



City of Naperville

400 S. Eagle Street
Naperville, IL 60540
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Meeting Minutes

Riverwalk Commission

Wednesday, February 12, 2025

7:30 AM

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A. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Bartlett called the February 12, 2025 Naperville Riverwalk Commission meeting to order at 7:32 a.m. The meeting was held in the Naperville Employee University (NEU) at the Naperville Municipal Center located at 400 S. Eagle St., Naperville, IL.

B. ROLL CALL:

Present: Pam Bartlett, Chair; Hannah Brauer; Mary Gibson; Ian Holzhauer; Aarav Khullar, Student Representative; Seth Michael; Bill Novack; Tiffani Picco; Johnna Shields; Mike Sullivan; and Carl Wohlt

Absent: Grant Cowen; John Cuff; Jan Erickson; and Kyle Wang, Student Representative

Also Present: Tim Ball, Gary R. Weber Associates, Inc. (GRWA); Rebecca DeLarme, City staff; 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. PROJECT UPDATES:

There were no project updates.

E. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business to discuss.

F. NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business to discuss.

G. REPORTS:

1. Approval of Minutes - Pam Bartlett

Approve minutes from the January 8, 2025 Riverwalk Commission meeting

Attachments: [25RWCMinutes0108](#)

A motion to approve the January 8, 2025 Riverwalk Commission meeting minutes was made by Shields and seconded by Novack. MOTION CARRIED

2. Chairman - Pam Bartlett

Bartlett expressed appreciation to Picco and the Park District staff for the many updates and enhancement projects underway and noted their work is being noticed as people are asking questions.

3. Park District - Tiffani Picco

Receive the monthly Park District report

Attachments: [25ParkDistrictMemo0212](#)

Picco reviewed highlights from the report included in the agenda packet and noted the pictures of the railing along Eagle Street. Two new sections were added to match the fence that was installed a few years ago and now the entire length is the same style.

Park District staff are working on a new volunteer idea where they would designate a specific day and time each month to encourage recurring volunteers to assist with a variety of tasks. The first volunteer day will be scheduled in April around Earth Day and will include dividing hostas outside of the Carillon Tower.

Picco inquired if the group would prefer to split this year's annual Asset Management Plan Walk into two dates as was done last year. Consensus was that two walks, separated by at least one week, would be best for the group. She will provide the suggested dates next month.

4. Riverwalk Foundation - Pam Bartlett for John Cuff

There was no report.

5. Riverwalk 2031 Fund - Pam Bartlett for Grant Cowen

Hitchcock was in attendance and provided a brief update on the Riverwalk 2031 Fund noting they have been meeting and now have a council of advisors that includes leaders in the community. They plan to revisit with the Naperville Riverwalk Foundation to review their fundraising campaign and will review the overall strategy, particularly how donors are recognized, with the Riverwalk Commission at an upcoming meeting for feedback.

6. Donor Recognition - Rebecca DeLarme

Receive the monthly Donor Recognition report

DeLarme reported that the Spring 2025 Legacy Gift order deadline is March 15, 2025 and currently consists of three 4" x 8" commemorative bricks and seven 8" x 8" commemorative bricks.

7. Planning, Design, and Construction - Pam Bartlett for Jan Erickson

Receive the February 4, 2025 Riverwalk Planning, Design and Construction Committee draft meeting minutes

Attachments: [25PDCMinutes0204Draft](#)

Bartlett reported on the following topics from the past week's PDC Committee meeting.

Park District Enhancement Projects: Picco provided an overview of the Park District enhancement projects for three locations on the Naperville Riverwalk to include the Harmony Park area landscape, a landscape refresh east of the Dandelion Fountain, and a landscape refresh by Main Street and Horse Trough fountain.

South Extension Project - Community Sign: The consultants reviewed concept drawings for enhancements to the digital community event sign located at William Friedrich Memorial Park. Suggestions were received by residents Marilyn Schweitzer and Mary Lou Wehrli and the consultants will bring back additional concepts based on the discussions.

Grand Pavillion Parking Lot Improvements: The PDC Committee voted against using permeable pavers for the Grand Pavilion parking lot.

H. MEETING SCHEDULE:

Novack discussed the upcoming Riverwalk 2031 Presentation by Rick Hitchcock, scheduled for February 25th at 9:00 a.m. in Council Chambers. It will be noticed as a Riverwalk Commission meeting to comply with the Open Meetings Act and, in addition to the Park District staff attendees, Municipal Center City employees will also be invited to attend.

****Riverwalk 2031 Presentation by Rick Hitchcock, February 25, 2025, 9:00 a.m.**
Council Chambers, 400 S. Eagle St., Naperville, IL

Riverwalk Planning, Design & Construction, March 4, 2025, 7:30 a.m.
Municipal Center NEU, 400 S. Eagle St., Naperville, IL

Riverwalk Commission, March 12, 2025, 7:30 a.m.

Municipal Center NEU, 400 S. Eagle St., Naperville, IL

Riverwalk Planning, Design & Construction, April 1, 2025, 7:30 a.m.
Municipal Center NEU, 400 S. Eagle St., Naperville, IL

I. ADJOURNMENT:

Prior to adjournment, Novack announced his retirement on May 2, 2025.
The group expressed their congratulations to Novack.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Holzhauer and seconded by Sullivan. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 a.m. MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted by
/S/ Rebecca DeLarme
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