

SENA Board of Directors Public Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 13, 2025 | 7pm | Sibley Rec Center (in-person)

Attachments [LINK TO FOLDER](#)

- January 2025 Agenda (this document)
- December 2024 Minutes
- December 2024 Financials

Attendance

BOARD MEMBERS (Quorum = 7)

Bonnie Smith, Brynn Kasper, Carol Dungan (Vice President), Carrie Thompson, Cherylyne Vaz (President), David Thebus, Frederick Desjarlait, Madelyn Sundberg (Secretary), Sheila Cracraft Fehler (Treasurer), Sofia Mifsud, Susan Calvit, Tina Lahti

Present: Brynn Kasper, Carol Dungan (Vice President), Carrie Thompson, Cherylyne Vaz (President), David Thebus, Madelyn Sundberg (Secretary), Sheila Cracraft Fehler (Treasurer), Tina Lahti

Absent, excused: Bonnie Smith, Frederick Desjarlait, Sofia Mifsud (LOA), Susan Calvit (LOA)

Absent, unexcused:

STAFF:

COMMUNITY MEMBERS: Cora Peterson, Josh Adrian

7:00 Call to Order & Roll Call (5 min)

7:05 Approval of consent agenda items (5 min) - [Board Motion #1](#)

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7:10 Guests and Elected Officials (40 min)

- 15 min total - Community members & guests
 - Cora Peterson - tennis courts
 - Significant removals of historically available courts
 - USTA may be willing to provide funding
 - Looking for help coordinating with MPRB commission and Aurin, building community support

- It would be helpful to know what parking is needed

7:50 Operations and Financials (25 min) - Board Motion #2

- 2025 Budget: includes a staff member 20 hours a week
 - Included mailers, food for key events, the budget from community engagement was trimmed a little to fit the org budget but most was maintained and the rest might be through donation and a separate budget

7:40 Committee Updates (30 min)

- Hiring Committee
 - Recommendation to hire Amanda Nicklaus - **Board Motion #3**
- Exec Committee
 - Planning the board retreat
 - Community Connections Conference - Saturday, Feb. 8, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. - Brynn, Cheryllyne, Tina interested
- Community Engagement Committee
 - 2025 Events Calendar - discuss next meeting
 - Brynn will send winter warmer recap
 - May 10th garden tool swap - David interested in helping
- Communications Committee
 - Post about feral cat resources?
- Housing & Community Development Committee: Housing, Transportation, Business, and Infrastructure
 - Working on Mission/Guidelines
 - Couple development projects contacted SENA
 - Reviewing language of city policy and park plans
 - Lake Hiawatha Golf Course - Listening Session debrief, upcoming engagement on Thursday

8:30 Adjourn

Board Actions & Decisions:

1. Motion to approve consent items:
 - a. December 2024 Agenda
 - b. November 2024 Minutes
 - c. November 2024 Financials
 - d. January 2025 Agenda
 - e. December 2024 Minutes
 - f. December 2024 Financials

Forwarded: Tina

Second: Brynn

Passed: **YES**

2. Motion to approve the 2025 SENA budget.

Forwarded: Cheryllyne

Second: Caroll

Passed: **YES**

3. Motion to approve the hiring of Amanda Nicklaus as SENA's Board Administrator at a rate of 20 hours ago.

Forwarded: Cheryllyne

Second: Shelia

Passed: **YES**