

Committee Chair: Joe DeCenzo

Committee Members: Gerardo Barrientos, Debby Beck, Lucy Berman, Dawn Jenkins, Bill Skiles, 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, February 22, 2022 @ 7:30 PM Pacific Time (U.S. and Canada)

MINUTES (DRAFT)

In Attendance: Joe DeCenzo, Dawn Jenkins, Michelle Wadler, Bill Skiles, Corey Stein, Lucy L. Berman, K.T. Travers, Debby Beck **GUESTS:** Scott Froschauer

- 1. Call To Order; Introductions, Approval of Minutes of January 25, 2022:** Committee Chair, Joe DeCenzo, convened the meeting at 7:43 upon the arrival a of quorum. Former committee member and now guest, Scott Froschauer was welcomed by all. The minutes of January 25th were read into the record by the committee chair. Dawn Jenkins moved to approve the minutes as written. Michelle Wadler seconded the motion. The motion passed 8-0.
- 2. Review mission statement; Code of Conduct; Quorum requirements:** Joe DeCenzo stated the mission of STARC committee is to promote artistic endeavors in the community and to provide artists and organizations with connections to resources to succeed in the completion of their goals. The code of conduct is posted for all to review at both D.O.N.E. and STNC websites. STARC's quorum since there are currently 10 active members in the committee.
- 3. Public Comments/Updates for Non-Agenda Items:** Joe announced he is making progress on the travertine paneling at Verdugo Hills Cemetery. He invited all to attend the centennial on April 23, 2022. Scott Froschauer announced he will be decorating a slice of the original Bolton Hall Museum flagpole. He will engrave the surface with the signature logo of builder George Harris. The flagpole art will be auctioned as a fundraiser for the Verdugo Hills Cemetery restoration and centennial celebration.
- 4. Announcement/Discussion:** Jeff Knopp Memorial – Scott Froschauer proudly announced he has acquired all necessary permits for his installation of the memorial at 9085 Foothill Blvd, Sunland. The central pole and foundation are currently in place. Scott is postponing the unveiling until all elements can be assembled for a proper celebration. It's a self-funded project and he is currently raising donations to help offset costs. This location qualifies for the "Adopt-A-Median" program through the Department of Transportation. Although the project lays outside the boundaries of the Foothills Trails NC, Scott says they will consider a neighborhood purpose grant to support the project. He's grateful to STARC committee for their letters of support during the early development of the project.
- 5. Discussion/Action:** Poet Laureate Sponsorship – Joe DeCenzo recused himself as committee chair for this discussion. Dawn Jenkins assumed the position pro tem. Joe announced the "Passing of the Laurels" ceremony on April 9, 2022 at the Dayton Sculpture Garden in Shadow Hills. He stated the Village Poets are seeking STNC sponsorship to support the public event. Dawn Called for a motion. K.T. Travers moved to recommend the STNC sponsor the "Passing of the Laurels" event for \$250. Michelle Wadler seconded. Joe recused himself from the vote and the motion passed 7-0.
- 6. Discussion/Action:** Application of Joanna Gates to join STARC Committee. TABLED
- 7. Update -- McGroarty Arts Center:** Dawn Jenkins was granted permission to share her screen. She displayed the beautiful new class schedule displayed on the McGroarty Arts Center website. Classes are available and enrollment is growing. She feels with the anticipation of the county relaxing the COVID-19 restrictions, particularly the mask mandate, the Department of Cultural Affairs should soon follow suit.
- 8. Discussion/ Action:** Bringing "INCLUSION" into our mission statement/logo – TABLED
- 9. Discussion/Action:** Bus Bench Ads: The committee agreed that it would be productive and efficient to contact Gerardo Barrientos about setting up a photography session to produce original photography that would be royalty free.
- 10. Community project updates:** Gerardo Barrientos (Pinewood mural), Michelle Wadler ("Phoenix Rising")

Adjourn 9:01 p.m.