

Committee Chair: Joe DeCenzo

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

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Arts, Recreation & Culture Committee Meeting (STARC)

Tuesday, October 22, 2024 @ 7:30 PM

Bolton Hall Museum

10110 Commerce Ave., Tujunga 91042

In Attendance: Joe DeCenzo, Joanna Gates, Dawn Jenkins, KT Travers. GUESTS: Roger Klemm, Elise Zimmerman, Maryellen Eltgroth, Ross Herman, Kazzandra Rangel, Dana Stangel VIA ZOOM: David Jenkins, Sherry, Vivian P.

Minutes (Draft)

- Call To Order; Introductions, Approval of Minutes of Sept. 24, 2024:** Committee Chair, Joe DeCenzo convened the meeting at 7:37 p.m. He read through the minutes of the prior month's meeting. It was recommended to include some biographical information about Laurelle Geils in the minutes because of her relevance to the development of the McGroarty Arts Center throughout the years. KT Travers moved to approve the minutes with the suggested additions. Dawn Jenkins seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.
- Review mission statement; Code of Conduct; Quorum requirements:** Joe DeCenzo described the mission of STARC and explained the quorum and COC to those in attendance.
- Public Comments/Updates for Non-Agenda Items:** K T Travers stated that S-T Forward is seeking volunteers and attendees for drip irrigation workshop on Dec. 7 at the "Welcome Garden of Equity and Inclusion at Foothill and Pali. The workshop will be conducted by Form L.A. Joe invited all to attend the Village Poets reading at Bolton Hall Museum on Oct. 27, 4:30 p.m. The featured readers will be Mary Torregrossa and Lory Bedikian.
- Guest Speaker: Dana Stangel** began her presentation by honoring the native Tataviam, Tongva and Chumash tribes who historically cultivated this land and whose philosophy was to live in harmony with nature and alongside wildlife. As a former high school biology teacher, she expressed her sorrow that there was no wildlife education available in schools. She shared photos and advice regarding local birds, reptiles, mammals and rodents. Her techniques are humane such as the use of pinwheels for nuisance birds, motion activated sprinklers to deter coyotes, and bowls of vinegar to drive away gophers.
- Update: McGroarty Arts Center:** Annette Bethers is excited about the 20th annual Chili Bowl/Holiday Arts and Crafts event on Dec. 7 & 8. She is seeking vendors and volunteers. A sound bath is scheduled for Nov. 9, She encourages all to know the relaxation and mental stimulation a sound bath meditation can provide.
- Discussion:** Guest Speaker possibilities; Dana Stangel will forward Joe the contact information for other wildlife experts as well as some forestry personnel.
- Discussion:** Holiday Events, STARC Meeting Schedule: The Randy Van Horn singers will perform at Bolton Hall on Saturday, Dec. 14, 2024. STARC will schedule a special meeting date for Nov. 25 at MAC. They will then go on hiatus until January 28, 2025.
- Discussion:/Action:** Community projects, murals, gardens, bus bench ads. Joe proudly informed the committee that 6 bus bench ads have been printed and put in place in Sunland along the boulevards of Foothill and Sunland. An error in the graphic printing of the text was discovered and Dawn Jenkins approached InSite Media who will reprint and reinstall the ads at their expense.
- Adjourn:** 9:07 p.m.

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