

Committee Chair: Joe DeCenzo

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

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Arts, Recreation & Culture Committee Meeting (STARC)

Tuesday, November 28, 2023 @ 7:30 PM

(In-person) McGroarty Arts Center

7570 McGroarty Terrace, Tujunga 91042

MINUTES (DRAFT)

In Attendance: Joe DeCenzo, K T Travers, Gerardo Barrientos, Corey Stein, Dawn Jenkins, Joanna Gates, Lucy Berman (via phone). **Guests:** Bella Chen, Melissa Reischman

1. **Call To Order; Introductions, Approval of Minutes of October 24, 2023:** Committee Chair, Joe DeCenzo, convened the meeting following technical set up at 7:50 p.m. He read through the minutes of October 24, 2023. K T Travers moved to approve the minutes as written. Gerardo Barrientos seconded. The motion passed 6-0.
2. **Review mission statement; Code of Conduct; Quorum requirements** were reviewed by Joe DeCenzo. He referred committee members and guests to www.empowerla.org for the full text of the code of conduct.
3. **Public Comments/Updates for Non-Agenda Items:** K T Travers announced that S-T Forward is adding a third call for artists at the "Welcome Garden of Resilience and Inclusion," December 7th. Contact: 213-705-9255. Joe announced that the Poetry and Literature committee is seeking applicants for next "Poet Laureate of the Foothills." The search area includes the 210 FWY corridor between HWY 2 and HWY 14. Mary Ellen Eltgroth announced she is appearing in "Foto and Clay," by the Pasadena Society of Artists. 12/5 through 1/13. Reception is 12/9 2p-4p at 12 N Baldwin Ave., Sierra Madre.
4. **Guest Speaker:** artist Melissa Reischman, "Sensory Perceptions" The artist paints primarily with oil on canvas or oil on paper media. During lock down, she found connections and influences with Dutch artists. She loves depicting nature's flora in her work. She creates in the abstract, depicting the movement of space and form, color and theory. She pointed out the principles of Wabi-Sabi in her art, the Japanese term for the concept of finding beauty in imperfection and contentment in the present moment. She is exhibiting at MOAH in Lancaster in December.
5. **Update: McGroarty Arts Center:** Joanna Gates announced the "Chili Bowl Festival/Holiday Boutique" is moving forward as planned on December 2 & 3.

MOTION: "Now that Cultural Affairs has fully re-opened the McGroarty Arts Center with no restrictions, STARC moves to re-submit a request to the STNC board to fund the purchase of 100 black padded chairs up to the amount of \$3500." K T Travers moved. Gerardo Barrientos seconded. The motion passed 6-0.

6. **Discussion/Action:** Upcoming events; Hannukah in the Foothills, Bolton Hall Holiday concert with the Randy Van Horn singers, New Hope Church Community Christmas Celebration, Councilwoman Monica Rodriguez hosted events. The committee reviewed the dates, times and locations of these events.
7. **Discussion:/Action:** Community projects, murals, gardens, bus bench ads. The committee Reviewed the three completed designs for the outreach/promotional bus bench ads.

MOTION: Dawn Jenkins moved “To recommend the STNC board consider the funding necessary to print the ads for participation in the city’s Bus Bench Ad program.” Joanna Gates seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

8. **Adjourn** 9:32 P.M.

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