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Arts, Recreation & Culture Committee Meeting (STARC)

Tuesday, August 22, 2023 @ 7:30 PM

(In-person) McGroarty Arts Center

7570 McGroarty Terrace, Tujunga 91042

Minutes (Draft)

In Attendance: Joe DeCenzo, Dawn Jenkins, Joanna Gates, Lucy Berman, KT Travers **GUESTS:** Michael Hope, Sheila Andrews, Gerrard Ryan, Diane Ryan, Kevin Ryan

1. **Call To Order; Introductions, Approval of Minutes of July 25, 2023:** Committee chair, Joe DeCenzo, convened the meeting at 7:33 pm. He asked the guests to introduce themselves and describe their connection to the neighborhood. He informed the committee that we are now eligible to offer “view only” online monitoring to the meetings. Senator Portantino’s comes up for a vote soon and things may change following the outcome.
2. **Review mission statement; Code of Conduct; Quorum requirements:** Joe described the C.O.C. to www.empowerla.org for more information.
3. **Public Comments/Updates for Non-Agenda Items:** Sheila Andrews spoke about Bolton Hall Museum and how 7 men built it in 4 months. She offered to give anyone interested a docent application. KT stated ST Forward is taking submissions for public art at the new median project at Foothill and Pali. They will have a Zoom meeting on October 17, 2023. Joe invited all to the Village Poets reading on August 27th. The featured readers are Beverly Collins and Jay Adler
4. **Guest Speaker: Photographer Michael Hope,** “From My Eyes To Yours.” Michael Hope presented a slide show of dozens of his photographic images. The impact of his composition goes from “corner to corner,” as described by an experienced critic. He began taking images for a real estate company and developed his technique as an extension of his instinct. He shared images he shot of the 6th Street Bridge. BridgeFest brought 50,000 people together. “The new bridge brought people together and helped integrate arts in L.A.” He likes images of transportation. He doesn’t always shoot faces. “You can tell with shadows or body language. You don’t always need faces.”
5. **Update: McGroarty Arts Center:** Joanna Gates says the “Burgers, Beer and Band” event was a big success. The next class session begins September 16th. The house is being prepared for its centennial celebration being held on October 14, 2023.
6. **Discussion/Action:** Indigenous People’s Day, K.T. Travers for S.T. Forward states they are proudly organizing the 3rd annual IPD event for October 8, 2023 from 11 am to 4 pm. They are preparing the site with new trees and bushes in anticipation. Please check the ST Forward website for more information under “PROGRAM.”
7. **Discussion/Review** Past and Future events: TABLED
8. **Adjourn :9:19 p.m.**