

# City of Naperville

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### **Meeting Minutes - Draft**

**Saturday, November 15, 2025**

**9:00 AM**

**Council Chambers**

**SECA Commission**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:****A. CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Brodhead called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

**B. ROLL CALL:**

**Present** 9 - Judith Brodhead, Rich Gannon, Tom Miers, Rachna Prasad, Kader Sakkaria, Lai So, Ashfaq Syed, Arthur Zards, and Linda Kuhn

Also present: Miranda Barfuss, Community Grants Manager; Jake Fiedler, Special Events Coordinator; Melanie Marcordes, Director of Community Services; Alex Amato, Student Representative

Commissioner Sakkaria joined the meeting at 9:08 AM.

**C. PUBLIC FORUM:****WRITTEN COMMENTS-**

Jeff Gross (Naperville) Scouting America, Three Fires Council -Thank you for volunteering and serving on the SECA commission. Scouting America had an ambitious event agenda last year with 3 planned events and was only able to execute on the Target and Range Days. While the event was well run, it was not publicized as planned, hence, we decided it was not in the spirit of the program to ask for any reimbursement. The root causes of this poor execution have been rectified, and we look forward to another chance to have the public experience the Target and Range event at the Von Oven property. Thanks.

**SPEAKERS-**

Tony Andrews (Naperville) thanked the SECA Commission for the CY25 grant which enabled the mural on the Naperville Township building.

Sharon Gorrell (Naperville) asked for clarification on the SECA Commission's process and the prohibition on promoting religion.

**D. OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Welcome Commissioner Linda Kuhn

Brodhead welcomed Linda Kuhn.

2. Approve the SECA Commission Meeting Minutes of October 15, 2025

**Attachments:** [SECA Commission Meeting Minutes 101525 - DRAFT](#)

Commissioner Sakkaria made a motion to approve the SECA Commission meeting minutes of October 15, 2025, seconded by So. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

## E. NEW BUSINESS:

Meeting went into Recess 10:35 AM.

Meeting reconvened 10:40 AM.

### 1. Receive public comment on the CY26 SECA Grant Fund applications

**Attachments:** [CY26 SECA Individual Recommendation Worksheet-Revised 111025](#)  
[2](#)

#### SPEAKERS:

Wren Page and Kim Richter - Naperville Youth Symphony Orchestra  
Michael Gold - ArtForum  
Lili Burciaga and Diana Torres Hawken - ALMAS  
Shannon Greene Robb - Downtown Naperville Alliance  
Shivan Vishwanathan - AIANA  
Bernie Slupik and Chris Yelle - Lizzy's Fund  
Kalyan Kumaran - Nrithya Sangeeth  
Chris Dyslin - Young Naperville Singers  
Lynn Hodak and Michael Norkus - Theater for Charity  
Adison Glick - Naperville Heritage Society  
Marvin Veloso - Mandala Arts  
Thom Higgins - Movember Distinguished Gentleman's Ride  
Bill Simon - Naperville Preservation, Inc.  
Kristyn Benedyk - A Pint for Kim  
Barb Brauer - Turning Pointe Autism Foundation  
Phil and Pam Spencer - NaperVoice  
Catherine Clarkin - Accelerate Climate Solutions  
Rick Eertmoed - Naperville Jaycees  
Rich Janor - West Suburban Irish  
Trudie Ranson - Indian Prairie Educational Foundation  
Alaina Dooley - DuPage Children's Museum  
Linda Dimitropoulos - West Suburban Irish  
Saily Joshi - Naperville Neighbors United  
Gary Leavenworth - Naperville Men's Glee Club  
Brooke Wiseman - DuPage Symphony Orchestra  
Salma Mady - Muhsen  
Janet Sommerville - KidsMatter Teen Philanthropy Initiative  
Kathy Thorat - AMEC  
Maria Rodriguez and Shaiska Malca - DuPage Hispanic Alliance  
Tai Ngheim - Sister Cities Foundation  
Ganesh Kar and Deepali Saraogi - Dtribals Foundation  
Chad Pedigo - DuPagePads

Nina Menis - KidsMatter

Manju Daniel - Indian Nurses Association of Illinois

Commissioners asked questions of the speakers regarding their applications.

Brodhead announced the next SECA Commission meeting will be held on Thursday, December 11, 2025 at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers. The commission will review individual funding recommendations and determine a unified funding recommendation to present to City Council.

## **F. ADJOURNMENT:**

Commissioner Gannon made a motion to adjourn the SECA Commission meeting of November 15, 2025 at 12:38 PM, seconded by Sakkaria. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

/S/ Miranda Barfuss

Miranda Barfuss

Community Grants Manager