

City of Naperville

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Naperville

Meeting Minutes - Final

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