

GREEKTOWN SSA#16 JANUARY 20, 2026 MEETING MINUTES – FINAL

Commissioners Attending

Eve Moran, (EM)
Constantine Vitogiannis, (CV)
Tom Paspalas, (TP)
Frank J. Caputo, (FC), via Zoom
Maria Tsourapas, (MT), via Zoom
Anastasia Makridakis, proxy to EM
Lorraine Rieff-Liakouras, proxy to EM

Others Attending

Patti Doyle, (PD), Exec. Director WCA
Tia Angelos, (TA), Program Director
Dean T. Maragos, (DTM), Advisor
Brian Narug, Crowne Plaza Chicago West Loop
Janet Kashuba, National Hellenic Museum

I. Call to Order, Roll Call – The meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m. A quorum was present.

II. Community Participation – There was no community participation.

III. Review and Vote on Approval of SSA #16 Minutes from December 16, 2025 – There was a motion by MT and seconded by TP to accept the December 16, 2025 meeting minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. New Business

- A. Security Services Proposal Presentations – Three Security Service Proposal presentations were given today. Tom Walsh gave the presentation for Protexa Security, Brandon Santor gave the presentation for Stark Security and Capt. Salmon & Justin Hunt gave the presentation for Blue Line Security. After much discussion among the Commissioners regarding the three companies there was a vote. By a margin of 5-2, the SSA 16 awarded the contract to Blue Line Security.
- B. Yellowstone Spring Refresh Proposal – TA reported that Yellowstone did a good job. EM wanted to make sure that there was an allocation of \$3,280.00 for the Spring Program. There was a motion made by EM and seconded by TP to approve the Spring Program for \$3,280.00. The motion passed unanimously.
- C. NHM Author Event Partnership Proposal – TA explained that on April 25, 2026 there will be a program concerning supporting authors. Attached is the explanation of the program for review of the SSA. There was a motion made by CV and seconded by FC that the amount to allocate to this program is not to exceed \$800. The motion passed unanimously. AM abstained.
- D. Bookkeeper Update – PD explained that our bookkeeper is seriously ill and we need to hire a new bookkeeper and she will be involved in the hiring process.

V. Reports & Updates

- A. Chairman Report – See attached Chairman Report.
- B. Art Chair Report – EM gave the Art Chair report.

1. All Karavakia have been collected & stored in the office. EM thanked TA for helping with the collections this year.
2. EM started work on the new sculpture for 2026. She will be meeting with Fabio and Connie on January 22nd. (Checking style, dimensions, schedule, costs, etc.)
3. EM and TA will discuss "inside art" plan with businesses. (Canvas art on walls or easels).
4. EM and TA already alerted to special "flags" available for America 250. (This will complement the art).
5. EM and TA must engage "expert" to check strength of temple for Callas sculpture asap.

C. Program Director Report/Sole Service Provider Report –

Program Director Report - TA stated she will send the new Blue Line Contract for review.

Sole Service Provider Report – PD gave an update on the finances.

- D. Security Committee Report – CV stated that the community has been relatively quiet, and he stated he believed Blue Line is doing a good job. EM wanted to inform Stark & Protexa that we appreciated their participation in the RFP. The Blue Line Contract will be from 1/1/26 to 12/31/26.

VI. Adjournment – At 3:30 p.m. there was a motion by TP and seconded by CV to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The next SSA #16 Commissioner meeting will be on February 17, 2026, at 2 p.m. at the SSA office.

Chairman report for January 2026 (EM)

A. Year-end 2025 Highlights:

Streetscape project completed!
(Thanks to former Chair, Frank Caputo)

Audit timely submitted.

2026 Workplace & Budget voted on in July.
2025 Budget Revisions also done.

Sidewalk cleaning (one event).

Street flowers were stunning.

Events managed by Tia all went beautifully.

Restaurant week was promoted in March; Parade was a hit in the Spring; splendid Public Art opening in June; Marathon station was fun in October; November Tree Lighting was grand; and our fabulous holiday street lights continue to spark the neighborhood.

Further, the SSA supported "Taste of Greektown" in August with rebates, social media & PR.

Author event (Eugenides) gave us opportunity to promote SSA to a Museum audience.

What changed:

Bookkeeper James Delahunt left in September.

Office rent reduction went into effect on May 1.

Newsletter now handled by Tia.

Only 1 power-wash of sidewalks instead of 2.

B. Year-End Financial Analysis

1. Big-ticket Items:

Security -

Special Events -

Holiday Decorations -

Rebates -

Art -

PR & Social Media -

Landscaping -

Streetscape elements -

Insurance - (public way insurance; liability; property)

2. Need to Maintain/Revitalize

—Special events keep us in the news!
Indeed, PR & Social Media rely heavily on promotions of these.
(So this item needs sufficient funding).

—Facade Rebate program will be redone.

— Monuments: The Temple (on Monroe needs repair).
This may be an expensive venture.

- Art will be big this year.
America's 250th Anniversary so we want to be on top.

- a 2nd sidewalk power-wash should happen in 2026

C. 2006 Calendar of Work Activity:

Reflecting SSA meeting dates, DPD events, contract renewal dates, RFP's and other business tasks.