

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, January 23, 2024 @ 7:30 PM

(In-person) McGroarty Arts Center

7570 McGroarty Terrace, Tujunga 91042

MINUTES (DRAFT)

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

Guests: Cindy Cleghorn, Maryellen Eltgroth, Marquita Waters, Ross Herman, Barry Glover, Elise Zimmerman

- 1. Call To Order; Introductions, Approval of Minutes of November 28, 2023:** Committee chair Joe DeCenzo convened the meeting at 7:40 p.m. Following the reading of the minutes of November's meeting, Corey Stein moved to approve the minutes as written and Gerardo Barrientos seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.
- 2. Review mission statement; Code of Conduct; Quorum requirements:** For the benefit of the guests in attendance, Joe stated our primary mission is to nurture the artistic and cultural pride of our local area by connecting artists and organizations with resources to further their endeavors. He referred members to www.empowerla.org for the complete text of the Code of Conduct. Our quorum is 4.
- 3. Public Comments/Updates for Non-Agenda Items:** Joanna Gates informed the committee that a Farmer's Market group sponsored by Taco Bell is seeking space for a weekly market. It was suggested that Pat Kramer may be able to help with parking lot access. Joe invited all to attend the Village Poets reading at Bolton Hall, 4:30 p.m. on January 28th. Cindy Cleghorn encouraged all to contact clerk.plum@lacity.org to register an opinion on the proposed development at Foothill and Plainview. #23-1367. STNC board meeting is moved to Feb. 13th as opposed to its regular 2nd Wednesday date.
- 4. Guest Speaker:** artist, singer, author Marquita Waters, "Your Voice, Your Life, Your Happiness." Marquita presented a lecture that was as much of a motivational speech as it was a memoir of her life in the music and vocal coaching industry. She persevered through the emotional and physical trauma of an abusive childhood. The old wooden ceiling beams of the McGroarty house resonated with joy while she sang excerpts from her song "I Will Not Grow Weary."
- 5. Update: McGroarty Arts Center:** Joanna Gates announced as of December 8th, executive director Kylie Ruan has resigned her post. The board is accepting applications to fill the position. Knitting is a new class now being offered and the current session runs through March 2nd.
- 6. Presentation:** Volunteer Appreciation to K T Travers by Hanukkah in the Foothills **TABLED**
- 7. Discussion:/Action:** Community projects, murals, gardens, bus bench ads. **PINEWOOD ELEMELINARY MURAL:** Gerardo has stated that the school has promised to follow through with the necessary repairs as per his recommendations. Regarding the bus bench ads, STNC Outreach committee has rejected the double entendre use of the word "Ass" as vulgar and/or profane. STARC has agreed to redesign ad by having donkey say, "Get Off My Back and join STARC Committee."
- 8. Adjourn:** 9:35 p.m.

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