

**Committee Chair:** Joe DeCenzo

Committee Members: Gerardo Barrientos,  
Lucy Berman, Joanna Gates, Dawn Jenkins, Corey Stein,  
KT Travers\*

**Denotes Board member** Quorum = 4

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

Tuesday, April 23, 2024 @ 7:30 PM

**(In-person) McGroarty Arts Center**

7570 McGroarty Terrace, Tujunga 91042

### **MINUTES (DRAFT)**

In Attendance: Joe DeCenzo, Dawn Jenkins, KT Travers, Joanna Gates, Gerardo Barrientos, Lucy Berman

GUESTS: Jesse Martinez, Abby Diamond, Ross Herman, Annette Bethers, Maryellen Eltgroth

1. **Call To Order; Introductions, Approval of Minutes of March 26, 2024:** Committee Chair, Joe DeCenzo convened the meeting at 7:37 p.m. and read through the minutes of the prior month's meeting. KT Travers moved to approve the minutes as written. Joanna Gates seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
2. **Review mission statement; Code of Conduct; Quorum requirements:** Joe reviewed the c.o.c. and referred members and guests to [www.empowerla.org](http://www.empowerla.org) for further information. KT informed the members that the updated c.o.c. has been issued and that we are all asked to sign.
3. **Public Comments/Updates for Non-Agenda Items:** Joe announced the "Passing of the Laurels" event will be held at MAC on May 19<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. KT announced the 2024 "Pride Festival" will be held on June 1<sup>st</sup> from 12-4 p.m. at Sunland Park. Freidman, Portantino, Menjivar and Rodriguez have confirmed their attendance. Jesse Martinez spoke about attending the L.A. Times Festival of Books. He particularly enjoyed Tiffany Haddish.
4. **Guest Speaker:** Scott Froschauer "Taking It To the Streets," a tale of his journey creating work as a public artist, street artist and Burning Man artist. Scott share a slide presentation of an array of his work. He spoke of the engineering and machinery necessary to mount his larger sculptures. "MUCARO," the Puerto Rican owl was his 32' structure, a symbol of knowledge and education set ablaze at Burning Man in 2017. His podcast "Build to Burn" shares more of his philosophy. "Make your art and think about it later."
5. **Update: McGroarty Arts Center:** Annette Bethers introduced herself as the new executive director of MAC. She spoke of the "All Cups" show opening reception scheduled for June 8, 2024. The summer class session will begin July 8.
6. **Discussion/Action:** Community projects, murals, gardens, bus bench ads. The bench ads have passed the Outreach committee and will be submitted to the budget committee. The Pinewood elementary mural is on hold. It is recommended that STARC approach current Principal, Jessica Trejo to foster a relationship to help push project forward.
7. **Adjourn : 9:22 p.m.**

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