

Committee Chair: Joe DeCenzo

Committee Members: Gerardo Barrientos, Debby Beck, Lucy Berman, Dawn Jenkins, Bill Skiles, Corey Stein, K.T. Travers*, Karen von Gunten, Michelle Wadler*

*Denotes STNC board member Quorum = 6

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Arts, Recreation & Culture Committee Meeting (STARC)

Tuesday, April 26, 2022 @ 7:30 PM Pacific Time (U.S. and Canada)

In Attendance: Joe DeCenzo, Gerardo, Barrientos, Michelle Wadler, Karen von Gunten, Debby Beck, Dawn Jenkins, K.T. Travers, Corey Stein

Minutes (Draft)

1. **Call To Order; Introductions, Approval of Minutes of March 22, 2022:** Joe DeCenzo, committee chair convened the meeting at 7:35 p.m. Introductions were waived since no guests were in attendance.
2. **Review mission statement; Code of Conduct; Quorum requirements:** Joe DeCenzo reviewed the code of conduct. K.T. Travers informed the committee that the city has plans to amend the code and include LGBTQ Training as a protected class. Training is to be required for all departments i.e. arts, parks, health and education under the purview of the city council. S-T Forward, ABRA and Voices United are to host the "Sunland-Tujunga Pride Festival" on June 4, 2022 at Sunland Park. Various local organizations will support and attend. Noted speakers are scheduled to present. An art contest and exhibit for children 4-18 is scheduled. S-T, Shadow Hills Rotary has acquired the permit for and is currently organizing the 2022 4th of July Parade down Foothill Blvd.
3. **Public Comments/Updates for Non-Agenda Items:** Committee members/Guests Joe announced that long time Land Use Committee and STARC member Bill Skiles has tendered his resignation as he and his family are moving to Sacramento. He has honored with decades of service, and we have benefitted from his knowledge. Gerardo has been corresponding with Eve Sinclair regarding the addition of shelters to the bus stops along Foothill Blvd. Joe will agendize this for May.
4. **Discussion - Application of Joanna Gates for STARC Membership:** Committee Joanna Gates has spent her career working for cultural awareness not only as a teacher but as a McGroarty Arts Center board member. She desires to become a member of STARC Committee to expand her involvement and broaden her network among the Sunland-Tujunga-Shadow Hills Community.
5. **Update -- McGroarty Arts Center:** Presented by Dawn Jenkins on behalf of Joanna Gates, she states there is no hard open. The "Cup Show" will be virtual. She is trying to utilize the grants, but with no opening date it is difficult to create an event that will satisfy the grant requirements. The board of directors is discussing an option to exhibit sample classes at various pop-up events as an outreach technique.
6. **Discussion – Enforcement of Ordinance 41.18 and Section 63.44 pertaining to Sunland Park and other public recreation areas:** Committee The ordinance is clear regarding "camping" in the park and withing 500 feet of its boundaries. Different committee members have witnessed the placement and removal of tents at different times during the past few weeks. It appears some enforcement of the ordinance is taking place. The police state that once the occupants reject to offer of services, citations can be served once the report of the offer has been recorded.
7. **Community project updates:** Gerardo Barrientos (Pinewood mural), Michelle Wadler ("Phoenix Rising) Gerardo stated the Pinewood elementary mural has been tagged with graffiti. It will need to be repaired before progress can continue. Michelle has schedule an appointment with Principal Chavez to view the "Phoenix Rising" at Joe DeCenzo's house on May 7.

Adjourn: 8:58 p.m.

