

Committee Chair: Joe DeCenzo

Committee Members: Gerardo Barrientos, Debby Beck, Lucy Berman, Joanna Gates, Dawn Jenkins, K.T. Travers*, Michelle Wadler

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Arts, Recreation & Culture Committee Meeting (STARC) Tuesday, March 28, 2023 @ 7:30 PM Pacific Time (U.S. and Canada)

MINUTES (DRAFT)

In Attendance: Joe DeCenzo, Gerardo Barrientos, Dawn Jenkins, Lucy Berman, Joanna Gates, KT Travers, Michelle Wadler **Guests:** Cindy Cleghorn, Jenna Noes, Randy Randall, Cara, "My Phone"

- Call To Order; Introductions, Approval of Minutes of February 28, 2023:** Committee Chair, Joe DeCenzo convened the meeting at 7:33 p.m. He invited the guests to introduce themselves then read through the minutes of February 28th. Michelle Wadler moved to approve the minutes as corrected. KT Travers seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0 with 1 abstention.
- Review mission statement; Code of Conduct; Quorum requirements:** Joe summarized the STARC mission statement as listed on the STNC website. Our quorum requirement is 5. Specifics of the code of conduct can be found on the D.O.N.E website: www.empowerla.org
- Public Comments/Updates for Non-Agenda Items:** Lucy Berman mentioned that "Hanukkah in the Foothills" is scheduled for Thursday, December 14, 2023 (the 8th night.) She has contacted the office of Monica Rodriguez about using north valley city hall as the venue. KT announced that S-T Forward has adopted the median at Pali and Foothill Blvd. They will install a native plant garden and accept proposals from artists who are interested in installing projects on the median. Signage reading, "All are welcome to Sunland-Tujunga" will be designed and proposed. Joe announced the Village Poets will present a reading at Bolton Hall on Sunday, April 30th. The featured readers will be Alice Pero and Brendan Constantine.
- Discussion/Action: Apperson Elementary School Mural Project,** Guest Randy Randall spoke on behalf of this project which will commence June 2, 3 and 4. He requested support for the project with the loan of "pop ups," ladders and coolers. KT will draft a letter to Grocery Outlet and Albertson's to request water and energy bars. If given a list of their needs, Joanna will forward it to the members of MAC. Randy shared the 15 mural designs with the committee. He also stated Mr. Giegos still needs to approve the materials and is requesting health and safety data sheets.
- Update: McGroarty Arts Center:** Joanna Gates informed the committee that the art exhibit was a hit. Recent guest speaker Jennifer Zapp won a prize. Danielle Eubank adjudicated. MAC is trying to push for stronger participation for their children's arts programs. A new caretaker has been hired.
- Discussion:** Future Guest Speaker Bookings: Shari Garwood has been confirmed for June 27th. Joe will inquire as to the availability of Bolton Hall for this meeting date.
- Discussion:** Foothills Pride Event, KT announced the June 3rd event will encompass La Cañada to Kagel Cyn. Many civic organizations will attend. Senator Caroline Menjivar has confirmed. Hours will be from Noon to 4 p.m.
- Community project updates:** Gerardo Barrientos (Pinewood mural), is done working on the mural until the wall is fixed and insurance is re-established. He prefers to work under L.A. Unified insurance. Bus Bench Ads continue to be designed. A suggestion was made to show photos of Gerardo and other muralists with the slogan "Together We Make It Beautiful." "Phoenix Rising" mosaic: KT is still waiting for a response from district 7 regarding any interest in the mosaic.
- Discussion/Review** Past and Future events, TABLED
- Adjourn:** 9:30 p.m.

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