

Committee Chair: Joe DeCenzo

Committee Members: Gerardo Barrientos, Debby Beck, Lucy Berman, Scott Froschauer, Dawn Jenkins, Eric Santiestevan, Bill Skiles, Corey Stein, Michelle Wadler

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Arts, Recreation & Culture Committee Meeting (STARC)

Tuesday, August 24, 2021 @ 7:30 PM Pacific Time (U.S. and Canada)

MINUTES (Approved)

IN ATTENDANCE: Joe DeCenzo, Dawn Jenkins, Bill Skiles, Michelle Wadler, Eric Santiestevan, Lucy Levinsohn Berman
GUESTS: Karen von Gunten, K.T. Travers, Cindy Cleghorn, Karen Perdue **NOTE:** Members Gerardo Barrientos and Debby Beck were unable to connect with the provided link after several attempts.

- 1. Call To Order; Introductions, Approval of Minutes of July 27, 2021:** Joe DeCenzo, committee chair convened the meeting at 7:39 p.m. K.T. Travers, STNC region 1 rep and perspective STARC member introduced herself to the committee. The minutes of July 27 were read into the record. Michelle Wadler moved to approve the minutes as read. Eric Santiestevan seconded. The motion passed 6-0.
- 2. Public Comments/Updates for Non-Agenda Items:** Committee members/Guests The mural, "Watch For Us" sponsored by ST-Forward is scheduled to be unveiled in the near future. It features characters on alternative modes of transport and was inspired by the art of young children. It can be viewed on the ST-Forward website. Regularly attending guest, Karen von Gunten, expressed interest in, at long last joining the STARC committee. Dawn Jenkins moved to accept her application. Lucy Berman seconded. The motion passed unanimously 6-0. Not to be outdone, K.T. Travers also expressed interest in joining the committee. Apart from her position on the current STNC board, her extensive community involvement and long term experience with the Department of Cultural Affairs makes her a highly valued applicant. Michelle moved to accept the application of K.T. Travers as a member of STARC. Dawn seconded. The motion passed unanimously 6-0. Eric Santiestevan shared a music video produced by the band "Honest Family Outlaws" filmed extensively in our area. Sweeping aerial shots of the cross of San Ysidro were distinct and recognizable.
- 3. Discussion: SHAPOA grant notices:** Joe DeCenzo shared a notice in the SHAPOA newsletter regarding the availability of grants for artists. However, the deadline had already passed by the time he received the notice. This is a recurring problem. The committee discussed some options for assigning a member to work ahead of the notification process to allow artists ample time to prepare their applications.
- 4. Update -- McGroarty Arts Center:** Dawn Jenkins contacted Leanne Stein who stated as of this date, the city is not permitting the re-opening of any of its venues. Inquires were made about the possibility of mounting another online event. Dawn will share our feelings with the executive director.
- 5. Discussion/Action: STNC Funding Requests:** Committee Verdugo Hills Cemetery would benefit from a \$1,500 grant from STNC for a commemorative veteran's plaque or funding for the 100th anniversary gathering. The McGroarty arts center could use their own golf cart to assist patrons up the steep driveway. They may also benefit from new folding chairs. Michelle will speak to principal Chavez regarding a location for the "Rising of the Phoenix". Once a location is determined, a budget can be drawn for the cost of mounting.
- 6. Discussion: Enhancing communications with CD7:** Committee K.T feels if we approach our district leaders with a spirit of cooperation rather than a sense of making demands we will be more successful in achieving our goals. For committee business, Eve Sinclair remains our best contact.
- 7. Discussion/Action – Cultural Celebrations:** The street banners have been paid for. They will likely be mounted sometime in October.
- 8. Discussion/Action – Bench Ads for outreach:** Committee TABLED
- 9. Adjourn: 9:32 p.m.**