



Memorandum

January 6, 2026 Agenda Item

To: Riverwalk Planning, Design, and Construction Committee

From: Tiffani Picco, Riverwalk Operations Manager, 630-848-3590

Date: December 29, 2025

Re: **Mr. and Mrs. Naperville Statue Plaza**

Mr. and Mrs. Naperville Statue:

From the PD&C Discussion on December 2, 2025:

- The sign explaining the statue is currently on the back (south) side of the statue itself. The current plaza uses square and rectangular stones that are not used anywhere else on the Riverwalk (photo on page 2). All other plazas are rounded. One design option (included on page 3) includes two new entry points from the main Riverwalk with a planting bed in the middle (similar to many other areas along the Riverwalk), and also a potential path on the south side connecting to the Carillon area. This allows room for the two benches to move slightly further toward the “back” side of the statue where the interpretive sign is located and would draw attention to the sign from the Carillon as well. An alternative option could be to place flagstone stepping stones in the landscape area on the south side of the statue so it can be seen from the Carillon, without adding the paver path connecting to the Carillon plaza.
- Stephanie Penick noted the original intent was to add a “Mr. and Mrs. Naperville” plaque at the front base of the statue. She mentioned that the Naperville Riverwalk Foundation has discussed the possibility of paying for this plaque.

An initial cost estimate for an upgraded plaza as designed on page 3 is approximately \$42,000, which includes the cost for a contractor to perform landscape and stone removals, concrete curbing and base material for all paver areas, installing pavers, and landscape restoration. Some of the cost could be saved by Park District staff completing portions of the work such as landscape removals and installations, and by volunteers laying the Riverwalk pavers.

Mr. and Mrs. Naperville Statue in current square plaza:



View from Carillon looking toward backside of statue where a path could be introduced:



Design option of rounded plaza with planting bed and path connecting to Carillon:

