

**Committee Chair:** Joe DeCenzo

**Committee Members:** Gerardo Barrientos, Debby Beck, Lucy Berman, Scott Froschauer, Dawn Jenkins, Eric Santiestevan, Bill Skiles, Corey Stein, K.T. Travers\*, Michelle Wadler\*  
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## Arts, Recreation & Culture Committee Meeting (STARC)

Tuesday, September 28, 2021 @ 7:30 PM Pacific Time (U.S. and Canada)

### MINUTES (Approved)

**In Attendance:** Joe DeCenzo, Gerardo Barrientos, K.T. Travers, Karen von Gunten, Bill Skiles, Eric Santiestevan, Michelle Wadler, Dawn Jenkins **Guests:** Cindy Cleghorn, Gibson Nyambura

- 1. Call To Order; Introductions, Approval of Minutes of August 24, 2021:** Committee chair, Joe DeCenzo, convened the meeting at 7:35 p.m. Gibson Nyambura who works for D.O.N.E. checked into the meeting to ensure the Zoom link was properly received and accessible to all attempting to join the meeting. Joe informed him that all was well and functioning properly. Joe read through the minutes of the August meeting. Michelle Wadler moved to approve the minutes as written. K.T. Travers seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.
- 2. Public Comments/Updates for Non-Agenda Items:** Committee members/Guests. Eric Santiestevan announced that "Indigenous People's Day" will be celebrated October 10, 2021 at 12400 Big Tujunga Cyn (just past the archery field). The event runs from 11:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. There will be stories and music performed, food vendors, arts and crafts and local clubs and organizations will have tables with information.
- 3. Update -- McGroarty Arts Center:** Dawn Jenkins stated that MAC is still reporting that the Department of Cultural affairs is not permitting any of their facilities to re-open yet. Joe DeCenzo informed the committee that DCA has yet to return either of his two phone messages regarding the possibility of re-opening. Dawn confirmed that MAC will grant the use of their Constant Contact email service for the upcoming "Hanukkah in the Foothills" event. Dawn also announced that Kylie Ruan, the kiln technician at MAC has accepted the position of executive director. Laurelle Geils has stepped down due to health concerns. Options for arts related activities were discussed. Since the parks are currently open, MAC may contact Nicole Royer from the Department of Recreation and Parks to discuss possibilities.
- 4. Community project updates:** Gerardo Barrientos is pushing forward with Pinewood elementary school mural. He is seeking 5-6 artists with specific talents to keep the project manageable. Cindy Cleghorn will follow up. Phase 1, the blank canvas is in place. He may begin sketching during the week of October 3. Michelle Wadler will keep in contact with Principal Chavez regarding the installation of "Rising of the Phoenix." Mr. Chavez will meet with an LAUSD rep. on Sept. 29 to discuss. The installation of the street banners is pending. Cindy Cleghorn is keeping in contact with the installation crew for any updates.
- 5. Updates from FilmLA:** K. T. Travers checked if FilmLA updated their site and has a phone meeting scheduled for Sept. 29. She informed the committee that location surveys and notices aren't always required even for gun shots and car stunts. The ordinance specifies that neighbors are to be informed if filming will commence prior to 6:00 a.m. or run past 10:00 p.m.
- 6. Discussion/Action: STNC Funding Requests:** Joe DeCenzo wants to inquire with MAC regarding a donation of chairs to the art center to replace the current metal folding chairs. Rental supply houses may be a useful source if we find one that wants to liquidate some of its inventory.
- 7. Discussion/Action – Bench Ads for outreach:** More information is needed in order move forward. Joe will check if program is still being funded.
- 8. Discussion of future community based projects:** Verdugo Hills Cemetery is completing work on the refurbishment of the mausoleum. Craig Durst who is coordinating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration is selling bricks for \$40 each to pay for the inscription of the names of those who are interred in unmarked graves.
- 9. Adjourn: 9:26 p.m.**