

Committee Chair: Joe DeCenzo

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

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Arts, Recreation & Culture Committee Meeting (STARC)

Tuesday, May 28, 2024 @ 7:30 PM

(In-person) McGroarty Arts Center

7570 McGroarty Terrace, Tujunga 91042

Minutes (Draft)

In Attendance: Joe DeCenzo, Dawn Jenkins, K T Travers, Joanna Gates, Corey Stein, Gerardo Barrientos GUESTS: 26 present at the McGroarty Arts Center, 4 other guests on Zoom. 36 members and guests total.

1. **Call To Order; Introductions, Approval of Minutes of April 23, 2024:** Committee chair, Joe DeCenzo, convened the meeting at 7:35 p.m. He introduced the committee members to the guests in attendance. He read the minutes of the prior month's meeting. Dawn Jenkins moved to approve as written. K T Travers seconded. The motion passed 5-0.
2. **Review mission statement; Code of Conduct; Quorum requirements:** Joe DeCenzo outlined the committee objectives and contributions to the community. He reviewed the quorum requirements and discussed the code of conduct with the committee. He requested signed acknowledgement pages from all the members.
3. **Public Comments/Updates for Non-Agenda Items:** K T Travers announced The Sunland-Tujunga Pride Festival is scheduled for June 1st at Sunland Park from Noon to 4:00 p.m. Senators Portantino and Menjivar will attend. Pickle the Drag Queen will perform. The Caroline Menjivar scholarship will be awarded, and dozens of community groups will attend.
4. **Guest Speaker:** Ray Yocum, "Turning Mud Into Beauty," curator of the upcoming "All Cups 2024" ceramics show at McGroarty shares his knowledge and love for the art of clay. Ray Yocum drew the largest number of attendees to a STARC meeting ever. His students and fans heard stories from his arts education at Otis school of art that led him to his current position at the McGroarty Arts Center. He shared dozens of images of the art works he has created and the techniques of molding and modifying clay to create the colors and textures he achieves.
5. **Summary:** "Passing of the Laurels 2024" Those who attended the event on May 19th were treated to poetry, music and delicious refreshments. Joe stated "It's a joy to have the event home where it belongs. Congratulations K T Travers! Wishing you health, wealth and creativity during your term as Poet Laureate of the Foothills.
6. **Discussion/Action:** 4th of July Parade, National Night Out, STNC Day with Scot Froschauer: Joe DeCenzo is honored to have been asked to serve as the Grand Marshal of the 4th of July Parade. STARC will not be presenting at National Night Out, but all are encouraged to attend. Scott Froschauer has scheduled his invitational studio gathering for STNC Board and committee members for June 22 from 11am -1pm.
7. **Update: McGroarty Arts Center:** Joanna Gates yielded the floor to Annette Bethers, E.D. of MAC. She encouraged everyone to attend the "All Cups 2024" June 8th at 6:00 p.m. Class registration is open for the summer session starting in July. Now called "Burgers, Brews and Blues" event is in the works for later this summer. More information to follow.
8. **Discussion:/Action:** Community projects, murals, gardens, bus bench ads. The committee was informed that the bus bench ads will be pushed for consideration for next year's fiscal budget. Gerardo updated the committee on the unrepaired wall at Pinewood Elementary school affecting the completion of the mural. Joe stated he would contact Robert Hitt who works with LAUSD.
9. **Adjourn : 9:38 p.m.**