

Committee Chair: Joe DeCenzo

Committee Members: Gerardo Barrientos, Joanna Gates,

Dawn Jenkins, Corey Stein, KT Travers

Quorum = 4



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**SUNLAND-TUJUNGA
NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

Arts, Recreation & Culture Committee (STARC)
Special Meeting Tuesday, November 18, 2025 @ 7:30 PM
McGroarty Arts Center

MINUTES (Draft)

In Attendance: Joe DeCenzo, Dawn Jenkins, Gerardo Barrientos, Joanna Gates GUESTS: Annette Bether, Peggy Carroll, David Gouger, Martin Segura, Juvi Segura, Zoe Segura, Olga Segura, Elliot Segura, Hector Ramirez, Diana Gomula, Mark Streafer, Jerry Nerren ON ZOOM Cindy Cleghorn, David Jenkins, Ginny Atherton, Patricia Ramsey

1. **Call To Order; Introductions**, Committee Chair, Joe DeCenzo, convened the meeting at 7:37 p.m. He introduced the attending committee members to the group of guests attending the meeting.
2. **Review mission statement; Code of Conduct; Quorum requirements**: Joe DeCenzo stated the committee's mission is to nurture the artistic pride of Sunland Tujunga and to assist artists and organizations in achieving their goals. He reviewed the code of conduct and invited all to review the full wording at www.empowerla.org. The committee's quorum is 4.
3. **Public Comments/Updates for Non-Agenda Items**: American Legion member, Peggy Carroll mentioned "Friendsgiving" at the hall is Saturday, November 22 at 6:00 p.m. all are invited. American Legion member, Patricia Ramsey (Zoom) informed the committee of "Wreathes Across America," 9:00 a.m., Sat. Dec. 13th at Verdugo Hills Cemetery. Their goal is to place 51 wreathes and they need 19 more sponsored at \$17 each. Gerardo Barrientos contributed to further the effort. Joe DeCenzo mentioned the Randy Van Horn singers will be performing at Bolton Hall, Sat. Dec. 13th at 1:00 p.m., and Hanukkah in the Foothills is Thursday, December 18th, 4:30 p.m. at the Elks Lodge.
4. Guest Speaker: Juvencio Segura "Americanism Through Service" 95 years of American Legion Post 377 Tujunga. Juvi Segura proudly represented those who have served their country and the American Legion with a beautifully history of the organization, its establishment and goals for the future.
5. Approval of minutes of October 28, 2025: Joe DeCenzo read through the minutes of the prior month's meeting. Gerardo Barrientos moved to approve the minutes as written. Dawn Jenkins seconded. Motion passed 4-0.
6. Update: **McGroarty Arts Center**: Annette Bether spoke about the upcoming "Chili Bowl Festival/Holiday Craft Fair" here at MAC on December 6 & 7. 36 artisans will be attending. Beer and wine will be served. Registration is open for the winter session.
7. **Discussion:/Action**: Community projects, events, murals, gardens TABLED
8. Options and Opinions for new committee chair: The committee is actively seeking a replacement Chair.
9. **Adjourn** 9:09 p.m.

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