

**Committee Chair:** Joe DeCenzo

Committee Members: Gerardo Barrientos, Joanna Gates,

Dawn Jenkins, Corey Stein, KT Travers\*

**Denotes Board member** Quorum = 4



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

Friday, April 25, 2025 @ 7:30 PM

**McGroarty Arts Center**

7570 McGroarty Terrace, Tujunga 91042

### **MINUTES (DRAFT)**

In Attendance: Joe DeCenzo, Dawn Jenkins, Joanna Gates, Gerardo Barrientos, Kathleen Travers, Corey Stein

GUESTS: Maryellen Eltgroth, Sally Hall, Azelia Snail, Maria Cardenas McClarnon, Annette Bethers, Regina Clark Rory McClarnon and 4 Zoom attendees.

1. **Call To Order; Introductions**, Committee Chair, Joe DeCenzo, convened the meeting at 7:36 p.m. He introduced the STARC members to the guests in attendance.
2. **Review mission statement; Code of Conduct; Quorum requirements**: Following the review of the mission statement, Joe DeCenzo, directed all to [www.empowerla.org](http://www.empowerla.org) for the full text of the code of conduct and stated that our quorum requirement is 4.
3. Discussion: **Historic Home Tour**: Regina Clark provided useful information for those wishing to attend the home tour. She stated 6 historic properties are featured on the May 10<sup>th</sup> event. Tickets are available online or at Bolton Hall Museum on the day of the tour.
4. Guest Speaker: **Dan West, pianist/composer**: "An Improvised Life" Dan provided an enthralling retrospective of his life in the arts and music. His family supported and influenced him greatly. He accompanied himself on piano and played examples of his recording styles on a blu-tooth device. Technical difficulties prevented those on Zoom from fully enjoying his musical presentation, but the stories of his creative process and his work in the industry were inspirational to hear.
5. **Public Comments/Updates for Non-Agenda Items**: KT Travers announced that on April 12<sup>th</sup> 200 linear feet of the "Welcome Garden of Resilience and Inclusion" were planted. On April 19<sup>th</sup>, 106 volunteers helped put 125 plants in the ground and planted 800 seeds at the MRCA property on Big Tujunga Canyon Rd. Joanna Gates announced Monrovia Music Fest on June 8<sup>th</sup>. There will be live bands, craft beers and artisans on display. More information at [www.monroviafest.com](http://www.monroviafest.com). Maryellen Eltgroth announced MOTA, museums of the Arroyo day, May 4<sup>th</sup> is a free day. Her work is on display through Sept. 14 at the Pasadena museum of History "100 Years, 100 Images," exhibit. Gerardo announced the LVT Library is having a book sale April 27 to benefit the library.
6. Update: **McGroarty Arts Center**: Annette Bethers promoted the upcoming Yoga and Tai Chi. Registration is open for the summer session which begins June 7<sup>th</sup>.
7. Approval of minutes of March 25, 2025: Joe DeCenzo read through the minutes of the prior month's meeting. KT Travers moved to approve as written. Gerardo Barrientos seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0.
8. Discussion: **Sunland-Tujunga Pride Festival**: KT Travers invited all to attend the Foothills Pride Festival in Sunland Park June 14<sup>th</sup> from 12-4 p.m. There will be food vendors and entertainment in celebration of LGBTQ Pride Month. Join S-T Forward for this 4<sup>th</sup> annual event.
9. **Discussion/Action**: Community projects, events, murals, gardens: Joe stated the Sunland-Tujunga-Shadow Hills Rotary Club is working closely with District 7 to have the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade permitted this year. Water balloons and "super soakers" will be prohibited.
10. **Adjourn 9:04 p.m**

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