

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 August 26, 2025 @ 7:30 PM

McGroarty Arts Center

7570 McGroarty Terrace, Tujunga 91042

MINUTES (Draft)

In Attendance: Joe DeCenzo, Joanna Gates, Dawn Jenkins, KT Travers GUESTS: David Jenkins, Bernie Ortiz, Krishna Rajagopalan, Diane Dennis, Danielle Eubank, Maryellen Eltgroth, Kristina Valcarce

1. **Call To Order; Introductions:** Committee Chair, Joe DeCenzo, convened the meeting @ 7:35 p.m. and introduced the committee members to the guests.
2. **Review mission statement; Code of Conduct; Quorum requirements:** Joe DeCenzo stated the committee quorum is 4, explained the purpose of the committee and directed the attendees to www.empowerla.org for the full wording of the code of conduct.
3. Approval of minutes of July 22, 2025: Joe DeCenzo read through the minutes of the prior month's meeting. KT Travers moved to approve the minutes as written. Joanna Gates seconded the motion and the motion passed 4-0.
4. **Public Comments/Updates for Non-Agenda Items:** Joe announced the upcoming Village Poets meeting at Bolton Hall on September 28th. Joanna Gates stated the mandala as she is seeking a larger venue. She invites all to look at her site, www.mindfulmindla.com. She'll be celebrating her birthday on September 11 which is also recognized as her "Recovery Day."
5. Guest Speaker: **Danielle Eubank:** California Currents – Painting Water With Purpose- The artist presented an astounding display of her artwork both current and past for the attendees to view in person. She also regaled with tales of her journeys throughout the world including the arctic, Indonesia and South Africa. She primarily works in oil based acrylics on canvas. Her depiction of the world's oceans emphasizes their importance to the biosphere.
6. Update: **McGroarty Arts Center:** Annette Bethers thanked the staff and volunteers of "Burgers, Brews and Blues." There were 683 Attendees. Fall registration is open. Classes run September 15th - November 8th. They are also accepting applications for the Chili Bowl/Holiday Boutique in December.
7. Discussion/Action: Indigenous People's Day, KT Travers announced the 5th anniversary of IPD on October 12th. The organizers are working to "Re-Wild" the MRCA property at 12400 Big Tujunga Canyon. There will be storytelling, music, workshops, and a plant walk led by Roger Klemm.
8. Discussion/Action: **Changing regular meeting day of STARC Committee.** After discussing options for the coming year, the group has elected to change the regular scheduled meeting day to 2nd Tuesday of the month starting November 11, 2025.
9. **Discussion:/Action:** Community projects, events, murals, gardens. KT updated the committee that the "Welcome Garden of Inclusion and Resilience" is looking forward to an irrigation work day toward the end of the year. The date will be announced soon.
10. Adjourn **9:06 p.m.**

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