

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*

*denotes STNC board member Quorum = 5



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Arts, Recreation & Culture Committee Meeting (STARC)

Tuesday, October 26, 2021 @ 7:30 PM Pacific Time (U.S. and Canada)

MINUTES (Approved)

In Attendance: Joe DeCenzo, Gerardo Barrientos, K.T. Travers, Debby Beck, Corey Stein, Eric Santiestevan, Karen von Gunten, Scott Froschauer, Dawn Jenkins **Guests:** Cindy Cleghorn, Karen Moran

- 1. Call To Order; Introductions, Approval of Minutes of September 28, 2021:** Committee chair Joe DeCenzo convened the meeting at 7:35 p.m. Karen Moran introduced herself to the committee. She is currently serving as a region 3 representative for STNC. She is a former JPL employee and has lived in Sunland-Tujunga for approximately 20 years. Joe D. read the minutes of September 28th. Gerardo Barrientos moved to approve the minutes with the spelling of names corrected. Eric Santiestevan seconded the motion. The motion passed 8-0
- 2. Public Comments/Updates for Non-Agenda Items:** Gerardo B. congratulated the organizers of the "Indigenous People's Day" event. He stated, "It drew people together and highlighted a great aspect of the open space of Big Tujunga Canyon." One of the event organizers, Eric S. stated "In the future, we will seek more volunteers especially for parking. The other groups involved – S-T Forward and S-T Voices United hope to involve more cultural demonstrations." Joe D. was excited to announce he attended the Montrose Arts and Crafts Fair. Vendors lined both sides of Honolulu Ave. for more than 3 blocks. A large performance stage was constructed at the intersection of Ocean View Ave. and Honolulu Ave. Scott Froschauer proudly announced he has received a permit for the installation of the "Jeff Knopp Memorial" he designed. It will be installed at 9150 Foothill Blvd. Updates to follow. Regardless of Thanksgiving week, the committee has decided to keep the regular schedule for the November meeting. We will convene again on the 23rd.
- 3. Update -- McGroarty Arts Center:** Dawn Jenkins stated that while MAC remains closed under city mandate, the board of directors surveyed their subscribers to determine which online classes would draw an enrollment. Joanna Gates is the new V.P. of the McGroarty board. Current president, Frank Valadez is hoping that she will one day assume his role. Dawn also announced that McGroarty's preference for new folding chairs is black vinyl.
- 4. Discussion/Action: STNC Funding Requests:** Folding chairs for MAC. Joe D. will research a quality black vinyl folding chair and return with proposal for submittal.
- 5. Community project updates:** Gerardo B. says he is moving forward with the Pinewood Elementary School mural. He has prepared pencil and charcoal sketches and is seeking 5-6 artists to assist him. Karen von Gunten stated the light pole banners will be installed in early November and their display will run through November of 2022. Cindy Cleghorn informed the committee that the bus bench ads are free to STNC. The only cost is the artwork production, approximately \$150 per bench. D.O.N.E. will review and approve any bus bench ads submissions. Joe D. will find prior images the committee is considering.
- 6. Updates from FilmLA:** K. T. Travers researched the filming in our area the past year. From September 1, 2020 to September 1, 2021 Sunland enjoyed 55 filming days. Tujunga enjoyed 44 filming days. VHHS was the most popular local site with 21 filming days. Pictures of our area would enhance location possibilities. Historic and unique homes can register with Location Services.
- 7. Discussion of future community-based projects:** TABLED
- 8. Adjourn:** 9:15 p.m.

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