

SENA Board of Directors Public Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 10, 2025 | 7pm | Sibley Rec Center (in-person)

Attachments [LINK TO FOLDER](#)

- February 2025 Agenda (this document)
- January 2025 Minutes

Attendance

BOARD MEMBERS (Quorum = 7)

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

Present: Bonnie Smith, Brynn Kasper, Carol Dungan (Vice President), David Thebus, Madelyn Sundberg (Secretary), Sheila Cracraft Fehler (Treasurer), Tina Lahti

Absent, excused: Carrie Thompson, Cherylllyne Vaz (President), Sofia Mifsud (LOA), Susan Calvit (LOA)

Absent, unexcused:

STAFF: Amanda Nicklaus

COMMUNITY MEMBERS: Carol HejlStone, Andy Schilling, 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](#)

- February 2025 Agenda (this document)
- January 2024 Minutes

7:10 Operations and Financials (5 min)

- Amanda Nicklaus - Introduction

7:15 Guests and Elected Officials (40 min)

- 15 min - Lake Hiawatha Park Playground Improvements - Carol HejlStone
 - Equipment is at or above 20 years, so significant wear
 - Concerns about fall surface of concrete in areas
 - Will keep the solid parts of the wood structure of the older kids area
 - Sailboat feature and mn fish, the theme is minnesota beach
 - There will be a small nature play area
 - Budget is \$330,000
 - Bike parking will be updated to accommodate more bikes and add a picnic table

- Kids have requested see-saw and monkey bars
- Schedule will be this summer/fall for 6 to 8 weeks construction
- No impacts to the existing trees
- Can't include a pavilion as part of this project but should reach out to park commissioner to advocate
- 15 min - Bike Skills Park at 34th Ave S and Minnehaha Creek - Andy Schilling
 - Engagement plan is the current point in the project
 - Online survey will be available Feb 25-March 28
 - Open House at Nokomis Community Center Mar 13, 2025 6-7:30pm
 - Will have kits where you can design the track at Sibley, Hiawatha, and Nokomis
 - Virtual Open House Mar 18, 2025 5:30-6:30pm on Zoom
 - Follow up survey in April/May, could host a pop up on May 10th
 - Budget for construction is \$265,000
 - 34th Ave S and 47th St E, this replaces the bank of 3 tennis courts
 - The existing bike skills park by Nokomis Community Center will likely return to tennis
 - It will not be lit for night use
- Community members & guests
 - Cora Peterson - conversations with MPRB about tennis courts have begun, NENA put a statement of support forward if MPRB and SENA agree, support the courts group might be able to help with funding based on initial conversations with the idea of private funding and then gifting the courts to MPRB, would be in favor of shaded picnic tables, potentially a public restroom and support facility, this would go through the full community engagement process, could do the tournaments with adding a minimum of 4 courts though the initial schematic shows an additional 7

7:55 Committee Updates (20 min)

- Exec Committee
 - Community Connections Conference - summary, not many neighborhoods represented, Tina recommends tabling next year
 - City survey needs to be finished, anticipate language to approve at March meeting, Kate did assist on the 2024 debrief
- Community Engagement Committee
 - 2025 Events Calendar - **Board Motion #2**
 - Winter Warmer summary
 - May 10th garden tool swap
 - Include a survey on the mailer
- Communications Committee
 - Need calendar of events images for socials
- Housing & Community Development Committee: Housing, Transportation, Business, and Infrastructure

- Clay Courts applied for a partnership engagement grant through the city with SENA as the neighborhood partner
- Lake Hiawatha Golf Course - engagement summary
- Facade grant - insurance just need to submit, has been paid

8:30 Adjourn

Board Actions & Decisions:

1. Motion to approve consent items:
 - a. February 2025 Agenda
 - b. January 2025 Minutes
 - c. January 2025 Financials

Forwarded: Brynn
Second: Carol
Passed: **YES**
2. Motion to approve the 2025 SENA events calendar.

Forwarded: Tina
Second: Bonnie
Passed: **YES**