

**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, July 25, 2023 @ 7:30 PM

### Minutes (Draft)

In Attendance: Joe DeCenzo, Dawn Jenkins, K.T. Travers, Gerardo Barrientos, Michelle Wadler, Lucy Berman GUESTS: Corey Stein, SueEllen Hussing, Belal Chen, Rebecca Mate, MaryEllen EltGroth, Anja Schaeffer

- Call To Order; Introductions, Approval of Minutes of June 27, 2023:** The meeting was convened at 7:46 p.m. Committee chair, Joe DeCenzo welcomed all and read through the minutes of the prior month's meeting. Following spelling corrections, K.T. Travers moved to approve the minutes as written. Gerardo Barrientos seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.
- Review mission statement; Code of Conduct; Quorum requirements:** Joe DeCenzo stated our quorum is 5. He directed guests and committee members to [www.empowerla.org](http://www.empowerla.org) for more information regarding the code of conduct.
- Public Comments/Updates for Non-Agenda Items:** SueEllen Hussing announced "Coffee With A Cop" at the Crow's Nest restaurant Friday, July 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. Joe announced the Village Poet's reading at Bolton Hall August 27<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m. K.T. proudly announced that Jessica Calderon will perform at Indigenous People's Day October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023. She also stated that mulch was spread at the median project at Pali and Foothill Blvd. named "The Sunland-Tujunga Welcome Garden of Resilience and Inclusion."
- Guest Speaker: Bella Chen,** "Fable of the Seasons. The artists presented examples of her paintings as well as a slide show of her art as she discussed her technique and philosophy born from the journey that carried her here from China. She discussed the imprimatura style of layering an initial wash of color to her canvas. She spoke of a surrealistic stage of exploration to reconnect with childlike wonders and miracles. She described the sensation of peace, calm and serenity from her piece titled "Fall" as a time of absence. Her piece titled "Winter" symbolizes a homecoming, the stage in our life when we are at peace with ourselves. Love, beauty and joy in the present moment is her message.
- Update: McGroarty Arts Center:** Dawn Jenkins stated that summer classes were in session. She passed out flyers and announced that "Burgers, Beer and Band" is scheduled for August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023 from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. She also sadly reported that Alice Valdez, wife of Frank Valdez, president of the McGroarty board of directors passed away.

6. **Discussion/Action:** STARC Support for Hanukkah in the Foothills 2023, Lucy Berman led discussion regarding the 8<sup>th</sup> annual Hanukkah event to be held December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Following the discussion, K.T. moved that STARC Committee recommends the STNC approve funding for one of two city facility options for the Hanukkah in the Foothills celebration on December 14, 2023: \$816 to pay two required L.A.P.D. officers to work as security at North Valley City Hall or \$1,125 for the rental of the Sunland Park Gymnasium in the event NVCH cannot be secured the stated date. Gerardo seconded the motion. The motion. Joe DeCenzo and Lucy Berman recused themselves for their connection to the event. The motion passed 4-0.
7. **Discussion/Volunteers** National Night Out, Aug. 1 Little Landers Park; Joe will be setting up a canopy and table. Lucy Berman may be available to help from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.
8. **Discussion/Review** Past and Future events; TABLED
9. **Adjourn** : 9:21 p.m.

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