

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, September 23, 2025 @ 7:30 PM

Bolton Hall Museum

10110 Commerce Ave., Tujunga 91042

MINUTES (Draft)

In Attendance: Joe DeCenzo, Dawn Jenkins, Corey Stein, Joana Gates, KT Travers (Zoom) GUESTS: Mary Ellen Eltgroth, Abby Diamond, Frank M, Kathleen Ford, Ginny Atherton, Mark Dutton, Nareh Yaghoubina, Jennifer Freund, Crystal Rivera.

1. **Call To Order; Introductions**, Committee chair, Joe DeCenzo, convened the meeting at 7:35 p.m. and introduced the members to the guests.
2. **Review mission statement; Code of Conduct; Quorum requirements:** Joe DeCenzo stated our quorum as 4, summarized our mission statement and referred the attendees to www.empowerla.org for the full wording of the code of conduct.
3. **Public Comments/Updates for Non-Agenda Items:** Mark Dutton advised us to be aware of a hit and run incident. The female suspect was driving a white SUV and wearing dark scrubs. KT Travers invited all to the September 28th meeting of Village Poets at Bolton Hall. The theme this month is Utopia. Dawn announced the dedication/reopening of the Verdugo public pool in October. Joe invited all to Bolton Hall on October 11 for the program "The Moose and the Builder." He will be reading the part of George Harris.

4. Guest Speaker: **Frank M [Martinez]:**

Tangible Forms From Invisible Thoughts, Bringing Life to the Inexplicable

Frank shared images and video that comprised his music and art dating back to the 1970's. His work began as "appropriation art" which means grabbing and acquiring residual objects to create new art. His totems are carved from a variety of woods and limestone. His life motto is "Follow your bliss. If it turns you on, *GO FOR IT!*" His visionary art reminds us that "What you see is never what you get."

5. **Approval of minutes of August 26, 2025:** Joe DeCenzo read the minutes of the prior month's meeting. Joanna Gates moved to approve. KT Travers seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.
6. **Update: McGroarty Arts Center:** Joe DeCenzo spoke on behalf of MAC. The Holiday Chili Bowl Festival and Artisan Marketplace is scheduled for December 6 & 7.
7. **Discussion/Action:** Indigenous People's Day, KT Travers stated it will be the 5th anniversary of IPD. There will be food, music, storytelling, wood carving and nature walks. October 12, 12400 Big Tujunga Canyon. STFORWARD.COM
8. **Discussion:/Action:** Community projects, events, murals, gardens: TABLED
9. **Adjourn** 9:01 p.m.