

Committee Chair: Joe DeCenzo

Committee Members: Kresse Armour, Gerardo Barrientos, Debby Beck, Lucy Berman, Scott Froschauer, Dawn Jenkins, Eric Santiestevan, Bill Skiles, Corey Stein

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## Arts, Recreation & Culture Committee Meeting (STARC)

Tuesday, April 27, 2021 @ 7:30 PM Pacific Time (U.S. and Canada)

### MINUTES (Approved)

**In Attendance:** Joe DeCenzo, Kresse Armour, Debby Beck, Bill Skiles, Eric Santiestevan, Dawn Jenkins, Scott Froschauer, Gerardo Barrientos; **Guests:** Karen von Gunten, Cindy Cleghorn, Nina Royal, Karen Perdue

- 1. Call To Order; Introductions, Approval of Minutes of March 23, 2021:** Joe DeCenzo convened the meeting at 7:31 pm. With the internet connections strong and the presence of a large quorum, the meeting began on time. After brief introductions, the committee chair read through the minutes of March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Dawn Jenkins moved to approve the minutes as written. Eric Santiestevan seconded the motion. The motion passed 8-0.
- 2. Public Comments for Non-Agenda Items:** Committee members/Guests: Dawn acknowledged the receipt of the link to calnonprofits.org for arts grant funding. She will forward the information to McGroarty Arts center in hopes that their grant writers can take advantage. Kresse Armour informed the committee that the city of Los Angeles is not issuing parade permits this year. As a result, there will not be a 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. Gerardo Barrientos enjoyed the recent online lecture of the Theodore Payne Foundation. Rotarian and Beautification committee co-chair Roger Klemm was a featured speaker. Nina Royal is hoping to coordinate National Night Out which is usually held on the first Tuesday of August. She is hoping to collaborate with STNC board and committee members. She will schedule a meeting for those available to participate.
- 3. Update -- McGroarty Arts Center:** Dawn Jenkins spoke with Laurelle Geils. With regard to the juried ceramics exhibit, MAC has extended the submission deadline to May 8<sup>th</sup>. They plan on moving forward with a virtual exhibit as it is difficult to know if people will be allowed inside the Arts center by the time of the show. Laurelle feels it is safe to move forward with plans for "Burgers, Beer and Band Night" in late August. As it is an outdoor event, she feels the board will come together to solidify plans.
- 4. Update / Results -- Street Banner Call for Artists for STNC:** Karen von Gunten explained the judging process. 12 finalists were selected by the judging committee. The STNC board voted on the 5 winners. Karen stated they are planning on producing 4 copies of each of the 5 winners for a total of 20 banners. The artists names will be added to the banner design. They are hoping to have the banners mounted sometime in June. While this is a common format around the city, many people both in and outside the STNC board feel that our artwork excelled most other examples of similar thematic design.
- 5. Discussion/Action -- Future Community Events and Promotions:** Eric Santiestevan presented a well-rounded list of potential events, displays and gatherings that would reinforce our arts colony origins and celebrate the Tongva name and historic culture. His ideas centered on art, food and music in an effort to encourage and draw together the diverse cultures and races residing in our area. It inspired exuberant discussion among the committee members. They informed him of some of the established groups whose background and experience can be utilized in furthering his goals. Debby Beck passed on some information about "River Rock Art Colony" which is now known as "Foothill Arts Alliance."
- 6. Discussion/Action -- Hiking Possibilities:** Joe DeCenzo hopes that as the public becomes more vaccinated, the city will support an STNC sponsored hike. The committee suggested a very easy trail to welcome everyone back. Joe suggested Vogel Flats for its proximity, intermittent shade and unparalleled ease. Gerardo moved to approach the board to pay for two dozen T-shirts as outreach. Eric seconded. The motion passed 8-0.
- 7. Adjourn 9:19 p.m.**