

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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Special Arts, Recreation & Culture Committee Meeting (STARC)

Tuesday, May 26, 2020 @ 7:30 PM

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MINUTES (Approved)

In Attendance: Joe DeCenzo, Bill Skiles, Gerardo Barrientos, Dawn Jenkins, Scot Froschauer Kresse Armour, Abby Diamond, Michelle Ramage **GUESTS:** Marty Barrett, Cindy Cleghorn, Monique Lukens

- CALL TO ORDER: Introductions; Approval of Minutes From May 12, 2020 - Joe DeCenzo** following some technical difficulties some members were experiencing with the ZOOM link, the chair convened the meeting 7:46. Dawn Jenkins moved to approve the minutes of May 26, 2020 with minor corrections. Scott Froschauer seconded. Motion passed 8-0
- PUBLIC COMMENTS:** for non agenda items: Marty Barrett announced that the next HOOT 'N NANNY at the La Crescenta Unitarain Universalist Church will be June 20th. He is proud to state that MORE people have watched online than have recently attended in person. Abby Diamond announced the "Save the Verdugo Hills Golf Course" sign has been turned over to Regina Clark and is now archived with Bolton Hall Museum. Michelle Ramage is proud to wear a Scott Froschauer designed mask. Also, Rotary Club now has an IRS # and can efficiently process funding request without going to the district. Monica Lukens is concerned with the practice of "Contact Tracing." She feels it is an overreach of government control and impinging on civil liberties.
- UPDATE: McGroarty Arts Center: Dawn Jenkins:** Has been in communication with the board members, but they state they can do nothing until the city reopens the Arts Center. No decisions regarding upcoming events will be made until then.
- Discussion/Action: Rotary Club 4th of July Events: Michelle Ramage:** is anticipating some ideas regarding the parade which has now been officially cancelled for 2020. With their sponsors' consent, they have reallocated the donated parade funds for worthy COVID-19 causes.
- UPDATE: Pinewood Elementary Mural: Gerardo Barrientos** or Representative: He reports his head is now round. Last week he met with the beautification committee. Principal James Lee did not attend, however, he confirmed that the school is closed to any non-essential business. With the school inaccessible, it is not possible to proceed with the first vignette of the mural.
- Discussion/Action: Actor's networking; Shakespeare In The Park: Monique Lukens:** is excited about finding ways to help actors prepare auditions by video taping themselves. This is the current method most casting directors are accepting submissions. She would also like to see actors honing their craft by performing sketches and posting them online. The committee gave her constructive suggestions such as approaching her alumni association at Sarah Lawrence College as well as submitting grant proposals to Los Angeles Cultural Affairs Department.
- Discussion/Action: Current and upcoming events, Committee:** Scott stated the colorful abstract sculptures originally created by Lars Hawke were taken from their pedestals on the 170 FWY. Progress is being made and Scott will inform us once a schedule to remount them is planned. He also informed the committee of the status of the art galleries in Laguna, an area dense with shops and art for sale. There is still no foot traffic allowed inside the galleries. They are permitted to dress their windows for exterior displays only. Michelle has been in touch with members of the McGroarty Arts Ceramic guild. They have located a kiln in Eagle Rock that would allow them to proceed while complying with all the state and local COVID-19 recommendations. They would use it as a source to fire projects.
- Adjourn: 9:13 pm**