

## SENA Board of Directors Public Meeting Minutes

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

### Attachments [LINK TO FOLDER](#)

- March 2025 Agenda (this document)
- February 2025 Minutes
- City Annual Report
- Lake Hiawatha Park playground letter of support

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### Attendance

#### BOARD MEMBERS (Quorum = 5)

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

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

**Absent, excused:** Bonnie Smith, Cheryllyne Vaz (President), Frederick Desjarlait, Tina Lahti

**Absent, unexcused:**

STAFF: Amanda Nicklaus

COMMUNITY MEMBERS: Samantha Sencer-Mura (MN Rep), Maren Harden

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

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

- March 2025 Agenda (this document)
- February 2025 Minutes
- Financials will be approved by email after updated numbers are submitted

**7:10 Board Member Resignations (5 min)**

- Resignations: Carrie Thompson, Sofia Mifsud, and Susan Calvit

**7:15 Operations and Financials (15 min)**

- **Amanda Nicklaus** - Work completed and assessment of SENA
  - If we did a logo redesign it would be interesting to do a few options with community input and trying to see what makes the neighborhood unique to the public
  - Consider a sans serif font for a more modern take
  - The circle version is more contained but the dark blue doesn't pop as much
  - Want a brand guide

- Senior center is interested in several large print copies of calendar and newsletter

### **7:30 Guests and Elected Officials (40 min)**

- 20 min - Traffic concerns on 28th Avenue
  - Big neighbor concern with intersection of 28th Ave and 45th St
  - Can't see to exit side streets because of thick parking in the summer
  - Crossing at 43rd St is the easiest location at this point or the light at 44th
  - This is an MSA street (Municipal State Aid Street) which is for moving goods
  - Rep Sencer-Mura is on transportation committee and working with Aurin on this issue
  - The cameras that are planned will be moving around to gather data
  - Looking to increase funding for traffic safety currently funded through a federal grant program, this originally didn't fund MSA streets but are considering changing this rule
  - Also looking at changing the rules of traffic calming on MSA streets
  - Consensus from neighbors on what traffic solution the neighbors want there would be helpful
  - Maybe something could coincide with the work at the park/playground
  - Can this be privately funded traffic calming? Could we run a fundraiser?
  - Could it be a different surface material or an alternative traffic calming? Bumpouts, median, remove parking, parklet
  - Is there a local school class that could engage with this for a school project?
  - Survey? Table at an upcoming event?

### **8:10 New Board Member (5 min)**

- Josh Adrian - **Board Motion #2**

### **8:15 Committee Updates (15 min)**

- Exec Committee
  - City Annual Report - **Board Motion #3**
  - League of Women Voters candidate forum co-sponsorship - **Board Motion #4**
    - Assuming that advertising is primary commitment, tabling
    - Need more information on the financial contribution
    - Amanda will follow up
- Community Engagement Committee
  - Thank you from Children's Hospital for the toy donations
  - April 26th earth day clean up on 42nd St
  - May 10th garden tool swap
  - Connecting with Standish Green, want to follow up with more of a survey or regular attendance of their board meetings to get feedback
- Housing & Community Development Committee: Housing, Transportation, Business, and Infrastructure
  - Lake Hiawatha Park playground letter of support
    - Want to see the revised design, any material differences

- Neighborhood safety meetings - Amanda to gather more information from the park and the police liaisons
- Tennis court expression of support - want to draft letter to MPRB along the lines of the following: To collaborate with MPRB on gathering community input and soliciting neighbor feedback on a proposal for the best use of space and the possibility of more tennis courts at the Nokomis-Hiawatha regional park, if MPRB deems that the addition of courts to that location is technically feasible, there is sufficient demand for new tennis courts, and it is supported by the masterplan for the park.
- Basketball courts request for support on grant application for Lake Hiawatha Park

## **8:55    Adjourn**

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### **Board Actions & Decisions:**

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

Forwarded: Brynn  
Second: Sheila  
Passed: **YES**
2. Motion to approve Josh Adrian as an interim board member.

Forwarded: Brynn  
Second: Carol  
Passed: **YES**
3. Motion to approve the City Annual Report.

Forwarded: Sheila  
Second: Carol  
Passed: **YES**
4. Motion to open discussion on co-sponsored candidate forum.

Forwarded: Shelia  
Second: Josh  
Passed: **YES**