

**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, March 22, 2022 @ 7:30 PM** Pacific Time (U.S. and Canada)

### Minutes (Draft)

**In Attendance:** Joe DeCenzo, Dawn Jenkins, Corey Stein, Bill Skiles, Michelle Wadler, Karen von Gunten, K.T. Travers, Debby Beck, Lucy Berman. **Guests:** Joanna Gates, Cindy Cleghorn, Arturo Pina, Yasaman

- 1. Call To Order; Introductions, Approval of Minutes of February 2022:** Joe DeCenzo introduced the committee to the guests and read through the minutes of February's meeting. Gerardo Barrientos 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 informed the committee that we gather as representatives of the City of Los Angeles under the management of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment. Disparaging comments are not tolerated. Our quorum is 6.
- 3. Public Comments/Updates for Non-Agenda Items:** Cindy Cleghorn informed the committee that the Elks Lodge will be inducting Mark Seigel as "Exalted Ruler" on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Lucy Berman stated that "Hanukkah in the Foothills" is scheduled for Monday, December 19, 2022.
- 4. Guest Speaker: Arturo Pina from Film L.A.** Mr. Pina serves as oversight for outreach in L.A. as well as other municipalities. They strive to balance the needs of the production companies with the necessities of the neighborhoods. They average 130 permits at any time. They can be reached 7 days a week at: 213-977-8600. They anticipate even more activity in CD7.
- 5. Update/Announcement –S-T Poet Laureate:** Joe DeCenzo
- 6. Announcement- Verdugo Hills Cemetery Centennial:** Joe DeCenzo delivered the update for Craig Durst who was unable to attend. The program is cast and scheduled for April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Volunteers are needed to tend the grounds each Saturday from 10 am - 2 pm.
- 7. Update -- McGroarty Arts Center:** Was delivered by Joanna Gates. She is the Vice-President of the MAC board of directors. They still have no confirmation from the Department of Cultural Affairs regarding their re-opening. They have had to return grants that they were unable to use.
- 8. Discussion/ Action:** Bringing "INCLUSION" into our mission statement/logo – Gerardo B. presented his design for "Inclusion and tolerance." Based on its detail, Joe suggested it for use as a bus bench ad. Gerardo will continue work on color image.
- 9. Community project updates:** Gerardo Barrientos (Pinewood mural), Michelle Wadler ("Phoenix Rising) The Pinewood Elementary School mural is progressing. Michelle will organize a meeting with Principal Chavez to view artwork.

**Adjourn: 9:18**