



City of Naperville

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Meeting Minutes

Riverwalk Commission

Wednesday, September 10, 2025

7:30 AM

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A. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Erickson called the September 10, 2025 Naperville Riverwalk Commission meeting to order at 7:32 a.m. The meeting was held in the Naperville Employee University (NEU) room at the Naperville Municipal Center located at 400 S. Eagle St., Naperville, IL.

B. ROLL CALL:

Present: 10 - Hannah Brauer; John Cuff; Jan Erickson, Chair; Ian Holzhauer; Andy Hynes; Tiffani Picco; Leslie Ruffing; Greg Sagen; Johnna Shields; Carl Wohlt

Absent: 3 - Grant Cowen; Seth Michael; and Mike Sullivan

Also Present: Tim Ball, Gary R. Weber Associates, Inc. (GRWA); Rebecca DeLarme, City staff; Brian Dusak, Engineering Resource Associates (ERA); Rick Hitchcock, former Riverwalk Commission Chair and Downtown Advisory Committee (DAC); Jeff Martin, Naperville Riverwalk Foundation; 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:

1. Riverwalk Project Updates - Andy Hynes

Receive the update on various ongoing Riverwalk projects

Attachments: [Riverwalk Project Photos](#)

Commissioner Hynes reviewed the following project updates and photos that were included with the agenda packet:

Eagle Street Gateway: Construction continues on the Eagle Street Gateway project. Various retaining walls, staircase components, and foundations have been installed over the past few weeks, and the low flow walk is almost

complete. Completion of the project is expected in October.

Fredenhagen Park Fountain Repairs: The contractor has installed the conduit for the potential future lighting system. The next step will be the application of the new waterproof liner which has to be installed in certain weather conditions. The project is expected to be completed by late September with activation of the fountain to follow.

Fredenhagen Park Miscellaneous Repairs: A purchase order related to the painting and cleaning of various components within Fredenhagen Park has been issued. The work is in progress and the contractor is currently pressure-washing.

Commissioner Cuff inquired if the contractor would provide warranty and operational materials to Park District staff. Commissioner Hynes advised that a walk-through meeting would be scheduled to review the processes.

E. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Shepherd's Crook Lights Location Map - Andy Hynes

Receive the information on the location of Shepherd's Crook pedestrian light poles within the public right of way

Attachments: [Shepherd's Crook Light ROW Location Map](#)

Commissioner Hynes discussed the information included in the agenda packet regarding the location of Shepherd's Crook pedestrian light poles along various streets within the downtown area. He reviewed the current map which has an updated legend to correctly identify the location of the Shepherd's Crook (noted in green - Riverwalk standard) and acorn style (noted in red - Downtown Streetscape standard) light poles. Commissioner Hynes noted that the Shepherd's Crook lights on Chicago Avenue between Main Street and Washington Avenue would be replaced in the next couple of years as part of the upcoming streetscape project.

Councilman Holzhauer inquired about the difficulty in replacing the Shepherd's Crook lights farthest from the Riverwalk that felt out of place. Commissioner Hynes noted the difference in diameter in the poles and advised that the City's Department of Public Works (DPW) would be gradually replacing them with the acorn style lights. He will inquire with DPW on the timeline.

Additional discussion continued on the lights along the west side of Eagle Street, around the Paddleboat Quarry, with Commissioner Hynes advising it could be a possibility to change those to the Riverwalk standard. The bolt patterns and photometrics were also inquired about and it was noted that all Shepherd's Crook lights would be salvaged for future use on the Riverwalk. Councilman Holzhauer noted the priority of replacing the lights on Eagle Street along the Riverwalk path followed by the lights farthest from the Riverwalk.

F. NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business.

G. REPORTS:

1. Approval of Minutes - Jan Erickson

Approve minutes from the August 13, 2025 Riverwalk Commission meeting

Attachments: [25RWCMinutes0813](#)

An amendment to the August 13, 2025 Riverwalk Commission meeting minutes was requested by Commissioner Sagen to change page 5, 3rd paragraph under the recommendation of conversion to LED bulbs for the Shepherd's Crook lights, 2nd sentence, to reflect 3000 Kelvin instead of 3000-lumen.

A motion was made by Shields, seconded by Picco, approved as amended. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 10 - Brauer, Cuff, Erickson, Holzauer, Hynes, Picco, Ruffing, Sagen, Shields, Wohlt

2. Chair - Jan Erickson

There was no report.

3. Park District - Tiffani Picco

Receive the monthly Park District report

Attachments: [25ParkDistrictMemo0910](#)

Commissioner Picco reviewed the following highlights included in the Park District report in the agenda packet.

Proper weather conditions allowed for the Horse Trough Fountain to be painted black. A photo was included in the report.

Staff cut back the weedy vegetation along the shoreline between the metal bridge and the covered bridge.

A donor through the Conservation Foundation has once again graciously donated money for native plugs for shoreline projects. 1,200 plugs were ordered and arrived yesterday. Staff will continue to plant along the area between the beach and the river and fill in pockets further west of the metal bridge.

The Last Fling was held over Labor Day weekend with very minimal impact to the Riverwalk.

Plants were ordered and installed yesterday in the area near the Horse Trough Fountain, which was a project supported by the Naperville Riverwalk Foundation.

Upcoming events include the Riverwalk Fine Arts Fair, the Naperville Pumpkin Race on Rotary Hill, and Halloween Happening at the Grand Pavilion. Chair Erickson discussed the expected attendance for these events and noted the great work done by Park District staff.

4. Riverwalk Foundation - John Cuff

There was no report. Commissioner Cuff advised that the next Naperville Riverwalk Foundation Board Meeting is scheduled for later this month.

5. Riverwalk 2031 Fund - Jan Erickson for Grant Cowen

Chair Erickson reported the Riverwalk 2031 Fund will be meeting with their council of advisors near the end of October. The grand opening of the Eagle Street Gateway is being planned for October 29th.

6. Donor Recognition - Rebecca DeLarme

Receive the monthly Donor Recognition report

DeLarme reported that the Fall 2025 Legacy Gift order deadline was September 1st and two additional 8" x 8" bricks were sold after the report was submitted for the agenda packet. The order total consisted of one 4" x 8" commemorative brick, twenty-four 8" x 8" commemorative bricks, three benches, and one 18" x 12" commemorative stone.

7. Planning, Design, and Construction - Johnna Shields

Receive the September 2, 2025 Riverwalk Planning, Design and Construction Committee draft meeting minutes

Attachments: [25PDCMinutes0902Draft](#)

Commissioner Shields noted the draft Planning, Design and Construction (PDC) Committee meeting minutes included with the agenda packet. She reported that work continues with the refresh of the Riverwalk 2031 Master Plan and representatives from North Central College attended last week's meeting. She expressed her appreciation for their attendance and for sharing their vision and providing context on the 430 South Washington Street and East Bank Riverwalk projects. She thanked the consultants for working to get the updates ready for next month's meeting.

The Annual Asset Management Plan Review was not discussed due to time constraints and will be included on next month's agenda. Commissioner Shields will be meeting with Commissioner Picco next week to review the items that the PDC Committee and Riverwalk Commission should focus on versus the City and Park District.

H. MEETING SCHEDULE:

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

Riverwalk Commission, October 8, 2025, 7:30 a.m.
Municipal Center NEU, 400 S. Eagle St., Naperville, IL

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

Riverwalk Commission, November 12, 2025, 7:30 a.m.
Municipal Center NEU, 400 S. Eagle St., Naperville, IL

I. ADJOURNMENT:

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

/S/ Rebecca DeLarme
Rebecca DeLarme
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Transportation, Engineering and Development Business Group