

Committee Chair: Joe DeCenzo

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

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Arts, Recreation & Culture Committee Meeting (STARC) Tuesday, August 23, 2022 @ 7:30 PM Pacific Time (U.S. and Canada)

MINUTES (Draft)

In Attendance: Joe DeCenzo, Joanna Gates, Gerardo Barrientos, Karen Von Gunten, K.T. Travers, Michelle Wadler, Dawn Jenkins, Debby Beck, Lucy Berman. Guest: Cindy Cleghorn

1. **Call To Order; Introductions:** Committee Chair, Joe DeCenzo convened the meeting at 7:35 p.m. As no new guests were present, introductions were waived. Joe read the minutes of July 29, 2022. Gerardo Barrientos moved to approve the minutes. Joanna Gates seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0-1.
2. **Review mission statement; Code of Conduct; Quorum requirements:** Joe read through the STARC mission statement as it appears on the STNC website reminding members that a discussion regarding revisions or supplements is always welcome. Following the summary of the Code of Conduct, member Gerardo Barrientos informed the committee that his signed acceptance of the code was submitted through the Beautification Committee of which he is a member.
3. **Public Comments/Updates for Non-Agenda Items:** K.T. Travers announced the second annual "Indigenous Peoples Day" is scheduled for October 9, 2022 from 12 to 3 p.m. S-T Forward, ABRA and S-T Voices United are organizing. Joe mentioned the success of the fundraising event "We Love To Laugh" at Bolton Hall Museum, August 13th. It was hosted by Franny McCartney and featured the Randy Van Horn Singers. It was well attended and fun for all. Joanna invited all to her "Mindful Health and Healing" fair at her art studio on Sept. 11.
4. **Guest Speaker Presentation:** Artist/Teacher Joanna Gates narrated a beautiful and alluring slide show depicting her painting, photography, jewelry and sculpture through different phases of her career. Her recurring images are reflections of herself. She is personified through the various media she works. She read poetry that was composed to accompany some of her work. She spoke of her process; how she is motivated by both calm and chaos. Images of injury and transformation are recurring themes in her work. She is fueled by the power of images and knows how they can move and motivate people.
5. **Review:** National Night Out: Joe DeCenzo, Gerardo Barrientos and Rudy Melendez set up booths and engaged the attendees while promoting STARC, The Beautification Committee and the Pinewood Elementary mural. We had a chance to speak with the Senior Lead Officers of Sunland and Tujunga. The cover band "Good Times" entertained throughout the evening.
6. **Discussion:** Guest speaker for September: The committee discussed the possibility of presenting Gerardo Barrientos as the featured speaker for the month of September. He will confirm his schedule and notify the committee chair if this is possible.
7. **Community project updates:** Gerardo Barrientos (Pinewood mural), Michelle Wadler ("Phoenix Rising"), Bus Bench Ads, Committee
8. **Update: McGroarty Arts Center:** Joanna Gates stated that in-person classes will resume Sept. 26 through Nov. 19. The "Burgers, Beer and Band" event is being organized and a date will be announced soon. She also announced the restoration and resurfacing of the MAC parking lot has been completed.
9. **Discussion:** upcoming and future events: TABLED Joe completed the meeting with a reading of his poem *From the Cradle of Los Terrinitos* that he composed for the Bolton Hall Museum fundraiser.
10. **Adjourn:** 9:20 p.m.