



Meeting Minutes

Riverwalk Planning, Design and Construction Committee

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Tuesday, April 30, 2024

7:30 AM

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**A. CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Friant called the April 30, 2024 Naperville Riverwalk Planning, Design and Construction (PDC) Committee meeting to order at 7:32 a.m. The meeting was held in the Naperville Employee University (NEU) at the Municipal Center, located at 400 S. Eagle St., Naperville, IL.

**B. ROLL CALL:**

Present: Pam Bartlett; John Cuff; Jeff Friant, Chairman; Pat Kennedy; Tiffani Picco; Johnna Shields; Mike Sullivan; and Carl Wohlt

Absent: Jan Erickson; Mary Gibson; Ian Holzhauer; and Bill Novack

Also Present: Tim Ball, Gary R. Weber and Associates, Inc. (GRWA); Rebecca DeLarme, City staff; Brian Dusak, Engineering Resource Associates, Inc. (ERA); Rick Hitchcock, former Riverwalk Commission Chairman; Peggy Motta, Naperville Park District; Stephanie Penick, Naperville Riverwalk Foundation; and Carl Peterson, GRWA

**C. PUBLIC FORUM:**

There were no public comments.

**D. OLD BUSINESS:**

**1. Approval of Minutes - Jeff Friant**

Approve minutes from the March 5, 2024 Planning, Design and Construction Committee meeting

Attachments: [24PDCMinutes0305](#)

A motion to approve the March 5, 2024 Planning, Design and Construction Committee meeting minutes was made by Shields and seconded by Kennedy. MOTION CARRIED

Approve minutes from the April 2, 2024 Planning, Design and Construction Committee meeting

**Attachments:** [24PDCMinutes0402](#)

A motion to approve the April 2, 2024 Planning, Design and Construction Committee meeting minutes was made by Kennedy and seconded by Sullivan. MOTION CARRIED with Cuff, Friant and Shields abstaining

## **2. Park District Report - Tiffani Picco**

Picco reported that staff installed a standard Riverwalk bench on the lower walk per the discussions and direction from last month's PDC Committee and Riverwalk Commission meetings.

Work has begun on the Prairie Nature Garden. The City's DPW staff has poured the concrete curbs where the paver path is going to be bumped out and the contractor came in and applied the first herbicide treatment to the turf. A second application will be done before they put seed down and a contractor is coming soon to lay pavers. The Park District will install the benches once the pavers are in place. Motta advised that there will be an interpretive sign with Kennedy noting the sign would be included on next week's Riverwalk Commission agenda for review.

Picco discussed the second Asset Management Plan Walk that is scheduled for May 1st at 3:00 p.m. Everyone will meet in NEU and then head to the corner of Eagle Street and Jackson Avenue for the walk of the east section of the Riverwalk. A summary of the AMP Walk notes will be shared with the Commission, with Picco reviewing the information at the June 4th PDC Committee meeting.

## **3. South Gateway Proposed Signage and Corner Site Design Review - Jeff Friant and Brian Dusak**

Review and provide direction regarding the corner site design at the intersection of Martin Avenue and Washington Street for the South Extension of the Riverwalk

**Attachments:** [Ryan Companies Design](#)  
[Ryan Companies Design with Traffic Signals Included](#)  
[Riverwalk Martin Ave Gateway Concept 20240426](#)

Dusak discussed the proposed signage exhibit for the new medical building being constructed at the corner of Martin Avenue and Washington Street and the concept provided by GRWA that was adapted and revised to align better with the intersection.

Ball reviewed the revised Martin Avenue Gateway Concept, noting the changes made to reflect the proposed medical building signage, and the simplicity of using Riverwalk elements such as the shepherd crook lights, banners at the entrance points, walls, railings, and pavers. It was noted this

would be consistent with other entry points on the Riverwalk.

Discussion followed and suggestions were made to add a new crosswalk at the Martin Avenue intersection, the importance of the view for the residents across the river, and the area being naturally stabilized and sustainable. Per Wohlt's request, GRWA will provide a bird's eye perspective of the area looking to the southwest.

Picco discussed the importance of maintenance in the area and that irrigation would be needed if plans were to move forward with more flowers and color in the landscaping. Without irrigation, Park District staff would have to cart tanks in a truck. She also noted the amount of salt used on Washington Street, and that consideration should be given to the type of plants being used due to the salt spray. She added that staff would need access if trees were going to be kept along the shoreline and banner poles are added. A truck with a chipper may be needed to remove a tree, and a vertical lift would need to be used to get to the banner poles. If banner poles are placed in the landscape beds, staff would need a boom lift to reach them. She suggested using two banner poles and have them replace the planters currently shown on either side of the curved wall. She would also like to start looking at new banner poles that could ratchet down, eliminating the need for a lift. Snow removal was also discussed and Motta noted issues with shoreline restoration due to lack of space between the hardscapes and the river. Dusak advised the consultants will plan to meet with Park District staff to discuss these recommendations further.

Cuff suggested bidding the project in phases. Kennedy requested the consultants provide a refreshed cost estimate to compare with the current project funding.

Friant advised this item would be included on the May 8th Riverwalk Commission agenda for further discussion.

Kennedy discussed the Eagle Street Project, noting that the low bidder did not meet qualifications and both bids were higher than anticipated. Options are being evaluated and it appears this project will be rebid at a later date.

## **E. NEW BUSINESS:**

There was no new business to discuss.

## **F. MEETING SCHEDULE:**

\*\*Riverwalk Annual AMP Walk (East of Eagle St.), May 1, 2024, 3:00 p.m.  
Meet in Municipal Center NEU, 400 S. Eagle St., Naperville, IL

Riverwalk Commission, May 8, 2024, 7:30 a.m.  
Municipal Center NEU, 400 S. Eagle St., Naperville, IL

Riverwalk Planning, Design & Construction, June 4, 2024, 7:30 a.m.  
Municipal Center NEU, 400 S. Eagle St., Naperville, IL

Riverwalk Commission, June 12, 2024, 7:30 a.m.  
Municipal Center NEU, 400 S. Eagle St., Naperville, IL

**G. ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Cuff and seconded by Sullivan. The meeting adjourned at 8:29 a.m. MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted by  
Rebecca DeLarme, City Staff