

**Committee Chair:** Joe DeCenzo  
Committee Members: Gerardo Barrientos,  
Debby Beck, Lucy Berman, Joanna Gates,  
Dawn Jenkins, KT Travers\*, Michelle Wadler  
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## Arts, Recreation & Culture Committee Meeting (STARC)

Tuesday, June 27, 2023 @ 7:30 PM  
(In-person) Bolton Hall Museum  
10110 Commerce Ave., Tujunga 91042

### MINUTES (DRAFT)

IN ATTENDANCE: Joe DeCenzo, Dawn Jenkins, Joanna Gates, Gerardo Barrientos, KT Travers, Debby Beck GUESTS: David Jenkins, Emma Lemcke, Maryellen Eltgroth, Abby Diamond, Jennie Stevens, Jennifer Zapp, Katie O'Brien, Rachel Hoye, Micheline Erb, Bella Chen Angela Knowlton, Gail Meltzer, Sheri Garwood

- Call To Order; Introductions, Approval of Minutes of May 23, 2023:** Committee chair, Joe DeCenzo, welcomed the new guests and explained the benefits of networking through STARC Committee. He read through the minutes of the prior month's meeting. Dawn Jenkins moved to approve the minutes as written. Gerardo Barrientos seconded. The motion passed 5-0.
- Review mission statement; Code of Conduct; Quorum requirements:** Joe DeCenzo briefly reviewed the code of conduct. He referred members and guests to review the full list at [www.empowerla.org](http://www.empowerla.org) if they are interested.
- Public Comments/Updates for Non-Agenda Items:** KT Travers proudly announced that S-T Forward was awarded a grant by DCA. Joe DeCenzo stated that Village Poets would be participating in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade and encouraged all to attend.
- Guest Speaker: Sheri Garwood,** "The Making of and Art Studio" Her art and productivity has progressed to the point that she had to enlarge her workspace. She found a large space in an industrial complex in Ventura. Aside from the organizational necessities, "ALWAYS INCLUDE ONE THING YOU LOVE," she says. She took us on a guided tour of her new studio. She emphasized the importance of lighting. She shared photos of her friends and grandchildren enjoying life and creating in the space. She has an upcoming show at the Ventura marina.
- Update: McGroarty Arts Center:** Joanna Gates announced the completion of the very successful ceramics show. She stated the summer session would begin soon. They recently hosted a "ScreamFest" film viewing. She will keep the committee posted on the development of the "Burgers, Beer and Band" event.
- Discussion:** Outreach for Diversity and Inclusion, Gerardo Barrientos spoke to the committee and guests of the importance to reach out in all directions to encourage the variety of ethnicities in the neighborhood to interact and participate. He is not only a member of STARC, he is also a member of the beautification committee and he is with S-T Forward and SHAPOA.
- Update:** Hanukkah in the Foothills 2023, Lucy Berman TABLED
- Community project updates:** Bus Bench Ads, "Phoenix Rising" mosaic: Dawn showed the revised dimensions of the Bus Bench Ads. She is requesting access to the STNC Canva account
- Discussion/Review** Past and Future events, Committee
- Adjourn:** 8:48 p.m.

