

**Committee Chair:** Joe DeCenzo

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

**Denotes Board member** Quorum = 4



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

Tuesday, August 27, 2024 @ 7:30 PM

**McGroarty Arts Center**

7570 McGroarty Terrace, Tujunga 91042

### Minutes (Draft)

**In Attendance:** Joe DeCenzo, KT Travers, Dawn Jenkins, Gerardo Barrientos, Joanna Gates **Guests:** Ross Herman, Maryellen Eltgroth, Lionel Mares

- Call To Order; Introductions, Approval of Minutes of July 23, 2024:** Committee Chair, Joe DeCenzo, welcomed the attendees and read through the minutes of the prior month's meeting. Gerardo Barrientos moved to approve the minutes with corrections. KT Travers seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0.
- Review mission statement; Code of Conduct; Quorum requirements:** Joe DeCenzo referred members to [www.empowerla.org](http://www.empowerla.org) for the full text of the COC. He stated that STARC's quorum is 4.
- Public Comments/Updates for Non-Agenda Items:** KT Travers announced that workshops will be scheduled for the median project at Foothill Blvd. and Pali. The times and dates are TBD. Don Lee Gaudino is coordinating a "Celebration of Life" gathering for Laurelle Geils, former Executive director of the McGroarty Arts Center. It is scheduled for 11 am – 1 pm, Sunday, September 22 at the Arts Center. Ross Herman stated he had a great time at the "Burgers, Brews and Blues" event earlier this month. He is in communication with Ricardo Flores of District 7 to coordinate a Town Hall meeting in October for STNC/Committee members. The date and time are TBD. Joe announced the Village Poets will host featured readers Lee Rossi and Judy Kronenfeld on September 22, 4:30 pm at Bolton Hall Museum
- Update: McGroarty Arts Center:** Annette Bethers provided the following information: Fall registration opens September 2. New classes include stained glass, crafting poetry with Kathleen Travers, memoir writing with Vicki Stiefel, stand-up comedy with Seth Lawrence, and oshibana (botanical collage) with Phyllis Hansen. Vendor applications are being accepted for "Chili Bowl/Hoiday Boutique" December 7 & 8.
- Discussion:** Guest Speaker possibilities; Gerardo suggested Dana Stangel, executive director of Teranga Ranch, wildlife education organization. UPDATE: Dana Stangel is book as guest speaker on October 22. Artist Kevin McCants was suggested. UPDATE: Kevin McCants was approached and says he will be in contract when he can commit the time.
- Discussion:** Enjoying Our Forests and Parks this Autumn, Joe DeCenzo encouraged to get out and exercise as the weather cools by taking advantage of our local public spaces. Great things can be learned at the free and public visitor centers including Chilao and Haramonkngna centers off Angeles Crest Hwy. For those willing to take a drive up the grapevine on Hwy 5, the Dept. of Water Resources Visitor Center at Vista Del Lago is beautiful, interactive and informative.
- Discussion:/Action:** Community projects, murals, gardens, bus bench ads. Regarding the bus bench ads, Ross Herman of STNC has requested two separate submissions of 3 benches each from Jose Galdamez. We are standing by for the response.
- Adjourn:** 9:15 p.m.

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