

SACHEM FUND BOARD

SPECIAL MEETING

Monday, May 5, 2025

Room 319, City Hall – 100 Broadway, Norwich, CT

Members Present:

- Mayor Peter Nystrom
- Community Development Director Craig Kleman
- Mohegan Tribal Council Member Mark Brown
- Mohegan Tribal Council Member William (Bill) Quidgeon Jr

Members Absent & Excused:

- Alderwomen Shiela Hayes
- Comptroller Josh Pothier
- Lottie Scott

Invited Guests:

- Deputy Comptroller Orla McKiernan

I. Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 3:04pm

II. Approval of minutes from Special Meeting Minutes: April 16, 2025

Peter Nystrom made a motion to approve the minutes, the motion was seconded by Bill Quidgeon Jr.

The motion was unanimously approved.

III. Interviews for Potential Funding:

- Norwich Events Organization (NEO):

Becca Alberts, Paul Siefert and Sharon Lent, all representing NEO, provided a presentation on the events organized by NEO to include:

1. Norwich Harbor Fireworks
2. Winterfest Parade
3. St. Patrick's Day Parade & Festival

They are asking for a total of \$56K, \$28K for events in 2025, \$28K for events in 2026 for help with event logistics (to include safety costs), marketing and promotions, and equipment.

- Greenville Neighborhood Revitalization Zone:

Nancy and Peter Procko, all representing GNRZ provided a presentation on the organization and what they propose to do with the requested funds.

They wish to recognize and celebrate the history of the Greenville neighborhood through a lecture series, National Historic District designation, identification of historic sites with trail makers, and tours (both walking and trolley). Also, they plan to offer a lecture trolley tour celebrating the 250th Anniversary of the US around the neighborhood's historic sites.

They are requesting \$21,634.50.

IV. New Business: Discuss and Consider Funding Proposals based on interviews:

Orla McKiernan noted, after the recommended supported funding from last meeting, the fund currently has \$57,020.77 available. This will increase over the next few weeks with interest income.

Craig Kleman made a motion to support NEO for the amount of \$28K and GRZ with the balance available. Motion seconded by Mark Brown. The motion was unanimously approved.

V. Adjournment:

Craig Kleman made a motion to adjourn at 4.15pm, the motion was seconded by Mark Brown. The motion was unanimously approved.

Submitted by Orla McKiernan, Deputy Comptroller, City of Norwich