



# City of Naperville

400 S. Eagle Street  
Naperville, IL 60540

## Meeting Minutes

### Riverwalk Commission

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Wednesday, August 14, 2024

7:30 AM

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#### A. CALL TO ORDER:

Riverwalk Commission Chairman Kennedy called the August 14, 2024 Naperville Riverwalk Commission meeting to order at 7:30 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: John Cuff; Jan Erickson; Jeff Friant; Mary Gibson; Ian Holzhauer; Pat Kennedy, Chairman; Bill Novack; Tiffani Picco; Johnna Shields; Mike Sullivan; and Carl Wohlt

Absent: Pam Bartlett; and Grant Cowen

Also Present: Tim Ball, GRWA; Rebecca DeLarme, City staff; Rick Hitchcock, former Riverwalk Commission Chairman; John Joseph, Riverwalk 2031 Fund Chairman; Stephanie Penick, Naperville Riverwalk Foundation; and Carol Thompson, resident

#### C. PUBLIC FORUM:

There were no public comments at this time.

#### 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 - Pat Kennedy

Approve minutes from the July 10, 2024 Riverwalk Commission meeting

Attachments: [24RWCMinutes0710](#)

A motion to approve the July 10, 2024 Riverwalk Commission meeting minutes was made by Picco and seconded by Friant. MOTION CARRIED

## **2. Chairman - Pat Kennedy**

There was no Chairman's report.

## **3. Finance - Bill Novack**

Novack advised that the Capital Improvement Project budget information was submitted to Finance and he should be able to report on the dates of the budget workshops at next month's meeting.

Discussion followed on the frequency of the financial reports with Novack advising they will be provided on a bi-annual basis. An update on the 2024 budget will be provided at the September 11th meeting.

## **4. Park District - Tiffani Picco**

Receive the monthly Park District report

Attachments: [24ParkDistrictMemo0814](#)

Picco discussed the minor storm damage received from several storms in mid-July, noting that staff spent time cleaning up tree debris. Staff also worked to pressure wash the walks after the river came up over the lower walkway and filled the amphitheater. Work continues on weeding, watering, pruning, mulching and spraying all along the Riverwalk.

Staff is putting together ideas for fall projects that include areas in section 3 by the covered bridge, section 4 by Harmony Park, section 5 on the east side of the Dandelion Fountain, and section 5 by the Horse Trough fountain.

Erickson inquired about the Riverwalk Amphitheater. Novack advised that he recently received the repair specifications and he is currently putting together the bid documents.

Kennedy inquired if the Park District was experiencing labor shortages, as was reported in past years, and as it pertains to keeping up Riverwalk maintenance. Picco noted they have one open part-time position and that this year has been much better than the last three years. They are making good progress.

## **5. Riverwalk Foundation - John Cuff**

There was no report. Cuff encouraged the group to visit the Prairie Nature Garden and expressed his thanks to Picco, Peggy Motta and Park District staff for their phenomenal job with this project.

#### **6. Riverwalk 2031 Fund - John Joseph for Grant Cowen**

Riverwalk 2031 Fund Chairman John Joseph provided an update on their donor recognition policy noting that a meeting was held last month with representatives from the Naperville Riverwalk Foundation and the Park District. They are reviewing information from that meeting and are also forming their council of advisors of ten to twelve local individuals to assist with their fundraising campaign. Updates should be available for the October 9th meeting.

#### **7. Donor Recognition - Rebecca DeLarme**

Receive the monthly Donor Recognition report

DeLarme reviewed the Riverwalk Commission Donor Recognition report included in the agenda packet. The Fall 2024 Legacy Gift Order deadline is September 1st and consists of nineteen 4" x 8" and four 8" x 8" commemorative bricks. Sullivan inquired about the cost of the commemorative bricks with DeLarme reporting that the 4" x 8" commemorative bricks are \$200 and the 8" x 8" commemorative bricks are \$300, with funds going to the Naperville Riverwalk Foundation.

#### **8. Planning, Design, and Construction - Jeff Friant**

Receive the August 6, 2024 Riverwalk Planning, Design and Construction Committee draft meeting minutes

Attachments: [24PDCMinutes0806Draft](#)

Friant provided an overview on the following three main topics of discussion from the past week's Planning, Design and Construction (PDC) Committee meeting.

Fredenhagen Park: Discussions continued regarding the park, the placement of statues, the bridge construction, and the 430 South Washington Street project. The Commission is in agreement that the area needs rehabilitation and Kennedy noted that the consultants would be providing a contextual view of the area for further discussion at an upcoming meeting.

South Gateway Design: The consultants provided an update on the South Gateway project design. The group discussed how to light the pathway, the orientation of the lighting, the light pollution concern for the residents and new technology that will be explored. They also discussed options to block

the paths with something more semi-permanent than yellow tape during high water events, and the placement of the Park District's community sign.

Proposed Haiku Path: Very good discussion was held with Sharon Martina regarding her proposal for a Haiku Path on the Naperville Riverwalk. Suggestions from the group, who were very positive regarding the idea, included it being a community-wide project. Ms. Martina was asked to come back once the program is more developed as she will be engaging with the school districts to build support and determining other points of interest within the city. An update may be forthcoming in November or December.

## **H. MEETING SCHEDULE:**

Novack reminded the group that if there is not enough material for the September 3, 2024 Planning, Design and Construction (PDC) Committee meeting agenda, the meeting will be canceled and the group will be notified via email by Friday, August 30th.

*Riverwalk Planning, Design & Construction, September 3, 2024, 7:30 a.m.*

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

Riverwalk Commission, September 11, 2024, 7:30 a.m.  
Municipal Center NEU, 400 S. Eagle St., Naperville, IL

Riverwalk Planning, Design & Construction, October 1, 2024, 7:30 a.m.  
Municipal Center NEU, 400 S. Eagle St., Naperville, IL

Riverwalk Commission, October 9, 2024, 7:30 a.m.  
Municipal Center NEU, 400 S. Eagle St., Naperville, IL

## **I. ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Erickson and seconded by Shields. The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 a.m. MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted by  
Rebecca DeLarme, City Staff