



**SSA #13 Commissioners Meeting
BYNC Office
5/8/2025**

Present:

- SSA #13 Chairman James Matanky
- SSA #13 Commissioner Yvette Leon
- SSA #13 Commissioner Peter Testa
- SSA #13 Commissioner Lex Galeas
- SSA #13 Commissioner Matt Rogatz
- Independent Auditor Cary Hall
- SSA #13 Program Manager Caitlin Barrett
- BYNC President & CEO Craig Chico

SSA #13 Chairman James Matanky called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Independent Auditor Cary Hall presented the 2024 SSA #13 Audit to the Commission. BYNC President & CEO Craig Chico told the Commission that the deadline for submitting the audit was May 1, but the Department of Planning and Development was aware of the emergent issues that caused the April 29 meeting to be rescheduled. After reviewing the audit, SSA #13 Commissioner Lynn Wasielewski made a motion to approve the audit. SSA #13 Commissioner Peter Testa seconded the motion. After a unanimous vote, the 2024 SSA #13 Audit was approved by the Commission.

The Commission reviewed the November, 21, 2024 Meeting Minutes. After reviewing the minutes, Commissioner Testa made a motion to approve the November 21, 2024 Meeting Minutes were approved.

SSA #13 Program Manager Caitlin Barrett informed the Commission of the Hazel Johnson Cumulative Impact Ordinance. The Ordinance has been introduced in City Council and would require a special use permit to be rezoned to industrial. She explained that they should meet with the area Alderman to express our concerns about the ordinance. Mr. Chico suggested we gather some businesses as well who could express their concerns as well. Ms. Barrett informed the Commission that she had reached out to Alderman Lee's office previously about a meeting and was waiting on her availability and would pass that along to the Commission once she knew what dates she was available. Chairman Matanky suggested we include all the SSA's alders to discuss it.

Ms. Barrett let the Commission know that the landscaping maintenance agreement for the year would cost about \$80,000 and leaves roughly \$30,000 for new projects and asked for the Commissioners input. Chairman Matanky asked that the next project be in the Central Manufacturing District area of the SSA.

Ms. Barrett told the Commission that she had met with several vendors for cameras around the entrance and egress points of the Stockyards Industrial Park itself. She informed them that in order to pursue the project, later in the year an amendment to the budget may need to be made. The project will likely require solar power, and a wireless network to connect the cameras.

Ms. Barrett informed the Commission that through the LIRI Program the BYNC is required to host a job fair at least once a year, and that she began accepting registrants for a job fair in June, but only received two sign ups. The job fair will be pushed into the fall.

The Commission discussed the SSA's networking event Stamp-Eat and where to host it on September 18. The Commission requested the event take place outdoor this year.

Commissioner Testa made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Wasielewski seconded the motion. After a unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 9:07 a.m.

Next meeting: July 11, 2025

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