



City of Naperville

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Meeting Agenda Riverwalk Commission

Wednesday, July 8, 2026

8:15 AM

Meeting Room C

PUBLIC COMMENT:

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A. CALL TO ORDER:

B. ROLL CALL:

C. PUBLIC FORUM:

D. PROJECT UPDATES:

1. North Central College (NCC) Riverwalk Park - Andy Hynes[26-0819](#)

Receive the project update on the North Central College (NCC) Riverwalk Park

E. OLD BUSINESS:**1. Annual Asset Management Plan (AMP) review - Tiffani Picco**[26-0821](#)

Review follow-up items from the 2026 AMP Walk summaries

F. NEW BUSINESS:**1. Naperville Distinguished Gentleman's Ride request for use of Naperville Jaycees Park - Andy Hynes**[26-0822](#)

Approve the request from Naperville Distinguished Gentleman's Ride to use Naperville Jaycees Park for an event to be held in May of 2027

2. Draft 2027 Riverwalk Capital Improvement Plan submittal - Andy Hynes[26-0818](#)

Review and provide feedback regarding the draft 2027 Riverwalk Capital Improvement Plan submittal

3. Riverwalk Bench for NCC Riverwalk Park - Andy Hynes and Tiffani Picco[26-0820](#)

Approve an alternate bench design for the Riverwalk

G. REPORTS:**1. Approval of Minutes - Johnna Shields**[26-0828](#)

Approve minutes from the June 10, 2026 Riverwalk Commission meeting

2. Chair - Johnna Shields**3. Park District - Tiffani Picco**[26-0823](#)

Receive the monthly Park District report

4. Riverwalk Foundation - Jeff Martin

5. Riverwalk 2031 Fund - Grant Cowen**6. Donor Recognition - Rebecca DeLarme**

[26-0824](#) Receive the monthly Donor Recognition report

7. Planning, Design, and Construction - Johnna Shields**H. MEETING SCHEDULE:**

*Riverwalk Planning, Design & Construction, August 4, 2026
Municipal Center Meeting Room C, 400 S. Eagle St., Naperville, IL*

*Riverwalk Commission, August 12, 2026, 8:15 a.m.
Municipal Center Meeting Room C, 400 S. Eagle St., Naperville, IL*

*Riverwalk Planning, Design & Construction, September 1, 2026 (TBD – if needed)
Municipal Center Meeting Room C, 400 S. Eagle St., Naperville, IL*

*Riverwalk Commission, September 9, 2026, 8:15 a.m.
Municipal Center Meeting Room C, 400 S. Eagle St., Naperville, IL*

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File #: 26-0819, **Version:** 1

Meeting Date: 7/8/2026

RIVERWALK COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

ACTION REQUESTED:

Receive the project update on the North Central College (NCC) Riverwalk Park

DEPARTMENT: Transportation, Engineering and Development

SUBMITTED BY: Andrew Hynes, P.E., Deputy Director of Transportation, Engineering and Development/City Engineer

BOARD/COMMISSION REVIEW:

N/A

BACKGROUND:

At the May 19th meeting, the City Council awarded the construction contract for the NCC Riverwalk Park to Baumgartner Construction, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$2,049,192.32. Construction on the site commenced on Wednesday, May 27th. The contract completion date is October 30, 2026.

DISCUSSION:

Recent construction has focused on installation of the support piers for the low flow walk and excavation. Two unknown underground storage tanks as well as two abandoned natural gas mains were also located and removed. See attached photos.



Pouring pier 11

Pouring concrete pier for low flow walk



Progress photo

Cofferdam and low flow walk from the Washington Street Bridge



File #: 26-0821, **Version:** 1

Meeting Date: 7/8/2026

RIVERWALK COMMISSION SIMPLE AGENDA ITEM

ACTION REQUESTED:

Review follow-up items from the 2026 AMP Walk summaries

DEPARTMENT: Transportation, Engineering and Development

SUBMITTED BY: Rebecca DeLarme, Program Assistant, TED

NAPERVILLE RIVERWALK — 2026 AMP WALK SUMMARY

Annual Maintenance & Planning Walk

Section	Location	Status	Asset / Item	Description	Notes
4	West of Eagle	DISCUSSION	Physicians & Dentists Shelter Overlook (Railing)	New railing replaced along Eagle St. Some original railing showing rust — may need replacement. Erosion noted under concrete curbing; may require larger reimagining project.	Discuss at future RWC meeting
4	West of Eagle	DISCUSSION	Chain Link Fencing — Paddle Boat Quarry	Fencing showing age; exposure at the bottom. Entire area suggested for reimagining. Visual connection to Naper Settlement also raised as opportunity.	Discuss at future RWC meeting
4	West of Eagle	DISCUSSION	Aurora Avenue Retaining Wall	Wall is leaning; top is crumbling and deteriorating. Included in City budget FY28–29 for structural design.	Budgeted FY28–29; discuss at future RWC meeting
4	West of Eagle	DISCUSSION	Lower Walk — Shelter to Eagle Street	Some of group walked lower walkway to experience current conditions. Will be part of future Eagle Street South Bank Improvement discussions under 2031 Master Plan.	Riverwalk 2031 Master Plan; Budgeted FY29, FY31
4	West of Eagle	DISCUSSION	Lighting — Landforms Sculpture & Other Areas	Need raised to discuss lighting for the Landforms Sculpture and other Riverwalk areas at a future meeting.	Discuss at future RWC meeting
5	East of Eagle	DISCUSSION	Block Wall — Lower Walk	Will need a replacement plan for the future. Discussion deferred to a future meeting.	Discuss at future RWC meeting
5	East of Eagle	DISCUSSION	Outside Picnic Table — Free Speech Pavilion	Wood slats need replacement. Group questioned whether full replacement is needed vs. slat repair.	Discuss at future RWC meeting
5	East of Eagle	DISCUSSION	Japanese Tree Lilac — Dandelion Fountain	Tree lilacs nearing end of life expectancy; some showing decline. Discuss whether to replace one at a time or all at once for symmetry. Future meeting topic.	Discuss at future RWC meeting
6	East of Eagle	DISCUSSION	Lower Walk Railing at Stairways	Railings are rusting through. Short-term plate repair done by Park District. May need full replacement if parcel is not redeveloped soon.	Discuss at future RWC meeting
7	East of Eagle	DISCUSSION	Exchange Club Memories Fountain	Fountain is operational but has a leak in the middle ring of nozzles. Those nozzles isolated; other two rings working. Future discussion needed on repair.	Discuss at future RWC meeting
7	East of Eagle	DISCUSSION	Informational Signs — Building Windows	Signage viewed and noted as significantly outdated. Needs discussion at a future meeting.	Discuss at future RWC meeting
7	East of Eagle	DISCUSSION	Railing Along River	Railing is in fair condition. Will need to be discussed at a future meeting.	Discuss at future RWC meeting
7	East of Eagle	DISCUSSION	Lower Area Next to Bridge and Ramp	Discussion around prairie seed mix — same as 430 S. Washington? May be difficult to establish; may consider combination of seed and plugs.	

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4	West of Eagle	DISCUSSION	Netzley Overlook	Overlook update is part of the 2031 Master Plan. Secondary path with flagstone steps discussed. Inquiry made about power washing existing pavers.	<i>Riverwalk 2031 Master Plan; Budgeted FY28–29</i>
3	West of Eagle	DISCUSSION	Retaining Wall & Lower Walkway — West of Covered Bridge	Wall between Centennial Beach and river. Part of the wall is bulging in spots. Added to City budget for FY28 for initial analysis	<i>Budgeted FY28</i>
1	West of Eagle	MONITOR	Retaining Wall — Near Jefferson Avenue	Dry stack stone retaining wall showing areas of shifting and sinking. Monitor needed. Group discussed the vista looking southeast; bench placement suggested.	<i>Monitor condition; bench placement suggested</i>
3	West of Eagle	MONITOR	Retaining Wall & Lower Walkway — East of Covered Bridge	Group reviewed the area. Condition to be monitored.	
8	East of Eagle	IN PROGRESS	430 S. Washington St / NCC Riverwalk Park	Construction will be completed this year as part of the 2031 Master Plan.	<i>Riverwalk 2031 Master Plan; Budgeted FY26–27</i>
4	West of Eagle	IN PROGRESS	Irrigation System & Pump House	System is original — approximately 50 years old. Underground pipe connections failing annually. Rotary heads require manual operation. Pump controller parts no longer available. Replacement budgeted for City 2027.	<i>City budget 2027; Budgeted FY27</i>
5	East of Eagle	IN PROGRESS	Covered Bridge Roof Replacement	Replacement is included in the City budget for 2027.	<i>City budget 2027; Budgeted FY27</i>
2	West of Eagle	PA022	Sinking Pavers — Near Jaycees Playground	Pavers sinking along concrete curbing on south side of path next to river. Areas to be prioritized and pavers reset annually under PA022 funds.	
1	West of Eagle	PA022	Sinking Pavers — Brethren Peace Plaza	Additional sinking pavers in the Brethren Peace Plaza. May be addressed in conjunction with Section 2 pavers under PA022 funds.	
8	East of Eagle	PA022	Sinking Pavers — Near NCC	PA022 funds for current year will be used to address sinking pavers in this section.	
4	West of Eagle	PARK DISTRICT	Harmony Park — Contrabass Chimes (Mallets)	Mallets replaced after the walk but some are missing again as of June 26. Ongoing vandalism/loss issue.	<i>Mallets replaced post-walk; missing again as of 6/26</i>
1	West of Eagle	PARK DISTRICT	Newly Paved Path — Sindt Woods	Sedges will be planted along the newly paved sloped path to help with erosion control.	
3	West of Eagle	PARK DISTRICT	Stone Fascia of Planter	Park District staff will remove vine and replace missing stones on the planter.	
6	East of Eagle	PARK DISTRICT	Lower Walk Stones — Missing and Uneven	Similar to railings, stones need short-term repair until area is redeveloped. Can be addressed by Park District staff.	

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7	East of Eagle	PARK DISTRICT	Zoo Wall	Park District staff will attempt to pressure wash.	
4	West of Eagle	COMPLETED	Metal Bridge — Graffiti/Railing	Graffiti and carvings are ongoing issue. Park District repaints railing top annually and other areas as needed.	Painted June 24
2	West of Eagle	COMPLETED	Sign Bases — Peeling Paint	Peeling paint on bottom bases of signs, especially in Section 2. Contractor to remove peeling paint and touch up non-removable flanges.	Painted May 29
7	East of Eagle	COMPLETED	Ipe Wood Refresh — Fredenhagen Park	Group viewed Ipe wood stain on trellises and trim work. Refresh noted as completed.	
7	East of Eagle	COMPLETED	Granite Stones Surrounding Fountain	Contractor refreshed granite stones with pressure washing and painted letters.	Painted June 23
4	West of Eagle	COMPLETED	Eagle Street Gateway Project	Walk ended at the Eagle Street Gateway. Project noted as completed and part of the 2031 Master Plan.	Completed — <i>Riverwalk 2031 Master Plan</i>
4	West of Eagle	INFO	Riverwalk Banners	New banners noted for quality; colors expected to hold year-round. Current banners are red/white/blue for US 250th anniversary; other colors can be ordered.	
4	West of Eagle	INFO	Bollards and Shelter Roofs	Staff pressure-washed all shelter roofs and wood bollards — significant visual improvement noted.	
4	West of Eagle	INFO	Paperbark Maple (vandalized tree)	Tree that was vandalized last year (thrown in river) now has new leaves. Staff monitoring to ensure it is thriving.	
2	West of Eagle	INFO	Prairie Nature Garden	Invasive and native plants discussed. Timing of future burns noted. Shoots removed from crabapple tree in southeast section.	Shoots removed from crabapple tree
2	West of Eagle	INFO	Shoreline Restoration Project	Plugs set in June last year; this is the first full year of the shoreline project. Will monitor establishment.	Budgeted FY27-30
3	West of Eagle	INFO	Admin Parking Lot Repaving	Parking lot has been fully resurfaced. One ADA spot relocated closer to Eagle Street Gateway access area.	Completed
7	East of Eagle	INFO	Viewing: 430 S. Washington St / NCC Riverwalk Park	Group visualized the development with consultants.	
8	East of Eagle	INFO	Shoreline — Future Tree Strategy	Many existing shoreline trees are invasive (tree-of-heaven, white mulberry) or undesirable (boxelder, silver maple). Plan: as trees decline/removed, replace strategically with prairie plants to control erosion. Not one-for-one replacement	

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6	East of Eagle	INFO	Vision: Main St to Washington St (pending development)	Group viewed area conceptualized for pedestrian bridge in Master Plan. Bridge layout in concept drawing noted as inaccurate — would need to be raised out of the floodway.	<i>Riverwalk 2031 Master Plan</i>
Total Items: 42					



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Meeting Date: 7/8/2026

RIVERWALK COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approve the request from Naperville Distinguished Gentleman's Ride to use Naperville Jaycees Park for an event to be held in May of 2027

DEPARTMENT: Transportation, Engineering and Development

SUBMITTED BY: Rebecca DeLarme, Program Assistant, TED

BOARD/COMMISSION REVIEW:

N/A

BACKGROUND:

Naperville Jaycees Park is located north and east of the Naperville Municipal Center. It is located on City property and is maintained by the City of Naperville. The park is also within the boundaries of the Naperville Riverwalk.

DISCUSSION:

Naperville Distinguished Gentleman's Ride organizer, Sven Davies, has proposed a new concept for 2027 that involves live music in the Naperville Jaycees Park, next to the Municipal Center. The event is anticipated to take place on May 16, 2027 and necessary permits and approvals will be obtained from the City. Because the park is located within the geographic limits of the Riverwalk, the City's Special Events Coordinator referred this request to the Riverwalk Commission for approval. Please consider a motion to approve this request.

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16TH OF
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2027



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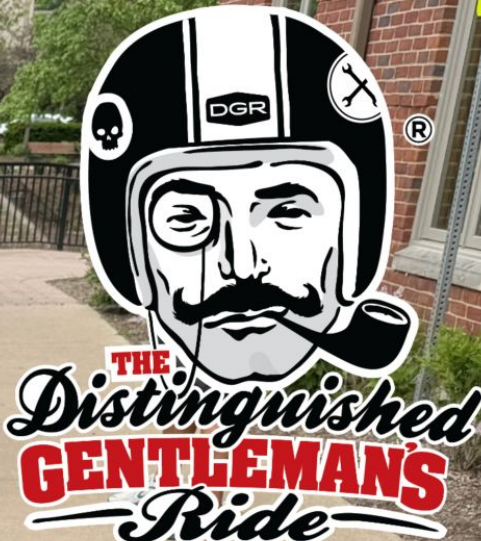


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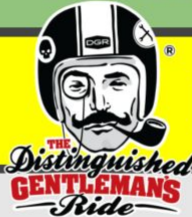
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Mark Jacquot
Local Ride
Organizer



Sven Davies
Local Ride
Co-Organizer

Naperville Distinguished Gentlemen's Ride



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- 2020: 13 Riders
- 2021: 9 Riders
- 2022: 36 Riders
- 2023: 55 Riders
- 2024: 76 Riders
- 2025: 62 Riders
- 2026: 104 Riders





2026 Naperville Distinguished Gentleman's Ride 104 Registrants!









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Sunday


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10:00-12:30











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Incremental Improvement

Last Year (2025)	 This Year (2026)	 Next Year (2027)
62 Entrants	104 Entrants	125 Entrants
2 NPD Officers	5 NPD Officers	6 NPD Officers
1 Vendor Booth	5 Vendor Booths	5+ Vendor Booths
	1 Radio Remote (95.9)	1 Radio Remote (95.9)
	1 Band	1+ Bands
		Add Kids Events
	2 Newspaper Articles	5 Newspaper Articles
	2 Social Media	5 Social Media
1 Merchant Sponsor	2 Merchant Sponsors	5+ Merchant Sponsors
Attendance 75 - 125	Attendance 300-500	Attendance 750+
Naperville Township	Added Water Street	Add Jaycee Park
10% Dapper	35% Dapper	50% Dapper

2027 Naperville Distinguished Gentleman's Ride Site Plan



Dick Tracy Statue Sculpture

Vasilis

Imburgia Fountain

Jaycees WiFi Park

Naperville Riverwalk

"Naperville Forever" Paint

Marquette Management

Marquette Companies

Blue Sushi Sake Grill
Sushi

Main St. Bridge

"Deck Duck" Duck Sculpture

Water St

Water St

Water St

Sparrow Coffee
Naperville

Public Restroom

Solata Luxury
Salon & Spa

Motorcycle Show
Vendors

Band
NPD Block Street

Tesla Destination Charger

Empire Tree Services

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Google Maps



A man with a beard and sunglasses, wearing a floral shirt and dark shorts, is playing an acoustic guitar. He is positioned on the left side of the band under a blue canopy. A large black speaker is visible to his left.

A woman wearing sunglasses and a black dress is playing a washboard and a cymbal. She is standing in the center of the band, with a microphone in front of her.

A man wearing a hat and a white shirt is playing a double bass. He is standing in the center-right of the band, with a microphone in front of him.

A woman in a dark blue dress is playing an acoustic guitar. She is positioned on the right side of the band, with a microphone in front of her.

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TANK AND THE BEEZ 30





Questions ?

2027 Naperville Distinguished Gentleman's Ride

“Dress Dapper for Prostate Cancer Research and Men's Health”

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RIVERWALK COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

ACTION REQUESTED:

Review and provide feedback regarding the draft 2027 Riverwalk Capital Improvement Plan submittal

DEPARTMENT: Transportation, Engineering and Development

SUBMITTED BY: Andrew Hynes, P.E., Deputy Director of Transportation, Engineering and Development/City Engineer

BOARD/COMMISSION REVIEW:

N/A

BACKGROUND:

Every year the Naperville City Council is required to adopt a balanced budget which includes operating and capital improvement costs for the upcoming fiscal year which runs from January 1 through December 31. Riverwalk Commission recommendations are taken into consideration when City staff prepares the capital improvement requests for the Naperville Riverwalk.

DISCUSSION:

The attached table shows the various proposed Riverwalk Commission projects from 2027 through 2031. Draft design and construction costs are provided. When construction is expected to span multiple years, the cost is broken down by year.

The following is planned for 2027:

- Construction of the South Extension and Hillside Gateway improvements (initiated in late 2026)
- Close out of the construction of the North Central College Riverwalk Park
- Reroofing of the Webster Street Covered Bridge
- Replacement of the Rotary Hill Irrigation System
- Riverbank ecological restoration
- Annual Riverwalk Rehabilitation

The submittal will show the proposed projects for 2027 through 2031 since the City Council only looks at the upcoming five years. Based on the update to the 2031 Master Riverwalk Plan the following project has been added to the five-year plan:

- Eagle Street South Bank Improvements

The Riverwalk Commission's review and input is requested. Preliminary budget numbers are still in development and are due to the City's Finance Department by July 31st. Please be aware that projects, schedules, and funding may be adjusted throughout the budget process as further coordination with TED and Citywide priorities occurs. Staff will update the Riverwalk Commission of future adjustments. Final approval of the CY27-CY31 budget by the City Council will occur in December.

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NAPERVILLE RIVERWALK COMMISSION - JULY 2026						
DRAFT PROPOSED 2027-2031 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN						
		BUDGET YEAR				
PROJECT	CIP Number	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031
Annual Riverwalk Rehabilitation	PA022	\$50,000	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000
430 S Washington Street Park/NCC Riverwalk Park	PA024	\$140,000				
West Parking Lot Improvements	PA034		\$250,000			
Carillion Fire Lane Pavement Replacement	PA039				\$25,000	\$150,000
South Extension: Hillside to Martin	PA049	\$4,350,000				
Hillside Road Gateway (w/PA049)	PA056	\$900,000	\$875,000			
Riverbank Ecological Restoration	PA055	\$60,000	\$290,000	\$65,000	\$316,000	
Netzley Overlook Improvements	PA057		\$50,000	\$275,000		
Grand Pavilion Improvements	PA058			\$75,000	\$150,000	
Retaining Wall Replacement between Quarry and Aurora Avenue	PA061		\$100,000	\$150,000		\$500,000
Centennial Beach Levee Improvements	PA062		\$150,000			
Rotary Hill Irrigation System Replacement	PA063	\$400,000				
Webster Street Bridge Roof Replacement	PA064	\$100,000				
Eagle Street South Bank Improvements	New			\$150,000		\$1,500,000
Annual Total		\$6,000,000	\$1,775,000	\$775,000	\$551,000	\$2,210,000
NOTE: Costs shown above are total costs. Outside funds that have been committed to projects reduce the City cost obligation. . The South Extension project has \$1.5 million in contributions from the state and Edward Health.						



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Meeting Date: 7/8/2026

RIVERWALK COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approve an alternate bench design for the Riverwalk

DEPARTMENT: Transportation, Engineering and Development

SUBMITTED BY: Andrew Hynes, P.E., Deputy Director of Transportation, Engineering and Development/City Engineer

Tiffani Picco, Riverwalk Operations Manager

BOARD/COMMISSION REVIEW:

N/A

BACKGROUND:

The Riverwalk currently has a standard bench in the Victorian style with powder-coated steel frames and ipe wood slats. Benches with recycled plastic slats in the east extension were tried but had problems in the past with vandalism. The wood slats are easier to sand or stain over the vandalism.

An accessible bench was brought to the Riverwalk Commission as a suggestion from the Accessibility Task Force. This bench is similar to the current Victorian style in that the frame can be powder-coated black and can be ordered with wood slats. It is also the same 6ft length that we currently order.

DISCUSSION:

The state funding associated with the NCC Riverwalk Park requires that the materials used in the project follow the Buy America Act. While Victor Stanley is an American company, some components of the standard Riverwalk bench do not meet the funding requirements.

The accessible bench manufactured by Pilot Rock meets the Buy America requirements. Staff recommends approving the Pilot Rock bench as an alternative for use on the Riverwalk. This new style of bench can be installed at the NCC Riverwalk Park as a pilot. If the bench is well received, it could be considered for other locations along the Riverwalk.

Current Riverwalk Standard Bench:

- Victor Stanley Model #C-10
- 6 ft length
- Ipe Wood Slats
- Powder-coated steel metal components



Proposed Riverwalk Bench Alternative:

- Pilot Rock Accessible Bench – B110
- 6ft length
- Treated Pine Slats
- Powder-coated steel metal components
(can be powder-coated black)





File #: 26-0828, **Version:** 1

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RIVERWALK COMMISSION SIMPLE AGENDA ITEM

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approve minutes from the June 10, 2026 Riverwalk Commission meeting

DEPARTMENT: Transportation, Engineering and Development

SUBMITTED BY: Rebecca DeLarme, Program Assistant, TED



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Meeting Minutes

Riverwalk Commission

Wednesday, June 10, 2026

8:15 AM

Meeting Room C

A. CALL TO ORDER:

Riverwalk Commission Chair Shields called the June 10, 2026 Naperville Riverwalk Commission meeting to order at 8:17 a.m. The meeting was held in Meeting Room C at the Naperville Municipal Center located at 400 S. Eagle St., Naperville, IL.

B. ROLL CALL:

Present: 11 - Hannah Brauer; Grant Cowen; Ian Holzhauer; Andy Hynes; Jeff Martin; Seth Michael; Tiffani Picco; Leslie Ruffing; Greg Sagen; Johnna Shields, Chair; Carl Wohlt

Absent: 1 - Mike Sullivan

Also Present: Rebecca DeLarme, City staff; Brian Dusak, Engineering Resource Associates, Inc. (ERA); Natalie Fopma, NCTV; Erin Franczyk, ArtForum Naperville; Shannon Greene Robb, ArtForum Naperville; Rick Hitchcock, former Riverwalk Commission Chairman; Stephanie Penick, Naperville Riverwalk Foundation; Carl Peterson, Gary R. Weber Associates, Inc. (GRWA); and Idhant Ranjan, Student Representative

Chair Shields announced that she and Commissioner Cowen accepted a second term with the Riverwalk Commission, effective June 1, 2026 through May 30, 2029.

Chair Shields thanked Hitchcock for providing a history of the Riverwalk for a recent tour request from Rotary Club. She also thanked the Park District and Commissioner Ruffing for their collaboration and assistance with a tour of the Carillon that was provided by Tim Sleep.

C. PUBLIC FORUM:

SPEAKERS

Erin Franczyk and Shannon Greene Robb (ArtForum Naperville) - Franczyk and Greene Robb provided an update on the quarry installation project approved at the October 8, 2025 Riverwalk Commission meeting noting the pivot to a new opportunity which still needs Park District Board approval. The project is a similar light installation called Lotus by an artist from France and this would be the first exhibition in the United States. The project would last approximately one month, sometime in the fall and would be lit from morning until approximately 9:00 p.m. Each of the six flowers in the installation are 13'

in diameter by 11' in height, floating on docks and tethered to the quarry. It was noted that a contract has not been signed and they are awaiting updates.

Chair Shields noted that the installation had no sound with Franczyk stating while it does mention sound, it does not have to have it. Chair Shields thanked ArtForum Naperville for the update.

D. PROJECT UPDATES:

1. North Central College (NCC) Riverwalk Park - Andy Hynes

Receive the project update on the North Central College (NCC) Riverwalk Park

Attachments: [NCC Riverwalk Park Photos](#)

Commissioner Hynes reviewed the information included in the agenda packet noting that City Council awarded the construction contract at their May 19th meeting to Baumgartner Construction, Inc., and construction commenced on May 27th. To date, the following construction tasks have been initiated: perimeter fencing, tree removal, erosion control, cofferdam installation, and excavation.

Commissioner Wohlt noted past discussions about the importance of lighting in the area and inquired about the lighting plan for the park. Commissioner Hynes stated that lighting was included in the contract and would be similar to the rest of the Riverwalk with low flow pedestrian lights, shepherd's crook lights and lighting in the two plaza areas. Peterson discussed the lighting on the gateway arch for NCC. It was noted that discussions on the opportunity for enhancement to the lighting at Fredenhagen Park should occur at a future meeting. Hitchcock inquired about having plans for current projects and a section map of the entire Riverwalk accessible at all meetings.

Commissioner Picco discussed past issues with vandalism to the uplighting installed in the raised beds by the trellises and along the strip between the clock and the fountain at Fredenhagen Park, adding that Park District staff disconnected the power as they were finding broken lights at least once a month. She noted the tendency for Fredenhagen Park to be used as a "hang out" spot in the downtown area and asked the group to keep that in mind for future discussions.

E. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business to discuss.

F. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Riverwalk Planning, Design, and Construction (PDC) Committee - Andy Hynes

Discuss the future of the Riverwalk Planning, Design, and Construction (PDC) Committee

Commissioner Hynes discussed the Riverwalk Planning, Design and

Construction (PDC) Committee, which is a subcommittee of the Riverwalk Commission, and the opportunity for the group to discuss consolidating future PDC Committee meeting agenda topics into the monthly Riverwalk Commission meeting. With the recent changes to the Board and Commission meeting formats, the character of the PDC Committee meeting has changed and the agendas are often duplicated with the Riverwalk Commission. Additionally, there has not been a PDC Committee meeting since December 2025 and not all Riverwalk Commissioners are present at the meetings.

SPEAKERS

Rick Hitchcock (Naperville) - Hitchcock discussed the inception of the PDC Committee and the intention of members taking a deeper dive when there is a project in the works. He recommended having a chair of an ad-hoc or standing committee that convenes periodically or several times during a month, if needed, who would then collaborate with Commissioner Hynes and Chair Shields.

Discussion followed on the possibility of keeping the standing meeting for when it is needed or conducting an additional Riverwalk Commission meeting when warranted. The importance of all members being present at the meetings was also discussed. The PDC Committee meetings are currently scheduled eight days prior to the Riverwalk Commission meetings.

Consensus from the group was to continue to hold the PDC Committee meetings on an as needed basis. Chair Shields will work with the consultants to determine when upcoming meetings are needed and keep the upcoming Riverwalk Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) in mind when scheduling. The draft CIP submittal will be discussed at next month's Riverwalk Commission meeting.

Commissioner Sagen was recommended for the role of PDC Committee Chair but Chair Shields will continue to conduct any upcoming meetings until Commissioner Sagen is ready to assume the role.

Councilman Holzhauser reported that discussions on a gateway to the Naper Settlement campus were being held and shared his idea of having Riverwalk elements extend one extra block to Aurora Avenue and Webster Street. A meeting will be held on July 21st at Naper Settlement and more details may be discussed at next month's Riverwalk Commission meeting. Penick inquired about a stop sign at Water Street and Commissioner Hynes noted there was established criteria but that it could be looked into as other treatments may be suitable.

G. REPORTS:

1. Approval of Minutes - Johnna Shields

Approve minutes from the May 13, 2026 Riverwalk Commission meeting

Attachments: [26RWCMinutes0513](#)

A motion to approve the May 13, 2026 Riverwalk Commission meeting minutes was made by Commissioner Cowen and seconded by Commissioner Wohlt. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 10 - Brauer, Cowen, Holzauer, Hynes, Martin, Michael, Picco, Ruffing, Shields, Wohlt

Abstain: 1 - Sagen

Absent: 1 - Sullivan

Approve summary from the April 29, 2026 Annual Asset Management Plan (AMP) Walk

Attachments: [26RWCAMPWalk0429WestofEagleSt](#)

A motion to approve the April 29, 2026 Annual Asset Management Plan (AMP) Walk summary was made by Commissioner Picco and seconded by Commissioner Brauer. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 11 - Brauer, Cowen, Holzauer, Hynes, Martin, Michael, Picco, Ruffing, Sagen, Shields, Wohlt

Absent: 1 - Sullivan

Approve summary from the May 7, 2026 Annual Asset Management Plan (AMP) Walk

Attachments: [26RWCAMPWalk0507EastofEagleSt](#)

A motion to approve the May 7, 2026 Annual Asset Management Plan (AMP) Walk summary was made by Commissioner Martin and seconded by Commissioner Hynes. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 10 - Brauer, Cowen, Holzauer, Hynes, Martin, Michael, Picco, Ruffing, Shields, Wohlt

Abstain: 1 - Sagen

Absent: 1 - Sullivan

2. Chair - Johnna Shields

There was no report.

3. Park District - Tiffani Picco

Receive the monthly Park District report

Attachments: [26ParkDistrictMemo0610](#)

Commissioner Picco provided the following highlights from the report included in the agenda packet.

All the summer flowers have been planted and perennials have been planted in several areas to fill in bare spaces.

Due to the drought until this past week, staff was focusing on watering and now are focusing on weeding.

Staff worked on the landscape restoration at Fredenhagen Park where the contractor had to excavate for the fountain repair work. The ground was regraded and stones removed from the surface where turf will be added. New plants will be installed in the landscape beds and the turf will be restored soon.

4. Riverwalk Foundation - Jeff Martin

Commissioner Martin reported that the Duck Race occurred on June 5th and over 1,900 ducks were sold.

5. Riverwalk 2031 Fund - Grant Cowen

There was no update.

6. Donor Recognition - Rebecca DeLarme

Receive the monthly Donor Recognition report

DeLarme reported that the Fall 2026 Legacy Gift order deadline is September 1, 2026 and currently consists of four 4" x 8" commemorative bricks, and four 8" x 8" commemorative bricks. The Spring Legacy Gift brick installation occurred on June 4th with assistance from Park District staff who did an outstanding job. Park District staff also helped realign the Past Commissioner bricks on the West Extension.

Penick thanked DeLarme and noted a commemorative brick was given in her honor. Chair Shields encouraged the group to attend a future installation at Fredenhagen Park.

7. Planning, Design, and Construction - Johnna Shields

There was no report.

H. MEETING SCHEDULE:

Riverwalk Commission, July 8, 2026, 8:15 a.m.
Municipal Center Meeting Room C, 400 S. Eagle St., Naperville, IL

Riverwalk Planning, Design & Construction, August 4, 2026, 8:15 a.m.
Municipal Center Meeting Room C, 400 S. Eagle St., Naperville, IL

Riverwalk Commission, August 12, 2026, 8:15 a.m.
Municipal Center Meeting Room C, 400 S. Eagle St., Naperville, IL

I. ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Cowen and

seconded by Commissioner Sagen. The meeting was adjourned at 9:16 a.m. The motion carried by voice vote.

/S/ Rebecca DeLarme
Rebecca DeLarme
Program Assistant
Transportation, Engineering and Development Business Group



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Meeting Date: 7/8/2026

RIVERWALK COMMISSION SIMPLE AGENDA ITEM

ACTION REQUESTED:

Receive the monthly Park District report

DEPARTMENT: Transportation, Engineering and Development

SUBMITTED BY: Rebecca DeLarme, Program Assistant, TED



Memorandum

July 8, 2026 Agenda Items

To: Riverwalk Commission

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

Date: July 1, 2025

Re: **Naperville Park District's Monthly Field Report for the Riverwalk Commission Regular Meeting**

Field Report for June, 2026:

- Staff continue with routine maintenance tasks including weeding, pruning, and hedge-trimming (hedge trimmed photo included)
- The plaque for the Mr. and Mrs. Naperville statue has been installed (photo included)
- A contractor pressure-washed the granite stones around the Exchange Club Memories Fountain at Fredenhagen Park and painted the letters in each granite stone (photo included)
- We experienced significant storm damage in the afternoon of June 10. Almost all of the damage was tree-related and we did not have damage to Riverwalk assets. With the help of additional Park District staff from other divisions and two tree contractors, we were able to get the majority of the broken branches and debris cleaned up in 2 days. We only lost 4 Riverwalk landscape trees (1 near Rotary Hill and 3 near the Jaycees playground) which will be replaced this fall.
- A donor through the Conservation Foundation once again donated over 650 native plugs to plant along the river. We are grateful for these beautiful and sustainable additions to the Riverwalk!

Carillon Update – (NPD)

- Carillon tours and recitals are scheduled through the summer.

Other points of interest:

- The Duck Race on June 5 was a success and was well-attended
- The storm on June 10 also significantly impacted Centennial Beach which had to close for the day on June 11 for clean-up. The Beach opened with regular hours on Friday, June 12.







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Meeting Date: 7/8/2026

RIVERWALK COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

ACTION REQUESTED:

Receive the monthly Donor Recognition report

DEPARTMENT: Transportation, Engineering and Development

SUBMITTED BY: Rebecca DeLarme, Program Assistant, TED

BOARD/COMMISSION REVIEW:

N/A

BACKGROUND:

The Naperville Riverwalk Foundation offers commemorative bricks and other assets that may be purchased on a semi-annual (spring and fall) basis. Below is the sales information for the Fall 2026 order.

DISCUSSION:

The Fall 2026 Legacy Gift order deadline is September 1, 2026 and currently consists of four 4" x 8" commemorative bricks, and five 8" x 8" commemorative bricks.