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

**Tuesday, January 3, 2017 @ 7:00 PM**

**MINUTES (APPROVED)**

**In Attendance:** Joe DeCenzo, Dawn Jenkins, Marlene Hitt, Lloyd Hitt, Bill Skiles Abby Diamond, Lucy Berman, Debby Beck **Guests:** Susan Shaw, Carol Siefker, Tony Wilkinson

1. CALL TO ORDER: **The meeting was convened at 7:05 pm by committee chair Joe DeCenzo. Introductions were made for the benefit of the guests in attendance. The minutes of the December meeting were read and discussed. Marlene moved to approve the minutes without corrections or additions. Abby seconded. The vote to approve tallied 7-0 with 1 abstention**
2. PUBLIC COMMENTS: for non-agenda items. **Tony Wilkinson attended as a concerned representative of councilmember Herb Wesson. His advice was asked regarding the placement of the artwork “Rising of the Phoenix” in the municipal building. Tony stated, “Council member Wesson is not likely to make that decision in light of the pending election. It would be more appropriate to approach the new council member whomever that will be.” Guest Susan Shaw discussed her impression of “Hanukkah in the Foothills.” She felt it was disorganized and cramped with no visible menu of specialty items as advertised. Her comments were noted and this agenda item was brought forward to continue discussion.**
3. REVIEW/DISCUSSION: "Hanukkah in the Foothills," Public event provided by STARC on 12/28/16 at the Back Door Bakery. Discuss possibility of planning an event for 2017. Lucy Berman **Bill Skiles moved to start planning next year’s Hanukkah event to find a venue partner and approach STNC for support. Lloyd Hitt seconded. The motion was approved unanimously 8-0. McGroarty Arts Center and Four Square Church were discussed as possible venues that could accommodate the anticipated attendance of next year’s event.**
4. UPDATE/DISCUSSION: Historical landmark #1039 Tuna Camp Detention Station (TCDS)

Monument and traveling exhibit. Lloyd Hitt **It was announced that 300 people attended the December 10th opening at the Japanese American National Museum in downtown Los Angeles.**

1. UPDATE/DISCUSSION:McGroarty Arts Center status and upcoming events. **Dawn Jenkins spoke on behalf of MAC. She gladly reported the Chili Bowl/Arts and Crafts fair raised more revenue than expected and more than ever before. Fritz Coleman’s performance at the Ice House was a great success. She announced that winter session begins next week. She noted to bolster enrollment and interest in specific courses, some instructors are donating their time as momentum at the arts center is steadily growing. A new grant writer is working hard and resolved to drawing more funding to the center. Marlene praised and advocated for the Saturday morning ukulele class.**
2. **DISCUSSION/ACTION:** LADWP Redmont Pump Station and Tank. Vote to determine STARC’s support and recommendations for aesthetic design of project. **Abby Diamond provided DEIR documents, relevant email correspondences and copies of STNC letters to inform the committee of the current status of the pump station. Discussion centered on aesthetics of the gate, fencing, architectural style of the utility building and exterior decoration of the above ground storage tank. Recommendations were made to pursue the support of the Land Use Committee regarding the design concepts. Bill Skiles brought forth a motion to elect Abby to act as the lead representative from STARC regarding this issue; to represent STARC regarding the Redmont Pump Station at all relevant meetings with city and DWP personnel as well as L.U.C and STNC. Lloyd seconded. The motion was approved unanimously 8-0.**
3. Developing CARD *Community Arts Resource Directory*, a publication or blog aimed at identifying artists, venues and events. **Marlene was forwarded recommendations from Danielle Eubank. Joe stated he would contact the web service for STNC to discuss the possibility of including CARD as a tab on the STNC website.**

**Meeting Adjourned at 9:22 pm**