

City of Naperville

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Naperville

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 28, 2026

6:00 PM

Meeting Room C

SECA Commission

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

Chairman Brodhead called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

B. ROLL CALL:

Present 8 - Judith Brodhead, Rich Gannon, Tom Miers, Rachna Prasad, Lai So, Ashfaq Syed , Arthur Zards, and Linda Kuhn

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

Tien Nghiem, Student Representative, arrived at 6:06 PM.

C. PUBLIC FORUM:**SPEAKERS**

Marilyn Schweitzer (Naperville) discussed SECA process and compliance. Commission discussed and clarified the Speakers' remarks.

D. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Approve the SECA Commission meeting minutes of December 11, 2025

Attachments: [SECA Commission Meeting Minutes 12.11.25 Draft](#)

Commissioner So made a motion to approve the SECA Commission meeting minutes of December 11, seconded by Gannon. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

E. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discuss and confirm the 2026 allocations

SPEAKERS

Marilyn Schweitzer (Naperville) discussed the SECA grant fund program cancellation and set aside policy.

Commission discussed the set aside policy. Brodhead stated public art set aside is a City Council strategy to increase public art.

Commissioner Gannon made a motion to approve the unified recommendation for CY26 SECA Grant Fund allocations and directed staff to submit the recommendation to City Council for review and approval, seconded by Kuhn. The motion was approved by the unanimous vote.

2. Review and approve the 2027 SECA Grant Fund Application Timeline and Process

Attachments: [CY27 SECA Timeline - Final](#)

SPEAKERS

Marilyn Schweitzer (Naperville) discussed the SECA grant fund program process and evaluation method.

Commission discussed the 2027 SECA grant fund Application Timeline and Process.

3. Discuss SECA policy items and/or designate items for the February SECA meeting

SPEAKERS

Marilyn Schweitzer (Naperville) discussed SECA grant fund program items which included religion, sun set provision, change of scope procedure, revised SECA Mission Statement, fundraising event policy, and event alignment of federal 501C requirements.

Commissioners agreed to the suggested language clarifying events promoting religion, declined to support a sunset provision, confirmed that change of scope requests must be presented at a meeting, confirmed the suggested definition of a fundraising event, and confirmed existing SECA policy on the promotion of political organizations. Brodhead and Zards agreed to work on drafting a new SECA Mission Statement and to present options at the next meeting.

F. ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Miers made a motion to adjourn the SECA Commission meeting of January 28, 2026, at 8:33 PM, seconded by Prasad. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

/S/ Jake Fiedler
Jake Fiedler
Special Events Coordinator

