



City of Naperville

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Meeting Minutes

Riverwalk Planning, Design and Construction Committee

Tuesday, April 1, 2025

7:30 AM

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A. CALL TO ORDER:

Riverwalk Commission Chair Bartlett called the April 1, 2025 Naperville Riverwalk Planning, Design and Construction (PDC) Committee meeting to order at 7:30 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; Grant Cowen; John Cuff; Bill Novack; Tiffani Picco; Johnna Shields; Mike Sullivan and Carl Wohlt

Absent: Hannah Brauer; Jan Erickson, Chair; Mary Gibson; Ian Holzhauer; and Seth Michael

Also Present: Tim Ball, Gary R. Weber and Associates, Inc. (GRWA); Rebecca DeLarme, City staff; Mike DiCristina, Naperville Park District; Brian Dusak, Engineering Resource Associates (ERA); Christina Galanis, City staff; Andy Hynes, City staff; Peggy Motta, Naperville Park District; Stephanie Penick, Naperville Riverwalk Foundation; Carl Peterson, GRWA; Geoff Roehll, Riverwalk 2031 Fund; Lisa Weesner, City staff; and Mary Lou Wehrli, resident

C. PUBLIC FORUM:

Wehrli inquired if there would be signs posted on the South Extension for residents only after 10:00 p.m. as a courtesy to the neighbors, similar to the signs posted on the west end of the Riverwalk. Novack responded that the intent is to include this signage.

Wehrli inquired about shoreline restoration at the bend in the river at the west end of the Riverwalk, where the water goes from north-south to east-west. She requested that a stronger approach be taken to protect the corner and suggested the group review at the upcoming Asset Management Plan (AMP) Walk in May. Novack advised that a continuation of the shoreline restoration project with the Naperville Park District and DuPage County would be extended further west this year. Motta advised that the plastic beams in the water would be removed and the shoreline in

that area would be secured.

Wehrli discussed the community event sign located on the South Extension and reviewed an illustration of her recommendation included with these minutes. She encouraged the group to stick with the brand, similar to other Riverwalk signs, noting that the main attraction is what is around the sign. From the sign concepts provided at last month's PDC Committee meeting, Wehrli prefers Concept - A, with the arched frame, and suggested the sign complement and not compete with the community event sign.

D. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Approval of Minutes - Pam Bartlett for Jan Erickson

Approve minutes from the March 4, 2025 Planning, Design and Construction Committee meeting

Attachments: [25PDCMinutes0304](#)

A motion to approve the March 4, 2025 Planning, Design and Construction Committee meeting minutes was made by Shields and seconded by Picco. MOTION CARRIED

2. Park District Report - Tiffani Picco

Picco reported that the sled hill fence has been removed from Rotary Hill and staff will be working on repairing the turf soon.

The outcropping stones have been installed at Harmony Park and Picco will provide photos at next week's Riverwalk Commission meeting. Plant material will be arriving this week and installed as the weather allows over the next couple of weeks.

Staff has been assisting with the Eagle Street Gateway project by removing the assets in the area and rerouting the main irrigation line to keep it up and running.

Cleanup began at Centennial Beach which is now empty but should be filled in a couple of weeks.

3. South Extension Project Update - Bill Novack

Recognition concepts for Edward Hospital at the Martin Avenue Plaza of the South Extension

Attachments: [Edward Hospital Recognition Concepts at the Martin Avenue Plaza](#)

Novack discussed Edward Hospital/Endeavor Health being a major donor

for the South Extension and noted their existing plaza on the east extension, near Hillside Road. They were open to consolidating this with the plaza at Washington Street and Martin Avenue. The consultants provided preliminary concepts which are being discussed with hospital leadership and were included in the agenda packet.

Ball discussed the dedication options previously used throughout the Riverwalk which include plaques and pavers. The suggestions of commemoration identification in the railing at the plaza, a plaque or sign that narrates the history of the hospital, and/or changing the style of paver as done in the Youth Plaza were discussed. Further information will be shared with the Riverwalk Commission as decisions are made by hospital leadership.

Picco inquired about the planting bed in the plaza with Dusak noting they were still working through structural details and would circle back with the Park District to make sure that whatever is proposed would be sustainable.

E. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Riverwalk Banner Poles and Banners - Tiffani Picco

Receive the report and provide direction regarding Riverwalk banner poles and banners

Attachments: [Riverwalk Banner Pole and Banner Report](#)

Picco reviewed information in the report included with the agenda packet that discussed the history of the Riverwalk banners and issues with the newer banners and the original banner poles. Banner styles have evolved from a double-tailed style of banner and a single-tailed banner which both had to be replaced annually due to fading. In 2019, the banner manufacturer recommended switching to vinyl printed banners that allowed the Park District to be more creative with the designs. These new banners last approximately four years and brackets were installed to the existing banner poles for placement with the banner pole arms no longer being utilized. The taper of the poles, however, prevents the banners from being tight which has resulted in ripping in high winds. Staff are currently in the process of talking with new vendors about new material options and obtaining price quotes. Banner preference will dictate the style of pole that needs to be ordered for the new sections of the Riverwalk.

Picco advised if new poles were ordered for the South Extension, they would need to be more like a flagpole and not taper. DiCristina discussed the cost involved with adding a lift to their Toro, with Picco noting it would be hard to justify the additional expense for specialized equipment needed only four times per year. Novack suggested talking with the City's Public

Works Department.

The location of the existing eleven banner poles are as follows: three across from Sullivan's; three at Eagle Street and Jackson Avenue; three on Eagle Street by Farmer's Plaza; one along Aurora Avenue at Rotary Hill; and one on Jefferson Avenue.

Discussion followed on the necessity of the banners with it being noted they identify the location of the Riverwalk. Additional suggestions included taking current inventory of the banner poles and being more thoughtful in the placement, setting us apart from other banners by using the tailed banners that flap, and deciding on a prominent color to help identify the Riverwalk.

Further study and discussion will be included as part of the upcoming AMP Walk in May.

2. Moser Tower Directional Signage - Tiffani Picco

Confirm the intention of the Naperville Park District to remove four outdated directional signs for the Moser Tower and carillon visitor center

Attachments: [Moser Tower and Visitor Center Directional Signage Report](#)

Picco discussed the four directional signs adjacent to the Moser Tower and Visitor Center that are outdated as the tickets for tours are now sold out of the Paddleboat Quarry Rentals building (formerly the Riverwalk Café). Information to guide visitors will be posted on the doors of the Moser Tower and Visitor Center. Park District staff will remove the signs and repaint the posts for future use on the Riverwalk.

A motion to approve the removal of the four outdated directional signs was made by Picco and seconded by Sullivan. MOTION CARRIED

Cuff requested the location of the existing Mr. and Mrs. Naperville statue of Margaret and Harold Moser be discussed at the upcoming AMP Walk.

3. Grand Pavilion Program Outline - Bill Novack

Design Program Outline for the Riverwalk Grand Pavilion

Attachments: [Grand Pavilion Program Design Outline](#)

Novack acknowledged this being his last PDC Committee meeting as Riverwalk Commissioner as he is retiring on May 2nd. The Mayor will be making an appointment of a staff representative to the Commission which will need City Council approval and should be on the April 15th City Council

agenda.

Novack introduced staff in attendance from the City's Transportation, Engineering and Development (TED) team that will be taking over the various Riverwalk projects. Christina Galanis is the Project Engineer for the Grand Pavilion project; Lisa Weesner is the Project Engineer for the 430 South Washington Street project; Katie Rubush is the Project Engineer for the Eagle Street Gateway project; and Katie Rubush and Matt Calpin are the Project Engineers for the South Extension. Andy Hynes oversees the Engineering Team and will be the new City Engineer.

Novack reviewed the design program outline for the Riverwalk Grand Pavilion project that was included in the agenda packet. He noted the outline was a very well written draft that was provided to him and encouraged feedback from the group. Discussion followed on the need to address the flooding in the area, and the possibility of including additional amenities such as water and gas due to the distance to the restroom facilities. Penick requested that other areas available through the Park District be included in future discussions on the Grand Pavilion so the public is aware there are additional facilities available for events.

F. MEETING SCHEDULE:

Riverwalk Commission, April 9, 2025, 7:30 a.m.
Municipal Center NEU, 400 S. Eagle St., Naperville, IL

Riverwalk Planning, Design & Construction, May 6, 2025, 7:30 a.m.
Municipal Center NEU, 400 S. Eagle St., Naperville, IL

Riverwalk Annual AMP Walk - West of Eagle Street, May 7, 2025,
3:00 p.m.
Meet in Municipal Center NEU, 400 S. Eagle St., Naperville, IL

Riverwalk Commission, May 14, 2025, 7:30 a.m.
Municipal Center NEU, 400 S. Eagle St., Naperville, IL

Riverwalk Annual AMP Walk - East of Eagle Street, May 15, 2025,
3:00 p.m.
Meet in Municipal Center NEU, 400 S. Eagle St., Naperville, IL

G. ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Novack and seconded by Shields. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 a.m. MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted by
/S/ Rebecca DeLarme
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Transportation, Engineering and Development Business Group