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

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

Tuesday, September 26, 2023 @ 7:30 PM

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

7570 McGroarty Terrace, Tujunga 91042

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### **MINUTES (DRAFT)**

In Attendance: Joe DeCenzo, Joanna Gates, Dawn Jenkins, Gerardo Barrientos, KT Travers, GUESTS: 22 guests including Elizabeth Hackman, Thom Depres, Cynthia Depres, Diane Dennis, Liliana Sanches, Kathe Leber, Marsh Drucker, J. Alberto Michel, Jennifer Zapp, Susan Wong, Terry Cooper, Biel Cooper

1. **Call To Order; Introductions, Approval of Minutes of August 22, 2023:** Committee chair, Joe DeCenzo convened the meeting at 7:40 p.m. He introduced the committee members to the numerous guests in attendance. He read through the minutes of the prior month's meeting. KT Travers moved to approve the minutes as written. Joanna Gates seconded. The motion passed 5-0.
2. **Review mission statement; Code of Conduct; Quorum requirements:** Joe DeCenzo directed those interested to [www.empowerla.org](http://www.empowerla.org) for more information regarding the City of Los Angeles code of conduct. He stated the current quorum for the STARC Committee is 4.
3. **Guest Speaker: Gerardo Barrientos**, artist, sculptor, muralist, community leader brought examples of his sculptures while he engaged the large audience with his passionate description of his life experiences that brought his artistic expression to its current place. His journey was fraught with intense social and life challenges that directed him through his exploration of varied artistic media and styles. His art flourishes in depth and richness with his continued involvement with his neighboring community.
4. **Public Comments/Updates for Non-Agenda Items:** Joe announced the Village Poets reading September 24<sup>th</sup> at Bolton Hall, 4:30 p.m. The reading features former poet laureate Marlene Hitt and R.G. Cantalupo.
5. **Update: McGroarty Arts Center:** Joanna Gates announced the Centennial Celebration is scheduled for October 14, 1:00. Six dignitaries have confirmed their attendance. Joe DeCenzo and Alice Pero will speak. Joe Aguirre is coordinating. The Chili Bowl Festival and holiday boutique is scheduled for December 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>.
6. **Discussion:** Call for artist submissions; "Welcome Garden of Resilience and Inclusion" KT Travers stated the minimum compensation to artists for their accepted submission is \$500. The artists' displays will rotate every 9 to 12 months, approximately. S-T Forward will hold a zoom meeting on October 17<sup>th</sup> to discuss the details of the artist submissions.
7. **Discussion/Action: Indigenous People's Day**, KT Travers for S.T. Forward stated the address of the event is 12400 Big Tujunga Canyon Rd. at the MRCA property (Mountain

Recreation Conservancy Alliance – state property.) The event time is 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. under “The Great Mother Oak.” There will be workshops such as yucca weaving, beading, and soapstone carving. Chef Lu’s B-B-Q and Oaxacan Restaurant will be there. Confirmed entertainers include Jessica Calderon and Tonantzin Carmelo.

8. **Discussion/Review** Past and Future events. Regarding Hanukkah in the Foothills, KT Travers moved that STARC Committee sponsor the event with volunteer labor and coordination in exchange for printed acknowledgement. Joanna Gates seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
9. **Adjourn 9:36** p.m.

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