

SENA Board of Directors Public Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 8, 2025 | 7:00pm | Lake Hiawatha Rec Center/ Zoom (hybrid)

Attachments [LINK TO FOLDER](#)

- September 2025 Agenda (this document)
- August 2025 Minutes
- SENA August Management Report

Attendance

BOARD MEMBERS (Quorum = 6)

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

Present:

Absent, excused: Bonnie Smith, Cherylyne Vaz (President), Frederick Desjarlait

Absent, unexcused:

STAFF: Amanda Nicklaus

COMMUNITY MEMBERS: M, Jess Sundin, Jennifer Nealy

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 Announcements, Guests, and Elected Officials (5 min)

- Jennifer Neale Crime Prevention Specialist - just hear to discuss any cases, raised the issues at Jackalope Tattoo vandalism and Hendri will reach out, Bulls Horn was also broken into as a burglary

7:15 Operations and Financials (35 min)

- 5 min - Madelyn
 - Online vote passed on August 18, 2025: Continue holding board meetings at Lake Hiawatha Rec Center for the foreseeable future to provide residents with a clear, consistent, and reliable meeting location for SENA Board meetings
- 15 min - Amanda

- Second [mailer](#) went out, having 50 extras would be nice to have at events, see if additional can be sent
- LWV event has an additional meeting this month, will send an invoice to us
 - LWV Park Forum can we donate to help with this as a sponsor - will there be a question period/what is the format?
 - Amanda will follow up and cc Sheila: Motion to make \$200 donation to LWV to support park candidate forum for the 5th district if there is a question period / presentation by candidates - **Board Motion #2**
 - Talk with Tina about advertising all the LWV
- Large increase in subscribers for newsletter
- Call for web designers to help us with the next phase (adding a resource list, business directory, and meeting minutes/agendas) - Madelyn and Amanda are working on it, Carol will review
- Move next meeting to the Tuesday after Indigenous People's Day
- 20 min - Sheila
 - Budget process - groups to support: renters, immigrants, elders
 - Ash is working on reachout with city for immigrant resources
 - Sheila and Amanda will compile list of document for board members to review prior to next meeting and work on long answer questions, Amanda will set up an online work meeting / start during executive committee meeting
 - Community Engagement Committee will work on calendar for the next year, Sheila will check on neighborhood day date

7:55 Announcements, Guests, and Elected Officials (10 min)

- Jess Sundin - Lucy Parsons Center
 - The old YMCA building across from the high school
 - Provide political activist meeting space
 - Volunteer run group
 - Private groups can reserve it, see them on instagram and they have an online form, roughly \$100 for a 3 or 4 hours, tables and chairs for 100 people on main floor, bigger room in basement but not accessible
 - Have been having bbqs and ice cream socials for neighbors
- Cecelia is back to the neighborhood and interested in being a board member

8:10 Committee Updates (20 min)

- Exec Committee
 - Preparing for elections at October meeting
- Community Engagement Committee
 - Annual Meeting September 21, 2025 5:30-7pm
 - Flyer distribution
 - Quarter sheet for holiday photoshoot
 - SWAG pickup, Amanda will do verify that she is available

- Brynn is working with Carbonnes on 16 pizza order, send Sheila the \$ estimate, Carol will pickup the pizza
 - Speakers - Sheila is working on contacting the high school principal
 - Bring the leftover icecream
 - Print paper ballots - check the drive
- Diane and Alan Page Community Cheer Challenge Sunday, October 5, 2025
 - 2024 check - has been received
 - Band secured
 - Will have donuts and coffee and poster supplies
- Halloween Event
 - At the train museum
 - Bloodmobile? Or a future event?
 - Holiday decor swap
- Shop SENA/Photoshoot
 - Trying to coordinate with Ferris
 - Business passport stamp book?
- Board Retreat
 - Will set date at October meeting
- Housing & Community Development Committee: Housing, Transportation, Business, and Infrastructure
 - Roof Depot - David will follow up
 - Fence at Hiawatha and 45th - Amanda will reach out to see if they need a letter of support, this is a historic site
 - Community garden sponsorship request - no updates
 - 44th Street and 35th Avenue
 - Facade Improvement Grant Application from Hair Creative - couple in progress
 - Cedar Inn application for new liquor license and location change - no updates

8:30 Adjourn

Board Actions & Decisions:

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

2. Motion to make \$200 donation to LWV to support park candidate forum for the 5th district if there is a question period / presentation by candidates.

Forwarded: Shelia

Second: Ash

Passed: **YES**