

Committee Chair: Joe DeCenzo

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

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**SUNLAND-TUJUNGA
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Arts, Recreation & Culture Committee Meeting (STARC)

Special Meeting

Monday November 25, 2024 @ 7:30 PM

McGroarty Arts Center

7570 McGroarty Terrace, Tujunga 91042

MINUTES (Draft)

IN ATTENDANCE: Joe DeCenzo, Dawn Jenkins, KT Travers, Gerardo Barrientos **GUESTS:** Jennifer Zapp, Franny McCartney, Evelyn Serrano, Charlotte Yeuln, Probya Gregory, Pat Kramer, Kecky Luening, Gary Knowlton, Annette Bethers, Alex Stucco, David Jenkins, 4 Attendees on Zoom

- Call To Order; Introductions, Approval of Minutes of October 22, 2024:** Committee Chair, Joe DeCenzo welcomed guests and read through the minutes of the prior months meeting. KT Travers moved to approve the minutes as read. Dawn Jenkins seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0
- Review mission statement; Code of Conduct; Quorum requirements:** Joe DeCenzo reviewed the required information.
- Public Comments/Updates for Non-Agenda Items:** Pat Kramer who is the committee chair for STAT is seeking people to adopt trees along Foothill Blvd. It requires watering once a week and providing some TLC. KT Travers announce that ST Forward has officially secured the rights to the median at Foothill Blvd. and Pali St. It is henceforth known as the "Welcome Garden of Resilience and Inclusion." Franny McCartney mentioned the Randy Van Horn Singers will perform on December 14th at Bolton Hall Museum. She and Lynn Keller will be "Swinging the Holidays" at the McGroarty Arts Center on December 7 and 8. Evelyn Serrano mentioned that Pinewood Elementary is working on a new mural. Joe DeCenzo announced the Village Poets with Lallah Rowe will present december 7 and 8 at McGroarty as well.
- Guest Speaker: Abby Diamond, "Tear It Up!" The art of torn paper** Citing a quote from Kurt Vonnegut that encourages all to take time to practice an art and let your soul grow, Abby Diamond began her presentation by displaying slide photos of her creations and passing examples of her work to those attending. She admits that she can't mix paint or draw, but she perceives shapes and colors and understands their importance to design. Her technique for tearing adds depth to the collage. She learned which magazines work best for her art, the quality of paper, the durability of ink. She also learned to get distracted by reading the mags as she searches for shapes and colors allowing each piece to take on a life of its own. She seals her boards prior to pasting and then uses archival glue as it is not wet and does not wrinkle the medium. She was encouraged to enter a piece in the "Now See Hear" exhibit. Her creation based on a Viet Nam Veteran who wanted to take his own life was particularly moving.
- Update: McGroarty Arts Center:** Annette Bethers announced that registration for the winter session classes is currently open. Aside from guitar and ukulele classes, Abby Diamond will conduct a torn paper workshop. Please attend the "Chili Bowl, Holiday Arts and Crafts Festival" December 7th and 8th.
- Discussion:** Guest Speaker possibilities; The committee will confer with Evelyn Serrano, Gary Knowlton and representatives from the U.S, service for future bookings.
- Discussion:** Holiday Events, STARC Meeting Schedule: STARC Committee will take hiatus during December and reconvene on January 28, 2025. Please attend Hanukkah in the Foothills, December 28th at the Elks Lodge in Tujunga. (Continued)

8. **Discussion:/Action:** Community projects, murals, gardens, bus bench ads. Congratulations on the bus bench ads, Gerardo Barrientos and Joanna Gates for designing; Dawn Jenkins for graphics layout and coordination with Insight Media. Ross Herman for all of his administrative follow through. Well done TEAM! Joe DeCenzo will volunteer to patch problem area at Pinewood Elementary wall so Gerardo can continue.
9. **Adjourn:** 9:05 p.m.

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