Committee Chair: Joe DeCenzo

**Committee Members:** Gerardo Barrientos, Debby Beck, Lucy Berman, Abby Diamond, Scott Froschauer, Kresse Armour Dawn Jenkins, Michelle Ramage, Bill Skiles, Corey Stein

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## Arts, Recreation & Culture Committee Meeting (STARC) Tuesday, June 23, 2020 @ 7:30 PM Zoom Meeting Online

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89753237582

## **MINUTES**

**In Attendance:** Joe DeCenzo, Gerardo Barrientos, Dawn Jenkins, Kresse Armour, Abby Diamond, Michelle Ramage, Liliana Sanchez, Cindy Cleghorn, Bill Skiles

- 1. CALL TO ORDER: Introductions; Approval of Minutes of May 26, 2020 Joe DeCenzo: Convened the meeting at 7:51 pm due to some technical difficulties in connection with the ZOOM meeting link. Once all attending members were able to log in, the meeting commenced. No guests were present so committee chair proceeded straight to the reading of the minutes from May 26. Kresse Armour moved to approve the minutes as written. Gerardo Barrientos seconded. Motion passed 6-0-1
- 2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** for non-agenda items: Gerardo read in the SHAPOA newsletter that Monica Rodriguez is looking to disburse some beautification funds in our district. Contact her office with any viable proposals. Joe DeCenzo announced the first galleys of "We Are Here," 10 Years of Village Poets is edited, and publication will soon follow. Liliana Sanchez spoke of 57 draught resistant trees that are to be planted on Foothill Blvd. between Marcus and Lowell.
- 3. **UPDATE:** McGroarty Arts Center: **Dawn Jenkins** had a discussion with Laurelle Geils who spoke with Cultural Affairs. They have determined it is NOT likely that any Los Angeles City facilities will open prior to the fall. Joana Gates is reviewing the possibility of holding any classes on line.
- 4. **Discussion/Action**: Rotary Club 4<sup>th</sup> of July Events: Michelle Ramage
  - a) Announce Support From Cultural Affairs: prior to the pandemic shut down, Rotary applied for a grant to make "4<sup>th</sup> of July" an all day event. They were awarded \$6,180 which is available to pay an artist, a videographer or technical support for staging. As a result of the shut down they will likely have to forfeit the grant.
  - b) Best Decorated Contest/ house, business, car, truck, boat, children, pet: Rotary is inviting all to show their patriotism this 4<sup>th</sup> of July by decorating their homes and vehicles or dressing their children and pets then posting photos to the Rotary facebook page. Prizes include \$50 gift cards to Back Door Bakery and Caruso's.
  - c) July Retreat To Chilao: Michelle is a health care worker and may not be in the same room with others apart from family members. Rotary is scheduling an outdoor retreat to explore ways and means of furthering their community service throughout this pandemic.

\*\*\* A Fond Farewell: Michelle Ramage: Her exuberance continues to inspire and drawn the best out of those who work with her. Her generosity is unmatched, and her energy will be missed.

- 5. **Discussion/Action:** Hanukkah In The Foothills: Abby Diamond has a container to donate for storage of table clothes. Joe advises sub-committee to meet to determine the interest of streaming a program that will comply with all recommended Covid 19 protocols.
- 6. **Discussion/Action**: Current and upcoming events, Committee: TABLED
- 7. Adjourn: 9:02 pm