

City of Naperville

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Naperville

Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday, May 21, 2025

6:00 PM

Meeting Rooms A and B

SECA Commission

A. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Brodhead called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM.

B. ROLL CALL:

Present 7 - Judith Brodhead, Natalia Dagenhart, Rich Gannon, Rich Gannon, Tom Miers, Lai So, and Rachna Prasad
Absent 4 - Kader Sakkaria, David Scriven-Young, Arthur Zards, and Arthur Zards

Also present: Miranda Barfuss, Community Grants Coordinator; Melanie Marcordes, Director of Community Services

Commissioner So made a motion to allow Commissioner Prasad to attend by phone, seconded by Miers. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

C. PUBLIC FORUM:

None

D. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Approve the SECA Commission Meeting minutes of March 20, 2025

Attachments: [SECA Commission Meeting Minutes 032025 - DRAFT](#)

Commissioner Gannon made a motion to approve the SECA Commission meeting minutes of March 20, 2025, seconded by Miers. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

E. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Review a request for \$3,000 of public art set-aside funding from Downtown Naperville Alliance and reach consensus on a funding recommendation

Barfuss presented DNA's request for \$3,000 of public art set-aside funds for a post-construction Washington Street Bridge Ribbon Cutting and celebration event. Commissioners discussed the request and the intent of the public art set-aside funds.

Commissioner Prasad made a motion to approve the Downtown Naperville Alliance's request for \$3,000 of public set-aside funds, seconded by Gannon. The motion was denied and carried by the following vote:

Nay: 6 - Brodhead, Dagenhart, Gannon, Longenbaugh, Miers, So, and Prasad

Absent: 3 - Sakkaria, Scriven-Young, and Zards

2. Receive an update on the cancellation of the Naperville Salute and consider reallocating

the funding award

Barfuss reported that the Naperville Salute Charitable Organization has cancelled the Naperville Salute event for CY25. The event had been awarded \$48,700 for City Services and \$52,000 for Operations, a total of \$100,700. The SECA Commission may reallocate these funds with the recommendation requiring subsequent approval by City Council. Commissioners discussed what reason organizers provided for the cancellation, whether there is a timeline for reallocating the funds, increased City services costs including police and fire salaries, the possibility of rolling the funds to next year, and revisiting the CY25 unified recommendation.

Commissioner Miers made a motion to use the \$100,700 previously awarded for the Naperville Salute for city service cost overages as they occur throughout the year, seconded by So. The motion was approved and carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Brodhead, Dagenhart, Gannon, Longenbaugh, Miers, So, and Prasad

Absent: 3 - Sakkaria, Scriven-Young, and Zards

F. ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioners discussed raising the SECA Budget Allocation for FY26. Barfuss and Brodhead agreed to meet with the City Manager and Finance Director to determine the process for making that recommendation to City Council.

Brodhead recognized and thanked outgoing Commissioner Dagenhart and Emma Noeth, student representative, for their service on the SECA Commission.

Marcordes reported that the NEU meeting room has been updated with new recording capabilities and the regular SECA meetings will be moving to that room next month and going forward. Meetings will be audio recorded and then immediately posted to the City website.

Commissioner Dagenhart made a motion to adjourn the SECA Commission meeting of May 21, 2025 at 6:59 PM, seconded by So. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

/S/ Miranda Barfuss
Miranda Barfuss
Community Grants Coordinator