

GREEKTOWN SSA#16

JUNE 17, 2025 MEETING MINUTES - FINAL

Commissioners Attending

Eve Moran, (EM)
Frank J. Caputo, (FC)
Constantine Vitogiannis, (CV)
Anastasia Makridakis, (AM) via Zoom

Others Attending

Patti Doyle, (PD), Exec. Director WCA
Tia Angelos, (TA), Program Director
Dean T. Maragos, (DTM), Advisor
Andrew Burton, President of 770 W. Gladys Lofts
Janet Kashuba, National Hellenic Museum

Commissioners Absent

Lorraine Rieff-Liakouras
Tom Paspalas
Maria Tsourapas

I. Call to Order, Roll Call – The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. A quorum was present.

II. Community Participation – There was no community participation.

III. Review and Vote on Approval of SSA #16 May 20, 2025 – There was a motion made by CV and seconded by EM to approve the May 20, 2025 meeting minutes as amended. On page 5, under Reports & Updates, Chairman Report #7, 2) It should read “There is a condition with broken streetlight bottoms”. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Closed Session - At 2:15 p.m. the SSA #16 Commission went into Closed Session. At 2:30 p.m. the SSA #16 Commission came out of Closed Session.

V. New Business

TA, PD, CV, DTM and EM met in-person (on June 11 & 12) to develop the proposed 2026 Workplan & Budget. In the process, revisions for 2025 were also shown to be necessary. All of the Commissioners were sent these pertinent documents for review prior to the in-person meeting.

- A. 2025 Budget Modification – TA, PD and EM explained the budget modifications. EM wanted several points to be made.
- a. PD will get DTM the information that was voted on at today’s meeting.
 - b. The SSA review process should be confirmed for 2026 by July 15.

Key modifications discussed:

- Special Events Line item to be changed
- Reduction in Social Media management budget and PR budget
- Review of options for Cleaning Contract

- B. 2026 Draft Workplan & Budget – TA & PD will report to us at the next meeting.

There was ample discussion on the draft of a workplan & budget. PD, CV and EM reported changes to the budget and reasons for the changes. Among other things, TA will do the newsletter and so will take that responsibility from Heron Agency.

PD reviewed every line item to explain to the commission the status of the financial condition and the move of certain amounts between line items as permitted by the statute.

EM and others will be working on the 2025 package of information and the workplan for 2026. There was a motion made by EM and seconded by AM to approve that process. The motion passed unanimously.

There will be an RFP for monument repair to be presented at a subsequent meeting.

PD will discuss with Elizabeth for a Revised PR Contract prior to the next meeting that will move PR from a full-year retainer to an event-based contract.

There was also much discussion about the status of the TOG Rebate that falls under the events category. A motion was made by EM and seconded by FC to implement the TOG Rebate request per the draft document provided at the meeting. There will be finalized documents at the July meeting. There was also discussion concerning getting the SSA more recognition at TOG by using their logo, QR Code and banner.

Social Media – PD and TA will work to reduce the Heron Agency Contract from \$3,000 to \$2,000.

Sidewalk Cleanings – PD reported to the SSA that we would be able to possibly engage the “Urban Autism Solutions” to do the cleanup in Greektown. PD will explore further and also stated we can do an RFP if further options need to be considered.

- C. NHM Gala Sponsorship Request – There was a motion made by CV and seconded by EM to pay for a half-page ad for the National Hellenic Museum’s annual gala. The motion passed unanimously.
- D. TOG Rebate Request 2025 – The SSA cannot predict the 2025 Rebate because there are too many variables at this juncture, and we will need to wait and see how the additional information comes in to make determinations on amounts to be paid the participants. The SSA has \$20,000 in the revised event rebate budget and we will determine at the next SSA meeting if that number would be increased.

VI. Reports & Updates

- A. Security Camera Rebate Report – FC discussed 9 Muses and it was decided that the regulation of the rebate was proper.

- B. Chairman Report –

- 1. EM gave thanks to TA, PD, CV and DTM – everyone for working tirelessly in developing a Workplan & Budget for 2026. The process followed has us look deeply at the 2025 Budget & Actuals to date

There is a very bad rat infestation in Greektown that must be addressed.

- C. Art Chair Report – EM stated all the sculptures were out on the street.

D. Program Director Report/Sole Service Provider Report – EM stated the SSA will refine the job description for TA's Program Director position.

E. Security Committee Report – There was no Security Committee report.

VII. Adjournment – At 3:30 p.m. there was a motion by CV and seconded by AM to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The next SSA #16 Commissioner meeting will be on July 15, 2025, at 2 p.m. at the SSA office.