

SENA Board of Directors Public Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 9, 2025 | 7:00pm | Lake Hiawatha Rec Center (in-person)

Attachments [LINK TO FOLDER](#)

- June 2025 Agenda (this document)
- May 2025 Minutes
- LWV co-sponsorship agreement
- SENA May Management Report

Attendance

BOARD MEMBERS (Quorum = 6)

Ash Tifa, Bonnie Smith, Brynn Kasper, Carol Dungan (Vice President), Cheryllyne Vaz (President), David Thebus, Frederick Desjarlait, Josh Adrian, Madelyn Sundberg (Secretary), Sheila Cracraft Fehler (Treasurer), Tina Lahti

Present: Ash Tifa, Bonnie Smith, Brynn Kasper, Carol Dungan (Vice President), Cheryllyne Vaz (President), Madelyn Sundberg (Secretary), Sheila Cracraft Fehler (Treasurer), Tina Lahti

Absent, excused: David Thebus, Frederick Desjarlait

Absent, unexcused:

STAFF: Amanda Nicklaus

COMMUNITY MEMBERS: Jeffrey Swainhart, Aurin Chowdhury, Lauren Piper, Rob Pieh, Fern Weiss, Chad & Jen Rubey

7:00 Call to Order & Roll Call (10 min)

7:10 Approval of consent agenda items (5 min) - [Board Motion #1](#)

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- April 2025 Minutes
- SENA May Management Report

7:30 Guests and Elected Officials (25 min)

- 15 min - Cedar Inn
 - Hours expanded during COVID-19 to 2am everyday as a special permission
 - Send emails to 311 and forward to the Ward 12 office for Aurin's office to get to the right people minneapolis311@minneapolismn.gov
 - Concerns about the expansion paired with the hours and the hard liquor license
 - Concern over drunk driving and over serving
 - ~40 houses in the impacted area of 300ft

- The record is needed for talking to business licensing, will get a 10 day mailed notice for the public hearing
- Please copy jose.gomez@minneapolismn.gov
- 10 min - Aurin Chowdhury
 - There will be 3 levels to the administrative tickets for the pilot program of the ticketing, will also be data collection, county hasn't agreed to any roads
 - Had recent safety meeting at Roosevelt High School, added patrols in the area of the predator, the school has been very responsive
 - The ward has had an increase in property crimes/thefts
 - June 18th nokomis east public safety meeting at Keewaydin Rec Center 6pm
 - Roll out of data based violence interruption measures has been slower than anticipated
 - Will be new safety ambassadors on Lake and Franklin corridors
 - Lisa did get seated on the pedestrian advisory board
 - Traffic calming on state aid roads is moving forward and looking at getting state funding
 - Immigrant support resources:
 - <https://www2.minneapolismn.gov/government/departments/ncr/immigrants-refugees/know-your-rights-and-resources/>
 - <https://unidos-mn.org/>
 - <https://www.miracmn.com/>
 - Shop at Lake St businesses is a good way to support

7:15 Operations and Financials (30 min)

- 5 min - Shelia - treasurer updates
 - More time needed next month to discuss the 6 month budget report and progress on spending out the contract amount, progress of the events spending
 - May need to consider an appointment extension on treasurer
 - Receipts required by the city for over \$500 new policy
 - Will meet with events committee on scheduling the board retreat
 - Need to follow up with the marathon award
- 25 min - Amanda Nicklaus - updates on work
 - Google drive - scheduling kick off
 - New website - now past the garage sale so it can go live, submit any feedback asap, anticipate an email motion to launch in next few weeks
 - LWV free site has been selected in Minnehaha area on October 8th (Longfellow Neighborhood), we will be responsible for the flyer

8:05 Committee Updates (25 min)

- Community Engagement Committee
 - April 26th earth day - debrief
 - Focus on the stenciling storm drains
 - May 10th garden tool swap - debrief

- Neighborhood day
 - Raffle
 - Roxanne talks
 - Fundraiser for the paint a pot ~\$130
- June 6-8th Garage Sale - debrief
 - 49 sign ups in the neighborhood to be on the map
 - Standish Green had more success on Friday, slower traffic Saturday and Sunday
 - Could try to coordinate with Nokomis and Longfellow, Carol will call and chat
- July street clean up
 - Focus on the weed pulling of the medians
- August NNO
 - Board members need to clear calendars, August 5th
- Consider if we could partner on a Know Your Rights event
- Communications Committee
 - Anticipating more updates next year with the new website
 - Will be sending sign up for block leaders NNO
- Housing & Community Development Committee: Housing, Transportation, Business, and Infrastructure
 - Next public safety session - July meeting
 - Lighted sign has been added on 28th, can it be moved closer to 45th

8:30 Adjourn

Board Actions & Decisions:

1. Motion to approve consent items:
 - a. June 2025 Agenda
 - b. May 2025 Minutes
 - c. SENA May Management Report
 - Forwarded: Cheryllyne
 - Second: Shelia
 - Passed: **YES**