

**Committee Chair:** Joe DeCenzo

**Committee Members:** Paul Armbruster, Gerardo Barrientos, Debby Beck, Lucy Berman, Abby Diamond, Scott Froshauer, Lloyd Hitt, Marlene Hitt, Dawn Jenkins, Michelle Ramage, Allan Roman Reyes, Bill Skiles, Corey Stein, **QUORUM = 5**

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## **Arts, Recreation & Culture Committee Meeting (STARC)**

**Tuesday, June 25, 2019 @ 7:30 PM**

**\*\*\*STARBUCKS\*\*\***

**8241 Foothill Blvd, Sunland, 91040**

### **Minutes (Approved)**

**In Attendance:** Joe DeCenzo, Gerardo Barrientos, Abby Diamond, Dawn Jenkins, Lucy Berman, Michelle Ramage, Debby Beck **GUESTS:** STNC President Liliana Sanchez, Karen von Gunten, Guillermo Quiroz

1. **CALL TO ORDER: Introductions; Approval of Minutes/ Joe DeCenzo** convened meeting at 7:41 pm. STNC President Liliana Sanchez introduced herself to the committee and guests. Dawn Jenkins moved to approve the minutes of May 28<sup>th</sup> as corrected. Abby Diamond seconded. Motion passed 6-0-1
2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** for non-agenda items: The committee was excited with the return of injured member Gerardo Barrientos. Business was temporarily delayed in the wake of well wishes and updates of his personal condition. Gerardo informed the committee he is doing well and improving each day. He told the committee his physical therapy includes walking with his eyes closed for balance. In a moment of levity, the committee suggested he do the "Macarena" to improve his coordination. President Sanchez used public comments portion of agenda to speak of her optimism for future growth of STNC and to express her desire to further organize the standing committees by having them submit a list of members, mission statements and accomplishments. With regards to the development of a Facebook page for STARC, Michelle and Abby met at Gerardo's home to discuss some options for graphics. They are encouraging Dawn Jenkins to join their ranks. Her response is pending. Rotary Club reports that Jennifer Trosper, the lead project systems engineer for the MARS 2020 mission at JPL has accepted the offer of grand marshal for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. Hanukkah In The Foothills is confirmed for December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Joe invited all to attend Village Poets on July 28<sup>th</sup> to Celebrate Lloyd and Marlene Hitt as they retire from their participation in the group's monthly reading series.
3. **UPDATE:** McGroarty Arts Center: **Dawn Jenkins** reported a good turnout for the opening of the ceramics show on June 8<sup>th</sup>. Michelle proudly added that McGroarty is confirmed as a generous sponsor of the Parade by providing golf carts for the event. Abby reported that she and Nelly the "soap" lady had a prosperous weekend during the crafts faire on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. "Burger, Beer and Band" is scheduled for August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Mission College culinary school will prepare the food. MAC is accepting early registration for "Chili Bowl" weekend. They are encouraged to provide more vegetarian selections. Debby Beck suggested keeping crafts people local and possibly enticing artists who make their own goods with lower booth fees.
4. **DISCUSSION:** Support for continued progress of Pinewood Elementary Mural: Committee: Mural artist, Gerardo Barrientos with the aid of his grandson, Guillermo was present to address this agenda item. The schedule for the wall patching and priming preparation is moving forward. Gerardo has met with Principal James Lee to see the progress of the wall and to define the location vignette inside the school. Principal Lee is sympathetic to Gerardo's condition and understands it will take time, but the project will be completed. Gerardo and Guillermo will outline the mural and place corresponding color numbers within the spaces. Several committee members volunteered to paint. Abby has agreed to walk the site and take notes.
5. **Preliminary Pedestal Design "Phoenix Rising":** Scott Froshauer: **TABLED**
6. **UPDATE: ST-ARTS.DIRECTORY:** Joe DeCenzo: **TABLED**

Group photos were taken and meeting adjourned at 9:19 p.m.