

**Committee Chair:** Joe DeCenzo

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

**Denotes Board member** Quorum = 4

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## Arts, Recreation & Culture Committee Meeting (STARC)

Tuesday, March 26, 2024 @ 7:30 PM

**(In-person) McGroarty Arts Center**

7570 McGroarty Terrace, Tujunga 91042

### **Minutes (Draft)**

**In Attendance:** Joe DeCenzo, Corey Stein, K T Travers, Gerardo Barrientos, Joanna Gates **Guests:** Laura Newlin, Roger Klemm, Terri Jover, Robert Allen, (4 others unnamed)

1. **Call To Order; Introductions, Approval of Minutes of February 27, 2024:** Committee chair, Joe DeCenzo, convened the meeting at 7:33 p.m., welcomed the guests and introduced the attending committee members. Following the reading of the prior month's minutes, K T Travers moved to approve them as written. Gerardo Barrientos seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0 with 1 abstention.
2. **Review mission statement; Code of Conduct; Quorum requirements:** Joe DeCenzo reviewed the relevant information and referred attendees to [www.empowerla.org](http://www.empowerla.org) for full text of the CoC. K T informed the committee that there is an updated code that will need to be signed by June for all committee member to retain their right to vote in committee business.
3. **Public Comments/Updates for Non-Agenda Items:** Committee members/Guests : Roger Klemm announced he is leading walks at Deukmejian Park on 4/20, 5/4, and 5/18. Joe announced that applications for "Poet Laureate of the Foothills" will be accepted through March 30<sup>th</sup>.
4. **Guest Speaker:** Roger Klemm, "Discovering Our Local Beauty" He presented a lecture and detailed slide show of the biodiversity of the Mediterranean climate in which we live. He named dozens of plants and flowers many of which bloomed as a result of recent fires. He discussed the local trailheads that led him to the beautiful photographs he shared (i.e. Gold Cyn, Teazole Cyn Rd. and Rotta Ave. to Fond Park) Roger also shared photos of some of the interesting geology visible in the area. He showed examples of gneiss which appears as swirled, layered rock and scarp which are visible evidence of fault lines.
5. **Update: McGroarty Arts Center:** Joanna Gates announced Annette Bethers is now the new executive director of the arts center. Joanna recommended speaking to Ray Yocum about being the guest speaker in May to promote the ceramics show in June.
6. **Discussion:/Action:** Community projects, murals, gardens, bus bench ads. The committee moved to select two bus bench designs for submittal, "Bring Art Alive," and "It Takes All Kinds."
7. **Adjourn 9:02 p.m.**

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