



City of Naperville

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Meeting Minutes

Riverwalk Commission

Thursday, May 7, 2026

3:00 PM

Meet in Meeting Room C

Annual AMP Walk (East of Eagle St.)

A. ROLL CALL:

Riverwalk Commissioner Attendees: 9 - Hannah Brauer; Grant Cowen; Andy Hynes; Jeff Martin; Seth Michael; Tiffani Picco; Leslie Ruffing; Johnna Shields; and Carl Wohlt

Additional Attendees: Tim Ball, GRWA; Brian Dusak, ERA; Ethan Furlow, student; Mary Hamill, ACTF; John Mayer, ERA; Carl Peterson, GRWA; and Idhant Ranjan, Riverwalk Commission Student Representative

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Commence Annual Asset Management Plan Walk - Tiffani Picco

Receive walkthrough outline for the upcoming Asset Management Plan (AMP) Walks

Attachments: [AMP Walk Outline 2026](#)

Commissioner Picco guided the group, starting on the east side of Eagle Street. The following topics were covered and are categorized by section.

Follow-up items for future discussion at upcoming Riverwalk Commission meetings are noted in bold print.

Section 5:

1. **Block wall on lower walk:** This will need a replacement plan for the future and will be discussed at a future meeting.
2. **Outside picnic table - Free Speech Pavilion:** Wood slats need to be replaced. The group paused in the area and some questioned if these needed to be replaced completely.
3. **Covered Bridge Roof Replacement:** This is in the City budget for 2027.
4. **Japanese Tree Lilac - Dandelion Fountain:** The tree lilacs are nearing the later years of their life expectancy and some are showing signs of decline. If these need to be replaced, is it better to replace one at a time as they decline, or replace them all for symmetry? This will be discussed at a future meeting.

Section 6:

1. **Lower walk railing at stairways**: These are starting to rust through. Park District staff have covered the worst areas with a plate as a short-term repair; however these may need to be replaced if the parcel is not being redeveloped anytime soon.
2. **Lower walk stones missing and uneven**: Similar to the rails, we will need to repair the stones to get through until the area is redeveloped. This can be done by Park District staff as a short-term fix.
3. **2031 Master Plan - Vision for Main to Washington if new development occurs**: The group viewed the area where a pedestrian bridge is conceptualized in the Master Plan. It was pointed out that the layout of the bridge in the concept drawing is not accurate and would need to be raised out of the floodway if it were to be built.

Section 7:

1. **Ipe wood refresh - completed in 2025**: The group viewed the Ipe wood stain on the trellises and trim work.
2. **Fountain update**: The Exchange Club Memories Fountain is operational but still has a leak in the middle ring of nozzles. Those nozzles have been isolated and the other two rings are working. A future discussion is needed.
3. **Granite stones surrounding fountain**: A contractor will refresh the granite stones by painting the letters.
4. **Informational sign and items in windows of building**: The group viewed the informational sign and noted how outdated it is. This needs to be discussed at a future meeting.
5. **Viewing to and from 430 S. Washington Street**: The group visualized the development with the help of the consultants.
6. **Railing along river**: This is in fair condition and will need to be discussed at a future meeting.
7. **Zoo wall**: Park District staff will attempt to pressure wash.
8. **Lower area next to bridge and ramp**: Same prairie seed as 430 S. Washington? May be difficult to establish and may consider a combination of seed and plugs.

Section 8:

1. **430 S Washington Street/North Central College Riverwalk Park**: Construction will be completed this year for the Master Plan project. _
2. **Pavers sinking along concrete curbing**: PA022 funds for current year will be used to address.
3. **Shoreline - future trees in this area**: Picco explained to the group that many of the trees along the shoreline in this section are invasive tree-of-heaven and white mulberry, along with boxelder and silver maple. As these trees begin to decline and are removed, we will not replace one-for-one between the walkway and the water. Instead, if trees are planted, they will be strategically placed where there is room and the other areas will be filled in with prairie plants that will help hold the shoreline from future erosion.

The walk ended early by the covered bridge due to inclement weather.