



Meeting Minutes

Riverwalk Planning, Design and Construction Committee

Tuesday, May 2, 2023

7:30 AM

TED Conference Room 164

A. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Friant called the May 2, 2023 Naperville Riverwalk Planning, Design and Construction Committee (PDC) meeting to order at 7:30 a.m. The meeting was held in TED Conference Room 164 in the Naperville Municipal Center located at 400 S. Eagle St., Naperville, IL.

B. ROLL CALL:

Present: John Cuff; Jan Erickson; Jeff Friant, PDC Chairman; Bill Novack; Tom Stibbe; Mike Sullivan (arrived at 7:35 a.m.); and Carl Wohlt

Absent: Valla Aguilar; Pam Bartlett; Mary Gibson; Ian Holzhauer; John Joseph; and Pat Kennedy

Also Present: Tom Castagnoli, Fredenhagen Family; Rebecca DeLarme, City Staff; Brian Dusak, ERA; Mary Hamill, ACTF; and Carl Peterson, GRWA

C. PUBLIC FORUM:

There were no public comments.

D. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Approval of Minutes - Jeff Friant

Approve minutes from the April 4, 2023 Planning, Design and Construction Committee meeting

Attachments: [23PDCMinutes0404](#)

A motion to approve the April 4, 2023 Planning, Design and Construction Committee meeting minutes was made by Novack and seconded by Stibbe. MOTION CARRIED with Erickson and Sullivan abstaining

2. Park District - Tom Stibbe

Stibbe reported that staff was getting very busy this time of year. Early

spring flowers have been planted in the pots and spring annuals will go in closer to the end of the month. The beach is filled and the paddle boats are in and will be opening soon.

Stibbe reported on the recent vandalism on the Riverwalk and other areas, noting that most of the graffiti on the Riverwalk has been cleaned up but the contractors will be coming back out to remove some additional spots that were found. The Naperville Police Department has identified two suspects.

The Annual Asset Management Plan Walk is scheduled for Thursday, May 4, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. The group will plan to meet in the lunchroom of the Municipal Center.

3. Moser Tower Rehabilitation - Bill Novack

Novack advised that the project is near completion and the contractor would be out today to address the landscaping.

4. Fredenhagen Park Fountain - Bill Novack

Receive summaries of Exchange Club Memories Fountain meetings with Exchange Club and Fredenhagen Family

Attachments: [ECMF20230404rev](#)
[ECMF20230420TomC](#)

Novack introduced Tom Castagnoli who represents the Fredenhagen family in discussions regarding possible alternatives to the Exchange Club Memories Fountain in Fredenhagen Park. Novack reviewed highlights from the meeting summaries with Mr. Castagnoli and the Exchange Club that were included with the agenda packet. All parties are open to discussions on alternatives to the fountain. The group discussed the possibility of several alternatives, with Wohlt suggesting the importance of having an element that “sparkles” and the importance of using light in the area that draws your attention. Sullivan asked if there was a lighting color theme on the Riverwalk. Discussion followed with Stibbe noting the lights on the Carillon were going to be updated and that they allow for changing colors to coincide with particular events. A smaller water feature that required less maintenance was discussed and the possibility of including light, water and sculpture in the area was suggested. Additional lighting in Fredenhagen Park was also suggested, along with the possibility of adding lighting to other areas of the Riverwalk. Friant inquired about the timeline with Novack requesting to have a smaller group continue to meet to brainstorm ideas. Mr. Castagnoli noted his family’s support for the ideas from the group.

5. Fredenhagen Park Maintenance - Bill Novack and Tom Stibbe

Stibbe reviewed some of the quotes he received for the maintenance work for the Ipe wood and various structures at Fredenhagen Park. Current estimates are approximately \$15,000 to \$20,000 for cleaning and staining the wood in the front half of the Park by the tower, and closer to \$50,000 for the entire park. He is awaiting additional estimates and will have more information for review at next month's PDC meeting. The timing of the repairs with the other projects in the area (bridge construction, 430 South Washington) was brought up and will be further discussed during this week's AMP Walk.

6. Riverwalk Master Plan - Jeff Friant for Pat Kennedy

Friant noted that after the AMP Walk, the PDC will review the Master Plan for updates or changes that will be brought before the Riverwalk Commission prior to the City's budgeting process.

7. Riverwalk Bicentennial Fund - Jeff Friant for Pat Kennedy

Friant reported that John Joseph has been appointed to the Riverwalk Commission as the representative for the Riverwalk Bicentennial Fund. Erickson reported the group had a great meeting last week and that the remainder of the marketing video should be completed within the next couple of weeks. They are preparing a list of organizations to present to and Erickson requested input from the group on anyone they would like to include. They have been discussing the need to develop a website and are directing people to the City's website in the interim.

8. Eagle Street Gateway Design Update - Brian Dusak

Dusak provided an update on the process and scheduling of the Eagle Street Gateway project. The second submittal to the County has been made and they are progressing with the design and special provisions for the contract documents. They continue to work with the City on the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process. Once they review and finalize this information with City staff, they will need to advertise to the public for feedback. They are still anticipating going out to bid in mid to late June so the project can be mostly constructed this year, with landscaping possibly falling into next spring. They will provide more information at next month's PDC meeting.

Peterson reviewed the exhibits, noting a small change to the lower area that previously consisted of boulders and open planters. Plans were revised to assist with maintenance in the lower area and now include seat walls with drains at the bottom. The landscape plan was reviewed with Stibbe noting the importance of using native plantings because plants that seed could end up down the river in flooding events. Stibbe inquired about alternate pricing for the landscaping under the Oliver Hoffman Pavilion and the importance of continuing the design down to the stairs. Dusak will make sure to break this information out. Peterson

noted the walk will be wider and the seat wall extended. Sullivan inquired about including lighting in the area, with Stibbe noting the additional maintenance and cost involved, adding that the landscape in some areas of the Riverwalk is the major draw. The Landforms sculpture currently has uplights and Peterson noted the shepherd's crook lights that were proposed along the seat walls and lower walk. The group agreed that the area should be well lit, with lighting on the lower walk, under the bridge and possibly under the pavilion. Dusak will provide the design update at next week's Riverwalk Commission meeting.

9. South Extension Preliminary Design - Brian Dusak

Dusak advised they have been working through the alignment of the walkway and the multi-use path. Peterson reviewed the current concept drawings with the group. It was noted that discussions should be held soon with the Naperville Cemetery Board. The group agreed that this item would not be included on next week's Riverwalk Commission agenda, as Dusak and Peterson will be presenting an update on the Eagle Street Gateway design.

10. Update on Washington Street Bridge Construction - Bill Novack

Novack reported that the contractor is making progress. A cofferdam has been set up and they are placing additional supports under the bridge. Traffic should be moved over to the west side early next week.

E. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Riverwalk Accessibility Audit - Bill Novack

Novack advised of the Riverwalk Commission's past discussions on looking into an accessibility audit of the Riverwalk. City inspectors have walked the entire Riverwalk and identified where improvements could be made to access points and ramps. Novack will be sharing this information with Stibbe. Mary Hamill has provided a list of volunteers that can provide perspective with regard to different accessibility issues and Novack will be contacting these individuals and setting up meetings with some of the City's engineers, interns and inspectors for further review.

F. MEETING SCHEDULE:

****Riverwalk Commission Annual Asset Management Plan Walk, May 4, 2023, 3:00 p.m.**

Meet in Municipal Center Lunchroom, 400 S. Eagle St., Naperville, IL

Riverwalk Commission, May 10, 2023, 7:30 a.m.

Municipal Center Lunchroom, 400 S. Eagle St., Naperville, IL

Riverwalk Planning, Design & Construction, June 6, 2023, 7:30 a.m.
Municipal Center Lunchroom, 400 S. Eagle St., Naperville, IL

Riverwalk Commission, June 14, 2023, 7:30 a.m.
Municipal Center Lunchroom, 400 S. Eagle St., Naperville, IL

**Riverwalk Planning, Design & Construction, July 11, 2023, 7:30 a.m.
Municipal Center Lunchroom, 400 S. Eagle St., Naperville, IL

G. ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Erickson and seconded by Novack.
The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 a.m. MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted by
Rebecca DeLarme, City Staff