

Committee Chair: Joe DeCenzo

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

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Arts, Recreation & Culture Committee Meeting (STARC) Tuesday, January 24, 2023 @ 7:30 PM Pacific Time (U.S. and Canada)

MINUTES (DRAFT)

IN ATTENDANCE: Joe DeCenzo, Dawn Jenkins, Gerardo Barrientos, Joanna Gates, K.T. Travers, Lucy Berman, Debby Beck

Guests: Cindy Cleghorn, Mercedes Del Castillo, Kurt Caberamiller

- Call To Order; Introductions, Approval of Minutes of December 27, 2022:** Committee chair, Joe DeCenzo, convened the Zoom meeting at 7:35 p.m. He invited the guests to introduce themselves and inform the committee of their connection to our council district. Kurt Caberamiller is the outreach committee chair for the Sylmar neighborhood council. Mercedes Del Castillo is helping the STNC by promoting its functions and events on social media. Joe then read through the minutes of the December meeting. Gerardo Barrientos moved to approve the minutes as corrected. K.T. Travers seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.
- Review mission statement; Code of Conduct; Quorum requirements:** Joe DeCenzo briefly reviewed the code of conduct and encouraged those interested in reading the full document to visit empowerla.org.
- Public Comments/Updates for Non-Agenda Items:** Cindy Cleghorn confirmed that links to the videos of our prior meetings can be found on the council's website STNC.org. There will be a public discussion regarding the "Canyon Hills" development on Friday, the 27th. This will include the tract boundaries and features of the proposed homes. The candidate filing window for the upcoming STNC elections is open from February 3rd to March 20th. The election is scheduled for June 3rd and is available by mail or in-person. Joe mentioned the Village Poets are hosting a public reading at Bolton Hall, January 29th from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. The featured readers are Sharmagne Leland St. John and William Scott Galasso. K.T. invited all to the clean up of 12400 Tujunga Canyon Blvd. at 9:00 a.m. on the 29th. Ricardo Flores is the new field deputy for Monica Rodriguez.
- Update: McGroarty Arts Center:** Joanna Gates informed the committee that Ainsley and Corey Rickert, the current caretakers have resigned, and the Arts Center is currently seeking a replacement for their position. The new caretaker will agree to live on site and accept a list of tasks and maintenance regiments associated with the upkeep of the property. The full job description and compensation package is being defined. K.T. mentioned as a former Cultural Affairs employee, she wrote caretaker contracts for 12 years and is curious who is saying that room and board cannot be considered part of compensation? Classes are going forward and enrollment is about 50% of traditional class sizes. The ceramics class, however, is fully booked.
- Discussion: Future Guest Speaker Bookings:** Dawn Jenkins stated we have booked Marsh Drucker for March and Shari Garwood for June.

6. **Community project updates:** Gerardo Barrientos (Pinewood mural), stated he is waiting for weather to clear up and is still waiting for a portion of the wall to be repaired. He is drafting a letter to Kelly Gonez requesting help. Bus Bench Ads, Gerardo will send Joe a proposal for the third ad.
7. **Discussion/Review** Past and Future events: The June ceramics show at MAC is in development. The extent of the show will depend will depend of the city restrictions in place.
8. **Adjourn** 9:02 p.m.

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