

**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\*

\*Denotes STNC board member Quorum = 6

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

### **Tuesday, September 27, 2022 @ 7:30 PM** Pacific Time (U.S. and Canada)

### **Minutes (Draft)**

In Attendance: Joe DeCenzo, K.T. Travers, Debby Beck, Michelle Wadler, Lucy Berman, Joanna Gates, Gerardo Barrientos, Dawn Jenkins **GUESTS:** Paul and Debbie Max, Cindy Cleghorn, Marsh Drucker, Mark Dutton, Jennifer Zapp, Cate Bangs, Danielle Eubank, Nancy, Ava, Arts For LA (Development)

1. **Call To Order; Introductions, Approval of Minutes of August 23, 2022:** Committee Chair, Joe DeCenzo convened the meeting at 7:36 p.m. Following the reading of the prior month's minutes, Dawn Jenkins moved to approve the minutes. Michelle Wadler seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0.
2. **Review mission statement; Code of Conduct; Quorum requirements:** Joe summarized the mission statement and reminded all where the COC can be found at [www.empowerla.org](http://www.empowerla.org). Our quorum is 6.
3. **Public Comments/Updates for Non-Agenda Items:** Jennifer Zapp was excited to announce that "Burgers, Beer and Band" night is scheduled for October 15<sup>th</sup> from 6-10 p.m. at the McGroarty Arts Center. Mark Dutton is running for LACC District board of trustees. He is running as a fiscal conservative and wants to "Get Kids Into College." Mark Dutton for LACCD 2022.
4. **Guest Speaker Presentation:** Artist/Danielle Eubank presented an excerpt of her show "Expedition Artist: One Artist 5 Oceans." She studied at UCLA where she earned two degrees including and MFA. Her journey endeavored to raise awareness of climate and the condition of our world's water. Her visual presentation showed examples of the 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> century replica vessels that carried her on her trip. Her travels inspired many large canvas oil paintings where she created reflections she witnessed in the water's surface. The Atlantic, Pacific, Indian, Arctic and Southern oceans were represented. She is currently compiling a book focusing on shipping in California and would like to see the most polluted places in the United States addressed by those who have the courage to enact change.
5. **Indigenous Peoples Day event:** K.T. Travers displayed the poster for the IPD event scheduled for October 9<sup>th</sup>. She mentioned tribal elders who are scheduled to attend and present. Monica Rodriguez, Adam Schiff and Anthony Portantino have been invited. Joe DeCenzo has volunteered to help set up and assist with errands during the events.
6. **Update: McGroarty Arts Center:** Joanna Gates reiterated that October 15<sup>th</sup> is the big night for the scheduled "Burgers, Beer and Band" re-opening party at MAC. They have booked "LaRue Sounds" for the evening's entertainment. They are still seeking a beer vendor to work with. At this time, Joanna stated, Cultural Affairs is imposing restrictions and vaccine requirements for people going inside the facility. In-person classes started yesterday the 26<sup>th</sup>. The board is compiling a survey to further gauge interest as they are rebuilding attendance. Joanna also mentioned if the offer of locating funding for the purchase of new chairs is still on the table, their board has expressed an interest in black stacking chairs as opposed to folding chairs.
7. **Discussion:** Future Guest Speaker Bookings: Committee, Dawn will place a calendar on Google Drive for all committee members to add perspective speakers for the following months
8. **Community project updates:** Gerardo Barrientos (Pinewood Elementary mural), stated that he and the school are standing by and waiting for the insurance to be renewed. This should occur on October 1. Michelle Wadler (Phoenix Rising) stated they have a verified bid on the necessary materials for the steel frame from Industrial Metal Supply. Walker Tyler, a metal fabricator has been approached to create the frame. We are waiting for his proposal. Bus Bench Ads, by committee; we are seeking copyright free photos of hikers and bikers. Dawn and Joanna will compile images of anthropomorphic vegetables to work with slogan "To make a great tasting stew, it takes all kinds to make it work."
9. **Discussion:** upcoming and future events TABLED:
10. **Adjourn : 9:48 p.m.**