



## **Memorandum**

### **December 2, 2025 Agenda Item**

To: Riverwalk Commission

From: Tiffani Picco, Riverwalk Operations Manager, 630-848-3590

Date: November 24, 2025

Re: **Follow Up Items from the 2025 AMP Walk Notes**

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#### **Riverwalk Banner Poles:**

- The 11 banner poles have been painted black and are looking much better (photo of Main St poles on page 2). In 2026, the Park District plans to order custom banners with a red, white, and blue theme to celebrate the 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday of the United States of America. This is a great opportunity to trial the old style of banner with the 2 tails and see if we want to return to this style moving forward.
- During the AMP Walk, we discussed the 3 banner poles along Eagle St. The nearby maple tree continues to grow into one of the poles, and the other sits very close to the Plow statue. Does it make sense to remove 2 of these poles and only leave 1 (similar to what is located along Aurora Ave and Jefferson Ave)? These 2 poles could be utilized in the South Extension, perhaps on either side of the Endeavour Plaza at Martin Ave.

#### **Mr. and Mrs. Naperville Statue:**

- The sign explaining the statue is currently on the back (south) side of the statue itself. A question was asked about whether the sign could be moved. The sign is a part of the statue and moving it is not possible. One option is to draw more attention to the back side of the statue by redesigning the plaza. The current plaza uses square and rectangular stones that are not used anywhere else on the Riverwalk (photo on page 3). All other plazas are rounded. One design option (included on page 3) includes two new entry points from the main Riverwalk with a planting bed in the middle (similar to many other areas along the Riverwalk), and also a path on the south side connecting to the Carillon area. This allows room for the two benches to move slightly further toward the “back” side of the statue where the interpretive sign is located and would draw attention to the sign from the Carillon as well.

#### **Granite Trail Conversion to Pavers:**

- The crushed granite trail in the Sindt Woods has been converted to pavers (photo on page 4)

#### **Other Items:**

- “No bicycles” and “Walk Your Wheels” type signs need to be standardized and will have their own agenda item at a future PD&C meeting
- The pavers over the elm roots adjacent to the Rubin Family Circle have been reset and will be monitored
- Other projects completed since the AMP walk include the Fredenhagen lpe wood refresh, new landscape areas in section 5, sedges were replanted and established in the lower walk by Water St, and the Netzeley stone west of the Visitor Center was pressure washed

Repainted banner poles along Main St:





Mr. and Mrs. Naperville Statue in current square plaza:



Design option of rounded plaza with planting bed and path connecting to Carillon:





Granite trail converted to pavers in Sindt Woods:

