

Committee Chair: Joe DeCenzo

Committee Members: Gerardo Barrientos, Joanna Gates,

Dawn Jenkins, Corey Stein, KT Travers

Quorum = 4



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Arts, Recreation & Culture Committee (STARC)

Tuesday July 22, 2025 @ 7:30 PM

Bolton Hall Museum

10110 Commerce Ave., Tujunga 91042

Minutes (Draft)

In Attendance: Joe DeCenzo, Dawn Jenkins, Gerardo Barrientos, KT Travers, Joanna Gates, Corey Stein (Zoom) **Guests:** Cindy Cleghorn, Sheila Aedlees, Anahit Alaverdyan, Alexandre, Georgia, Marutyan, Marta Richard, Inessa, Varaz, Voskan, Zareh, Naira

1. **Call To Order; Introductions,** Committee chair, Joe DeCenzo, convened the meeting at 7:38 p.m. and introduced the committee members to the guests.
2. **Review mission statement; Code of Conduct; Quorum requirements:** Joe DeCenzo explained our mission objectives, stated our quorum as 4 and directed attendees to www.empowerla.org for the full text of the code of conduct.
3. Approval of minutes of May 27, 2025: Joe DeCenzo read through the minutes from the May meeting as June was cancelled due to lack of quorum. KT Travers moved to approve the minutes as read with corrections of typographical errors. Joanna gates seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0-1 (abstention.)
4. **Public Comments/Updates for Non-Agenda Items:** Joanna is completing a community mandala, as a symbol of self. It's about the circle and takes all to create one. It culminates on Sept. 11. If interested, call 213-298-0019. Joe announced the Village Poets will present Scott Galasso and Susan Auerbach on August 24, 4:30 p.m. at Bolton Hall. National Night Out will be held on August 5 at both Little Landers Park and Sunland Park. KT Travers, Gerardo Barrientos and Corey Stein will be curating and exhibit for Indigenous People's Day in October.
5. Guest Speaker: **Anahit Alaverdyan**, Blending the Abstract, Feeling the Existence. "Abstract is my calling. It gives me freedom of how I see and experience the world. It lets me lead with my feelings." This is how she approaches and perceives her art across a multi-media platform. Anahit presented a stunning and varied program featuring images and physical presentations of her paintings, sculptures, ceramics, clothing and fashion articles
6. Update: **McGroarty Arts Center:** On behalf of MAC, Joe announced that their Fall session will begin September 15. Burgers, Brews and Blues is scheduled for August 23.
7. Discussion/Action: Indigenous People's Day, KT Travers announced that DCA has awarded financial support to this year's event.

MOTION TO SUPPORT INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY: With regard to the historic relevance and cultural importance of the property at 12400 Big Tujunga Canyon, the site of the 5th annual Indigenous People's Day, the members of STARC Committee move that the STNC consider providing financial support up to \$1,000 for the above-mentioned event. Gerardo Barrientos so moves, Dawn Jenkins seconds the motion. KT Travers recuses herself from the vote The motion passes 5-0

8. Discussion/Action: Support for Hanukkah in the Foothills 2025, Joe DeCenzo led the discussion about the history and community participation of this event now in its 10th year.

MOTION TO SUPPORT HANUKKAH IN THE FOOTHILLS: As a cultural and educational event similar to Dia de Los Muertos, STARC Committee requests the STNC consider approving financial support of Hanukkah in the Foothills up to \$500. KT Travers so moves, Dawn Jenkins seconds the motion. Joe DeCenzo recuses himself from the vote. The motion passes 5-0.

9. **Discussion:/Action:** Community projects, events, murals, gardens, Committee TABLED
10. **Adjourn: 9:13 p.m.**

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