



City of Naperville

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Meeting Minutes

Riverwalk Commission

Wednesday, May 7, 2025

3:00 PM

Meet in NEU

Annual AMP Walk (West of Eagle St.)

A. ROLL CALL:

Riverwalk Commissioner Attendees: Grant Cowen; John Cuff; Andy Hynes; Seth Michael; Tiffani Picco; Johnna Shields; Mike Sullivan; and Carl Wohlt

Additional Attendees: Tim Ball, GRWA; Jesus Cortez, NCTV17; Rebecca DeLarme, City staff; Rick Hitchcock, former Riverwalk Commission Chairman; Mary Hamill, ACTF; Councilwoman Allison Longenbaugh; Jeff Martin, Naperville Riverwalk Foundation; Stephanie Penick, Naperville Riverwalk Foundation; Carl Peterson, GRWA; and Barbara Sullivan, resident

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Commence Annual Asset Management Plan Walk - Tiffani Picco

Receive walkthrough discussion highlights for the upcoming Asset Management Plan (AMP) Walks

Attachments: [Riverwalk AMP Walkthrough 2025](#)

Picco guided the group, starting near Farmer's Plaza along Eagle Street. The following topics were covered and are categorized by section.

Follow-up items for future discussion at upcoming PD&C Committee meetings are noted in bold print

Section 4:

1. **“Shoreline” and lower walkway going west along the river:** Picco addressed the area near Eagle Street that is a cross between a shoreline and landscape bed. One concern is that the lower walk is pitched backwards, fills with silt and is also uneven.
2. **Plow Statue:** This was restored in 2024.
3. **Banner Poles:** Picco provided a sample of a recommended banner style material. There are three banner poles in this area. Do we reduce

to one banner pole?

4. **2031 Master Plan - Overlook Improvement:** Picco reviewed the overlooks. Do we want this to be a bigger project or updated landscape similar to what Park District staff has been doing in other areas?
5. **Aurora Avenue retaining wall:** This has been included City budget for 2028-2029.
6. **Harmony Park project update:** Picco reviewed the recent improvements made by Park District staff and funded by the Naperville Riverwalk Foundation.
7. **Single Banner Pole along Aurora Avenue:** Location noted.
8. **New paver walk connecting Aurora Avenue to the Carillon walkway:** Noted by group.
9. **Mr. and Mrs. Naperville statue:** The sign is currently on the back (south) side. Can it be moved? More information is needed from Century Walk.
10. **Directional signs removed from Carillon and Visitor Center:** The Carillon tour tickets are now being sold out of the Paddleboat Quarry rental building (formerly Riverwalk Café) and a sign could be posted on the door to direct visitors. The existing signs can be reused in another area.
11. **Residential Area:** The “Park Closed at 10:00 p.m.” sign was noted. This will be added to South Extension. The Riverwalk and Riverplace properties were discussed with Picco noting the possibility of adding stairs and connecting the path for additional accessibility on the overlook for the quarry. Park District staff continues to keep the area cut low.
12. **Shoreline invasives removed in winter:** Future maintenance for this area and tree leaning example, need for removals was discussed.
13. **Neztley Stone:** Park District staff to pressure wash Netzley stone west of metal bridge.

Section 1:

1. **Shoreline Restoration project:** Future maintenance discussed.
2. **Granite trail conversion to pavers:** This decomposed granite in this area defines that it is not the Riverwalk but is a maintenance issue for Park District staff. The Park District will be converting the granite to 4 x 8 pavers with a concrete curb on each side.
3. **Addition of a permanent “No Bikes” sign at Jefferson:** A directional signage to the bike path at Parkway Drive was suggested and a more permanent solution will be discussed. The Walk Your Wheels sign will be placed in the area in the interim.

Section 2:

1. Prairie Nature Garden: The group viewed the improvements to the area.
2. Shoreline Restoration project: (Jaycees playground and west to Sindt Woods). Progress was discussed.
3. Area west of Jaycees Playground, south of Warming Shelter: More trees could be added to create a small shaded picnic area.
4. 2031 Master Plan: Grand Pavilion Area Improvements: The group discussed possible improvements, current drainage concerns and improvements to the parking lot.
5. Tall light poles in basin near Warming Shelter: Can the removal be included in Grand Pavilion project improvements?

Section 3:

1. Shoreline plantings and erosion east of metal bridge: Picco discussed the buckthorn removal and the donation from the Conservation Foundation for native plugs. Park District staff continue to analyze progress.
2. Retaining wall and lower walkway west of covered bridge: Picco discussed the original walls to the Riverwalk and concerns such as infiltration occurring when the beach is emptied. It was noted that this area has been monitored by ERA. Future discussions are needed.
3. Retaining wall and lower walkway east of covered bridge: This area has been monitored by ERA. Future discussions are needed.
4. Admin parking lot scheduled to be repaved: The Park District Administration building parking lot will be repaved after the Eagle Street Gateway project is complete. Scheduled for spring 2026.
5. 2031 Master Plan: Eagle Street Gateway project update: The group viewed the progress to date.