

GREEKTOWN SSA#16

APRIL 21, 2026 MEETING MINUTES – FINAL

Commissioners Attending

Eve Moran, (EM)
Frank J. Caputo, (FC), via Zoom
Lorraine Rieff-Liakouras, (LL), via Zoom
Anastasia Makridakis, (AM), via Zoom
Tom Paspalas, (TP)

Others Attending

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

Commissioners Absent

Maria Tsourapas
Constantine Vitogiannis

I. Call to Order, Roll Call – The meeting was called to order at 2:03 p.m. A quorum was present.

II. Community Participation – Janet Kashuba thanked the SSA for their solid support for the Greektown Parade which was a huge success.

III. Review and Vote on Approval of SSA #16 Minutes from February 17, 2026 – There was a motion by TP and seconded by AM to accept the February 17, 2026 meeting minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. New Business

- A. Q 1 2026 Report – PD reviewed the Quarterly Report and stated that the Department of Planning and Development wants additional information on Façade Rebates and Security Rebates to be reported by the SSA. There was a motion made by EM and seconded by TP to accept the Quarterly Report as given. The motion passed unanimously. PD stated she is going to be meeting with the Alderman on the Quarterly Report per the request of the Department of Planning and Development.
- B. 2027 Planning Dates – PD reviewed the Planning Dates for 2027. The first draft of the 2027 Budget is due on June 5, 2026. The final draft of the 2027 Budget is due June 15, 2026. A special meeting may need to be called for the SSA on June 9, 2026.
- C. 2026 Art Project Neighborhood Involvement – EM gave her report concerning the major event on June 9, 2026 concerning the 4th of July festivities in which the public will be invited. EM went into great detail per the attached document concerning the event and the desire for full neighborhood participation. EM wants DTM to prepare an introduction concerning the ideas of the ancient Greeks and how they influenced the “Declaration of Independence.” EM wanted to invite the Hellenic Bar Association to this event.
- D. Public Relations Contract Amendment – EM and PD commented on a possible PR Contract Amendment. They will talk with our PR Company concerning the amendment.

V. Reports & Updates

A. Chair's Report – Given by Chair EM

1. Audit Delay

Generally, our auditor (Cary Hall & Associates) would present audit findings at our April meeting. But certain County reports essential to the auditor's work are as yet unavailable (This impacts on all SSAs).

Hence, DPD is extending the requisite SSA audit submission deadline to June 1, 2026.

Now, we hope the reports will come in time for our auditor to present at the Commission meeting on May 19, but it is a fluid situation and there is no guarantee. If things don't work out by that date, we may need to call a "special meeting" on a later date. The audit review & approval is a most critical thing.

2. Budget Check-In: May

At the May meeting, we need to review our 2026 budget to see where we actually stand. Things change and we need to update. At this point, we've already added to budget spending with approval for Fall plantings (\$9,310) and support for the Greek Independence parade (\$15,000).

3. Greek Independence Parade: April 19

Thanks to Tia for her exceptional work in coordinating the Greek Independence Parade. This is an important event for our community, and it is most important that the parade continues to stay in our beloved Greektown.

We are highly grateful to Enosis and its president, George Reveliotis, for a truly spectacular parade! It brought great joy and pride to Greektown. There were lots of lively spectators too (I saw the restaurants were full). I give high praise to the scriptwriter who prepared short & meaningful introductions for each parade participant. This added richly to the festivities. And the remarks themselves were delivered in beautiful voice. A good number of dignitaries and honorable guests were cheering on the participants. The Evzones, I must say, were the most stunning aspect of the parade. Bravo!

4. Continuing Work

Know that TA and I will be very busy this week working on Greektown 250 (website postings, posters, other communications, etc.). Further, TA will prepare an RFP for repair of the monuments and revise the Façade rebate forms.

5. Tree guards near Rye on Halsted north of Monroe.

B. Art Chair Report – There was no Art Chair Report

C. Program Director Report/Sole Service Provider Report

Program Director Report – TA informed everyone concerning the success of the Parade.

Sole Service Provider Report – No additional report was given.

D. Security Committee Report – TA stated she will report to the SSA on important events. There is a new Captain of the Police Department.

VI. Adjournment – At 3:30 p.m. there was a motion by TP and seconded by EV to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The next SSA #16 Commissioner meeting will be on May 19, 2026, at 2 p.m. at the SSA office.