meeting.

David Padilla, Sr. Project Manager AG Development and John Hewer, Sr. Vice President AG Development were introduced by Chair Gravitz. Each gave a brief individual bio and an overview of AG Development Group. They proceeded with a visual presentation of the Meres Town Center project incorporating revised proposed artwork with further details on components of art in the development. Main changes were to panels for the "tower" where Lead Artist, Gary Bernardo changed the previous artwork content to a collage type collection incorporating the history, culture and heritage of Tarpon Springs. Subject panel artwork was discussed and critiqued. In compliance with code, this hearing was noticed 10 days prior to this meeting in order to grant approval of the Artist's qualification, the Artist's proposal, how the project satisfies parameters of the Public Art Program, and budgetary matters being met. Beverly Kurpinski moved for a consensus addressing items enumerated in the notice, seconded by Barbara Schnipper. A consensus was taken among Board members as follows:

Is location acceptable?	All agreed
Artist's qualifications acceptable?	
Lead Artist, Gary Bernardo	All agreed
Sculpture Artist, Jim Sears	All agreed
Artist Proposal for bronze?	All agreed
Tile motif?	All agreed
Artwork panels for tower?	Acceptable with conditions

Conditions to revise artwork panels are:

LEFT PANEL

Review the relationship between the sponge diver's boat and the Manatee i.e., sponge boat up and lower the Manatee.

Include sunset colors in sky behind Lighthouse.

RIGHT PANEL

Enhance/expand bayou water areas and/or increase prominence of diver's boats in water.

Make Rosette Spoonbills brighter.
Reduce prominence of sail unless it is meant to be the focal point.

Also included in the conditions, is a request to address what appear to be inconsistencies in the width of panel borders.

Final approval of the art components requires that the applicant provide the Committee with evidence that estimated expenditures for the Public Art meet the requirements of the Ordinance.

When all conditions have been met to the satisfaction of the PAC, this project will move forward to the Board of Commissioners for acceptance by the City. The applicant indicated budget information would be available at the next meeting on August 18. AG Development representatives stressed that their company has committed approximately \$130,000 for this artwork and installation. In addition, the three Pinellas Trail connects, if approved by the County, will be an additional \$30,000 each.

Old Business was deferred until after the presentation with respect to time. Chair Gravitz advised that the Guidelines and Master Plan are still being finalized. Asst. City Attorney Shauna Morris agreed to review these documents and present at the August meeting.

In closing, Beverly Kurpinski briefed everyone on the success of the Hot Seats project with The Recreation Department's Summer Camp kids. Mrs. Kurpinski, Mrs. Gravitz and seven other volunteers have been helping children with their chairs. She brought a chair to show creative artistic talent in the camp. Chairs will be auctioned Friday, July 24th at the Tarpon Gym. The Public Art Committee will receive 30% of proceeds.

With no further comments or business the meeting adjourned at 12:30pm.

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