

South Shore Cultural Center Advisory Council Membership January 11th, Meeting 2025
South Shore Cultural Center Lakeview Room 10:43am

In attendance

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| 1. James Patterson (<i>President</i>) | 7. Linda Young |
| 2. Susannah Ribstein (<i>Vice President</i>) | 8. Rashanah Baldwin |
| 3. Bobbie Greer (<i>Secretary</i>) | 9. Ana Marija Sokovic |
| 4. Deborah Muhammed (<i>Treasurer</i>) | 10. Cullis Flinn |
| 5. David Offenber | 11. Jemita Simmons |
| 6. Dylan Smith (Program and Event Facilitator) | 12. Adekunle Adeleke |

Minutes – December minutes read and approved with correction under the discussion topic of landmark endanger status corrected statement of discussion listed here with reference link per Ana Sokovic *applied the Robeson Outdoor Theater be included in the Most Endangered Historic Places in Illinois list, an annual program by Landmarks Illinois that highlights threatened properties to raise public awareness, support local advocacy, and encourage preservation efforts. Inclusion in the list helps generate attention, puts pressure on decision-makers, and provides access to resources and expertise for preservation solutions. We should learn about the results by May 1st.*

reference link: <https://blockclubchicago.org/2024/12/11/help-save-chicagos-historic-buildings-by-nominating-them-for-endangered-status/>

Center Director - Dylan Smith, Program and Event Facilitator reporting for Center Director – installing fence by birding sanctuary, paving parking area scheduled for this Spring and a vending machine added on the main level.

Program and Event Facilitator – Dylan – Christmas event, breakfast with Santa and Polar Express movie showing, 220 attendees for brunch with only about 10% attended the movie; will re-imagine concept showing a movie for 2025 Christmas event. Thanks to SSCCPAC volunteers, James, Deborah, Linda, Bobbie, David, Sally Martini, Tamorro Wilkins, and guests, Samantha Dewberry and Krystal Amevor, After School Matters (ASM) teens from culinary program, Cultural Nature, and Arts (CAN) provided the sound, movie, and popcorn; Nafsi provided the refreshments of cookies and hot chocolate. Kuumba Lynx participation is dwindling and Dylan proposed planning for 2025 events and community program partnerships. DCASE grant deadline application is December 15th.

Treasurer Report – Deborah Muhammad, Treasurer – ending bank balance December 31, 2024, \$3094.84. Paid Sandel Coleman \$450.00 for performance as Santa and \$14 for PAC annual State of Illinois filing. Proposed budget needed for 2025.

Performing Arts Report – Reminder Civic Orchestra FREE concert January 19th MLK Tribute Concert 2pm.

Nominating Committee Chair – David Offenber open election for 2025 officers, announced candidates on the ballot, Linda Young, president, Rashanah Baldwin, vice president, Ana Marija Sokovic, vice president, Bobbie Greer, secretary, and Deborah Muhammad, treasurer. Bobbie nominated Jemita Simmons from the floor as secretary, Jemita accepted, Bobbie withdrew her name as secretary from ballot. ***Per CPkD policy a person can only hold office in one PAC at a time unless voted on by the community and approved by the Park District.*** **Discussion:** Ana Marija Sokovic on ballot for VP of SSCCPAC while holding position as president of Rainbow Beach. **Motion:** Susannah Ribstein moved to allow Ana’s name to remain on the ballot, James 2nd; after discussion, majority membership voted against, and Ana’s name removed from ballots. Ballots distributed and collected; counted by David Offenber and Dylan Smith. Results of votes for new officers elected are Linda Young (10), President, Rashanah Baldwin (9), VP, Jemita Simmons (10), Secretary, and Deborah Muhammad (10), Treasurer.

Meeting Adjourned 12:00pm Bobbie Greer, 2024 Secretary 773-667-0241 bngreer@sbcglobal.net

Minutes Approved February 8, 2025

