

Committee Chair: Joe DeCenzo

Committee Members: Kresse Armour, Gerardo Barrientos, Debby Beck, Lucy Berman, Scott Froschauer, Dawn Jenkins, Eric Santiestevan, Bill Skiles, Corey Stein

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Arts, Recreation & Culture Committee Meeting (STARC)

Tuesday, July 27, 2021 @ 7:30 PM Pacific Time (U.S. and Canada)

MINUTES (Approved)

In Attendance: Joe DeCenzo, Eric Santiestevan, Debby Beck, Michelle Wadler, Dawn Jenkins, Gerardo Barrientos **Guests:** Cindy Cleghorn, Karen Perdue

- 1. Call To Order; Introductions, Approval of Minutes of June 22, 2021:** Committee chair, Joe DeCenzo convened the meeting at 7:45 p.m. upon the arrival of a quorum. He began by reading the minutes of the prior month's meeting. Gerardo Barrientos moved to approve the minutes as written. Dawn Jenkins seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.
- 2. Public Comments/Updates for Non-Agenda Items:** Michelle Wadler commented on the proposed safety mural at the NE corner of Oro Vista and Foothill Blvd. It is sponsored by S-T Forward and Walk 'N Rollers. The mural is titled "S-T Smart." The project has received a grant from S.C.A.G. Permitting is underway and its youth inspired design will be unveiled at an event at Sunland Park on August 7 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. L.A. DOT will attend to consult about street safety and traffic recommendations. "National Night Out" is planned for Tuesday, August 3, from 6-9 p.m. at Little Landers Park. There will be live music. Debby Beck stated she attended a live performance of the "Beatunes" at the Roar Room in La Crescenta. This is relevant to the point that some venues are slowly able to reschedule live events and still comply with current L.A. County health regulations. Joe DeCenzo was advised to submit funding requests to STNC as a matter of earmarking funds for the fiscal year. He will place funding discussion on next month's agenda.
- 3. Announcement regarding committee members:** Joe DeCenzo announced that Kresse Armour have resigned her position with STARC Committee. She has accepted the position of president of the Sunland-Tujunga-Shadow Hills Rotary club. Following her term, she may be able to re-join STARC. STNC will vote on the application of Michelle Wadler to join STARC Committee as a member at their general board meeting on August 11.
- 4. Update -- McGroarty Arts Center:** Dawn Jenkins announced that the online ceramics show "Botanical Abundance" was extended through July 10. She also stated that JoAnna Gates, a current teacher at MAC has accepted a position with the McGroarty board of directors. She is an energetic advocate for the arts and possesses a master's degree in psychology from Pacifica Graduate Institute. Dawn also informed the committee there may be some future consideration for MAC to acquire their own golf cart as the business that usually rented to them has closed due to the pandemic. Joe DeCenzo stated he sent a letter to the office of CD7 (Monica Rodriguez) regarding the communication between MAC and the city entities that govern its operation. Eve Sinclair responded right away but was unable to be specific regarding future status.
- 5. Discussion/Action – Cultural Celebrations:** The Committee is seeking volunteers to spearhead the organization of small events to encourage more neighborhood interaction.
- 6. Discussion/Action – Bench Ads for outreach:** Debby Beck reminded the committee that one of the approved designs was provided by artist Rebecca Mate. It is a watercolor rendition of an eastward view of Foothill Blvd. Joe will search through the STARC files from 2012/13 to find other approved designs.
- 7. Adjourn:** 9:20 p.m.

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