

Committee Chair: Joe DeCenzo

Committee Members: Gerardo Barrientos,
Lucy Berman, Joanna Gates, Dawn Jenkins, KT Travers*

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Arts, Recreation & Culture Committee Meeting (STARC)

Tuesday, October 24, 2023 @ 7:30 PM

(In-person) McGroarty Arts Center

7570 McGroarty Terrace, Tujunga 91042

MINUTES (Draft)

In Attendance: Joe DeCenzo, Lucy Berman, KT Travers, Dawn Jenkins, Gerardo Barrientos, Joanna Gates

Guests: Jennifer Zapp, Liliana Sanchez, Paula Hallowell, Marty Barrett, Kathy Chandler, Betsy Burcham, Linda Hunt, Gary N. Clark, Vickie Guagliardo, Ann & Alan Kleinsasser, Emma Lemcke, Elin Ghaziklamian, Laurie Steelink (via Zoom)

1. **Call To Order; Introductions, Approval of Minutes of September 26, 2023:** Committee chair, Joe DeCenzo, convened the meeting at 7:35 p.m. He introduced the committee to the attending guests and read the minutes of the prior month's meeting. KT Travers moved to approve the minutes as written. Gerardo Barrientos seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0.
2. **Review mission statement; Code of Conduct; Quorum requirements:** Joe DeCenzo summarized the c.o.c. and referred guests to www.empowerla.org for further information. He stated the quorum as 4.
3. **Public Comments/Updates for Non-Agenda Items:** Jennifer Zapp announced the "Shape and Form" exhibit at Descanso Gardens. October 28th is the opening reception. It will run through January 28th, 2024. Dawn Jenkins announced Danielle Eubank is exhibiting at Alta Sea in San Pedro. KT Travers announced that the "Welcome Garden of Resilience and Inclusion" will reschedule its call for artists to Nov. 14th. Regarding the use of the Zoom platform to supplement attendance for future council and committee meetings, KT informed us we have the option to make our preference known.

MOTION: KT Travers moved, "When the City of Los Angeles approves SB411, STARC committee chooses to conduct its monthly meetings on a hybrid in-person/online Zoom basis." Gerardo Barrientos seconded. The motion passed unanimously 6-0

4. **Guest Speaker:** Corey Stein, "Serious Subjects/Engaging Humor." A photo of Corey Stein when she was eight years old in her hometown in Alaska holding a halibut half her size served as the backdrop for her presentation. Paintings, assemblage art and beadwork were the focus of the pieces she displayed for the attendees. A mannequin fully draped in a bodysuit of beadwork was her centerpiece titled "Flat, Hairy, Cold and Hard." She told the story of a beaded saddle bag titled "Pony Express Goes to the Opera." It was created from an image of her and her then boyfriend who lost the full endurance use of his arm while serving in Viet Nam. She spoke of her influences and the melding of cultures that shaped her perspectives and humor. Her "Crab" series was created as a comment on the devastating effects of cancer (hence the crab) on her and seven of her family members. Each depiction is a play on words for the specific type of cancer i.e. a crab hovering over a bucket of fried chicken breasts signifying the artist's battle with breast cancer; greeting the life threatening illness through a veil of humor.

MOTION: Joanna Gates moved, “To reinstate Corey Stein as a member of STARC Committee.” KT Travers seconded. The motion passed unanimously 6-0

5. **Update: McGroarty Arts Center:** Joanna Gates stated the “Centennial” event was a success. Senator Portantino, Councilwoman Rodriguez, and representatives from the offices of Adam Schiff, Laura Freidman, Caroline Menjivar and Cultural Affairs were in attendance. Joe DeCenzo spoke on behalf of the history and relevance of the home to the art community.
6. **Discussion: Indigenous People’s Day** Review, KT Travers for S.T. Forward. KT estimates that 500 people enjoyed the event. This based on reports from the parking attendants. She credits the success to the information passed through social media, specifically Instagram and Facebook. She feels an additional vendor just for beverages next year will help move things along and shorten the lines for food.
7. **Discussion:** Available Artist’s space for rent. Industrial/Warehouse. No one knows of an artist space currently for rent, but the suggestion was made to monitor Sunland-Tujunga Nextdoor or Craig’s List for any vacancies.
8. **Discussion:** Hanukkah in the Foothills. Lucy Berman announced the fundraising campaign has begun. All donations are tax deductible and can be made directly to Sunland-Tujunga-Shadow Hills Rotary Club. Gerardo suggested reaching out to the local Palestinian community to extend and invitation and hope for unity.
9. **Discussion:** Holiday meeting schedule, Committee. Following discussion, the committee agreed to meet on November 28th.

MOTION: Dawn moved, “that the committee adjourn for the month of December and re-convene at our regular meeting time on January 23, 2024.” Gerardo seconded. The motion passed unanimously 6-0.

10. **Adjourn:** 9:17 p.m.

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