

SENA Board of Directors Public Meeting Agenda

Monday, August 11, 2025 | 7:00pm | Lake Hiawatha Rec Center (in-person)

Attachments [LINK TO FOLDER](#)

- August 2025 Agenda (this document)
- July 2025 Minutes
- SENA July 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: Bonnie Smith, Brynn Kasper, Carol Dungan (Vice President),

Absent, excused: Ash Tifa, Frederick Desjarlait

Absent, unexcused:

STAFF: Amanda Nicklaus

COMMUNITY MEMBERS: Tyler Pederson, Nicole

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 Lake Hiawatha Golf Course Updates (30 min)

- Tyler Pederson
- Hiawatha Links Ecology Stakeholders next meeting Tuesday **Aug 12, 2025** 4-5:30pm at McRae Park, presenting 44 boards of information
- Open House scheduled Thursday, Aug. 14, 6:30-8 pm at Lake Nokomis Community Center - same boards but not a presentation
- Have a separate meeting for golf community
- Presenting three concept plans, have collected agency and department feedback already
- Had a meeting on winter recreation already - 5k loop and some practice areas, sledding hill
- Will bring the plans together September - November, 30% design set by end of 2025, design work and fundraising through 2029, likely breaking ground in 2030

- Public survey will be emailed out in next week and will be available for 2 weeks, please share through socials and newsletter
- Do collect zipcodes of survey respondents
- Middle and high school coaches are excited about the learning center spaces that will be included in the development
- Working on partnering with First Tee of MN for programming
- The maintenance facilities are a separate project, this spring there will be a parking lot and restroom/office facility added

7:40 Announcements, Guests, and Elected Officials (10 min)

- Nicole - Activism Raffle by Stand Up Neighbors, a grassroots that is fundraising for various non-profits with the goal of getting people activated in community building, could give out a little SENA brochure with upcoming events, August 20th at Sister Sludge

7:40 Operations and Financials (10 min)

- Shelia - check for \$1000 from Target received
- 10 min - Madelyn - staff updates from Amanda
 - Second [mailer](#) in progress - goal to have done August 15th
 - LWV meeting tomorrow
 - Website - old site is redirected to new
 - Call for web designers to help us with the next phase (adding a resource list, business directory, and meeting minutes/agendas)
 - David has a geolocated business list is complete, want to create a map that can be linked in to website

8:00 Committee Updates (40 min)

- Exec Committee
 - Looking ahead to executive committee elections, consider if you are interested in a role
 - Shelia will continue for an additional year as treasurer, need to recruit a new board member who can be an apprentice
- Community Engagement Committee
 - August NNO
 - Had swag for event
 - Root beer floats delivered to 20 parties
 - Approx 225 root beer floats served
 - Went well and want to repeat, could find a way to use the extra the next day
 - Annual Meeting September 21, 2025 5:30-7pm
 - Speakers we want to attend - community update [Samantha Sencer-Mura](#) , a performer/musician might draw people, someone from the park board, Roosevelt president (Shelia will ask)

- Pizza again, we have root beer, will get grapes, sparkling water, Brynn will contact Carbones
 - Should get on the calendar at park so the restroom is available, Bonnie will put in the request for 5-7pm
 - Would like to sell swag at annual meeting
- Diane and Alan Page Community Cheer Challenge Sunday, October 5, 2025
 - Prior check? Not yet
 - Have received confirmation for this year
- Housing & Community Development Committee: Housing, Transportation, Business, and Infrastructure
 - Lake Hiawatha Playground upgrade project is starting early, 5-6 weeks to complete if weather cooperates, splash pad is not impacted
 - Community garden sponsorship request - Shelia is meeting with the neighbor
 - 44th Street and 35th Avenue
 - Naloxone Access Point - can talk about next month
 - Facade Improvement Grant Application from Hair Creative - application under way
 - Sidewalk Cafe at SunBean Coffee has opened
 - Cedar Inn application for new liquor license and location change - no updates
 - Traffic calming is coming to 28th Ave S as part of the MSA Streets 2025 Pilot! 28th Ave S & 45th St. E has been selected to receive narrow medians in the center of the street to slow traffic and to help pedestrians at intersections and help with pedestrian crossings
 - Rain garden grant program - can talk about next month

8:30 Adjourn

Board Actions & Decisions:

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