

**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, June 22, 2021 @ 7:30 PM Pacific Time (U.S. and Canada)

### MINUTES (Approved)

**In Attendance:** Joe DeCenzo, Bill Skiles, Lucy Levinsohn Berman, Debby Beck, Corey Stein, Dawn Jenkins, Gerardo Barrientos **Guests:** Cindy Cleghorn, Karen Perdue

- 1. Call To Order; Introductions, Approval of Minutes of May 25, 2021:** Due to overlapping meetings, there was a slight delay before the Zoom link could be established and committee members could be admitted to the meeting. Committee Chair, Joe DeCenzo convened the meeting at 7:53 pm. He began by reading the minutes of the May meeting. Dawn Jenkins moved to approve the minutes as written. Corey Stein seconded. Motion to approve the minutes of May 25 passed 6-0.
- 2. Public Comments for Non-Agenda Items:** Michelle Wadler introduced herself to the group. For those not familiar, she was elected to the STNC board as a group representative for the Apperson Elementary school P.T.A. She expressed an interest in becoming a member of STARC Committee. She stated that she believes that the arts are invaluable to the health of a community. The arts, through all their expression elevate the heart and soul of a neighborhood. She also recognizes the concentration of creative people residing in the area dating back to when the colony was first established. Lucy L. Berman made a motion to admit Michelle Wadler as a STARC Committee member. Debby Beck seconded. The motion passed unanimously 6-0. Joe stated that Bolton Hall museum was scheduled to re-open to the public, with restrictions on July 10. Lucy announced that she and Joe are poised again to produce Hanukkah in the Foothills. She invited anyone interested to contact her regarding a December 5<sup>th</sup> event at New Hope Church. Michelle Wadler accepted the invitation and will participate. STNC region 3 rep, Karen Perdue, informed the committee that the board voted \$2,000 in funding for National Night Out on August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Nina Royal is leading the effort to stage the event at two locations: Little Landers Park and Sunland Park. Gerardo Barrientos is interested in a committee gathering at the Fond Family Open Space. It's a wonderful space, open to the public and should be promoted.
- 3. Update -- McGroarty Arts Center:** Dawn Jenkins announced their ceramics show, "Botanical Abundance," did move forward as a completely virtual show. Following the re-opening of the state of California on June 15, the arts center has still received no word from the city or Department of Cultural Affairs as to their ability to re-open. They are hoping to stage "Burgers, Beer and Band Night," an outdoor event, but will need to wait for instructions from the city. Joe volunteered to send a letter to Monica Rodriguez in hopes of prompting the communication. MAC is still hopeful that they will be able to book their fall class session.
- 4. Discussion/Action – Status of Venue Openings:** Committee: Dodger Stadium and Hollywood Bowl are open for maskless attendees. Some city venues are maskless if the attendee is vaccinated. They are using the "self-attesting/honor system." Crescenta Valley High School will be presenting a fireworks display on July 4<sup>th</sup>. Those interested in viewing can congregate in the surrounding neighborhood. No one will be admitted to the school itself.
- 5. Update -- Street Banner Display for STNC:** Things are moving slowly, in part, due to the new board not having been issued their credit card yet. The artists have been paid following the approval of the L.A. city council. We now need to pay vendors to move forward with the printing and mounting process. Councilwoman Rodriguez was able to get permit fees waived.
- 6. Discussion/Action – Future Community Events:** Chair will agendize discussion regarding plans for possible cultural celebrations.
- 7. Adjourn:** 9:09 p.m.