



Meeting Minutes

Riverwalk Commission

Wednesday, January 13, 2021

7:30 AM

Via Zoom Due To COVID-19

CITY OF NAPERVILLE PUBLIC MEETINGS UPDATE:

On Friday, June 12, 2020, an amendment to the Open Meetings Act was signed into law. This new law replaces the gubernatorial executive order concerning the Open Meetings Act and allows public bodies to temporarily conduct meetings remotely during a state of emergency, subject to certain requirements, including a determination by the head of the public body that an in-person meeting is not practical or prudent.

Pursuant to Section 120/7(e) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act, the continuation of the Governor's disaster proclamation, and Mayor Chirico's executive order determining that in-person public meetings are not currently practical or prudent because of the Covid-19 pandemic, we are holding January 13, 2021 Riverwalk Commission meeting remotely.

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When: Jan 13, 2021 07:30 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

Topic: Riverwalk Commission

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A. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Kennedy called the January 13, 2021 Naperville Riverwalk Commission meeting to order at 7:30 a.m. Kennedy read a statement explaining that due to the shelter-in-place directive, the meeting was held via Zoom Video Conferencing App.

B. ROLL CALL:

Present: Valla Aguilar; Pam Bartlett; Judy Brodhead; John Cuff; Jan Erickson; Jeff Friant; John Joseph; Pat Kennedy, Commission Chairman; Debra Lellbach; Bill Novack; and Tom Stibbe

Absent: Josh McBroom

Also Present: Rebecca DeLarme, City Staff; Brian Dusak, ERA; Monica Goshorn-Maroney, GRWA; Rick Hitchcock, former Riverwalk Commission Chairman; Julie Landry, City Staff; Laura McSweeney, City Staff; Carl Peterson, GRWA; and Jake Wolf, ERA

C. PUBLIC FORUM:

No one from the public wished to address the Riverwalk Commission.

D. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Moser Tower Rehabilitation - Bill Novack

Novack reported that ERA and GRWA consultants gave an overview of the

preliminary plans for the Moser Tower Rehabilitation at the last Planning, Design and Construction (PDC) Committee meeting. To properly waterproof the tower and plaza, some of the façade and concrete must be replaced. The plans incorporate ideas that also enhance the area. Peterson shared the plans and Goshorn-Maroney reviewed some of the suggestions which include adding pavers in the lower plaza, adding additional Riverwalk elements such as pavers, planters and railings to the upper plaza and the possibility of adding donor plaques. Discussion followed regarding water intrusion into the existing structure. Dusak and Peterson expressed the importance of separating the waterproofing issues with the suggested enhancements without adding a significant increase in cost. Dusak advised that it would be two to three months before the project will be ready to go out for bid. Kennedy and other members expressed their appreciation for the suggested enhancements.

2. Riverwalk Master Plan - Pat Kennedy

Kennedy reported that charters have been developed for the Communications and Fundraising teams for the Riverwalk 2031 Master Plan. The Communications team will be responsible for messaging, potential presentations and different avenues to get the word out relative to the Master Plan. The Fundraising team will put together fundraising strategies around the overall Master Plan and specific projects within the plan. The teams will be populated by three or less members of the Riverwalk Commission and include others to round out skill sets and engage those that are enthusiastic about the Riverwalk. They will include former Commission Chairmen Geoff Roehll and Rick Hitchcock. Kennedy advised that he will be reaching out to other Commission members and asked that anyone interested contact him. The leaders of both teams will report back to the Commission at future meetings. Friant advised that he would reach out to the Edward Foundation Executive Director for recommendations and follow up with Kennedy.

3. Riverwalk "Welcome Back" for 2021 - Bill Novack

Novack welcomed ideas for a Riverwalk "Welcome Back" for 2021. Bartlett advised that she spoke with the Downtown Naperville Alliance and they are interested in partnering with the City. She will discuss further at an upcoming Alliance meeting and will also inquire about interest in the Communications and Fundraising teams for the Master Plan.

E. NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business to discuss.

F. REPORTS:

1. Approval of Minutes - Pat Kennedy

Approve minutes from the December 9, 2020 Riverwalk Commission meeting

Attachments: [20RWCMinutes1209](#)

A motion to approve the December 9, 2020 Riverwalk Commission meeting minutes was made by Brodhead and seconded by Friant.
MOTION CARRIED

2. Chairman - Pat Kennedy

Chairman Kennedy had no additional information to report.

3. Finance - Bill Novack

Receive the Riverwalk financial reports for December

Attachments: [20RWCFinancials12](#)

Novack reviewed the December financials, noting that final payouts for 2020 would not be available until February or March.

4. Park District - Tom Stibbe

Receive the monthly Park District report

Attachments: [21ParkDistrictMemo0113](#)

Stibbe reviewed the following highlights from the Park District report:

- a. Sled Hills and Ice Rinks
The Sled Hill is up and waiting for snow. The hockey rinks and free skate area have been constructed and flooded, but not yet officially open.
- b. Tree Pruning
Steve Piper and Sons did tree pruning for some of the large trees around Rotary Hill.
- c. Annual Flower Bed Designs
The designs for the annual flower beds have been completed. RFP's have been sent to growers and delivery will be scheduled for the third week of May.
- d. Santa's Naperville Workshop
Erickson complimented the Park District for their work on Santa's Naperville Workshop. Brodhead and others also reported receiving positive feedback.

5. Riverwalk Foundation - John Cuff

There was no update from the Riverwalk Foundation.

6. Donor Recognition - Rebecca DeLarme

A total of nine brick orders have been received for the spring 2021 installation. The deadline for the spring 2021 order is March 15, 2021.

7. Public Relations - Valla Aguilar

Receive the December Public Relations reports

Attachments: [21PublicRelationsReport0113](#)

Aguilar reported that highlights in December were related to Naper Lights and Santa. The Riverwalk was mentioned in 105 articles, 95 social media posts, 3 broadcasts and received press from the Redwood Capital Group announcing the acquisition of Hunter's Glen.

8. Planning, Design, and Construction - Jeff Friant

Receive the January 5, 2021 Riverwalk Planning, Design and Construction Committee minutes

Attachments: [21PDCMinutes0105](#)

Friant advised that in addition to the Moser Tower Rehabilitation and the development of teams for the Riverwalk 2031 Master Plan, the PDC committee discussed in detail the replacement of the mallets at Harmony Park and the cost involved. The Park District is researching more cost-effective replacements. Novack reported that the Rotary Club did provide initial funding for maintenance for the first five years and he is working to have those funds allocated correctly.

G. MEETING SCHEDULE:

Riverwalk Planning, Design & Construction, February 2, 2021, 7:30 a.m.
On Zoom Video Conferencing App

Riverwalk Commission, February 10, 2021, 7:30 a.m.
On Zoom Video Conferencing App

Riverwalk Planning, Design & Construction, March 2, 2021, 7:30 a.m.
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H. ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made Brodhead, seconded by Friant at 8:11 a.m.
MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted by
Rebecca DeLarme, City Staff