



# City of Naperville

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Naperville, IL 60540  
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## Meeting Minutes

### Riverwalk Commission

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Wednesday, February 11, 2026

8:15 AM

Meeting Room C

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#### A. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Erickson was not in attendance. Riverwalk Planning, Design and Construction (PDC) Committee Chair Shields called the February 11, 2026 Naperville Riverwalk Commission meeting to order at 8:15 a.m. The meeting was held in Meeting Room C at the Naperville Municipal Center located at 400 S. Eagle St., Naperville, IL.

#### B. ROLL CALL:

**Present:** 12 - Hannah Brauer; Grant Cowen; Ian Holzhauer; Andy Hynes; Seth Michael; Tiffani Picco; Leslie Ruffing; Greg Sagen; Johnna Shields; Mike Sullivan; Carl Wohlt

**Absent:** 1 - Jan Erickson, Chair; Jeff Martin

Also Present: Tim Ball, Gary R. Weber Associates, Inc. (GRWA); John Cuff, Naperville Riverwalk Foundation; Rebecca DeLarme, City staff; Brian Dusak, Engineering Resource Associates, Inc. (ERA); Mike Farraday, Unilock; Peggy Motta, Naperville Park District; and Stephanie Penick, Naperville Riverwalk Foundation

#### C. PUBLIC FORUM:

There were no public comments.

#### D. PROJECT UPDATES:

There were no project updates.

#### E. OLD BUSINESS:

##### 1. Riverwalk Standard Paving Brick - Andy Hynes

Approve a recommendation to use the Stockholm brick paver on the Riverwalk path

**WRITTEN COMMENT ONLY**

Janette Erickson (Naperville) - Change Riverwalk Brick Standard: Stockholm Design -

First, I'm sorry I can't join you for the February Riverwalk Commission meeting and this important discussion. I would like to share my support for changing the

Riverwalk brick standard back to the original Stockholm design. (Otherwise known as the wavy brick design.). I believe it is as important to the Riverwalk brand as the iconic shepherd crook lights. Now that we know that a new Stockholm mold can be created and used to produce the bricks, I believe it is important to continue to utilize the original brick design. I also believe that, had we known a new mold could be produced with a relatively affordable cost, we would not have voted to change the brick standard. Please consider the importance of consistency to the Riverwalk brand. I hope you join me in supporting the change back to the original Stockholm brick design.

Commissioner Hynes reviewed the background on the Stockholm paver that had been in use since the Riverwalk was constructed in 1981. In June 2025, the Riverwalk Commission voted to change the brick paver as it was advised that the Stockholm mold was no longer available. Based on discussions at the December 2025 Riverwalk Commission meeting, City and Park District staff, Chair Erickson and Tim Ball (GRWA) met with Unilock representatives who explained that the mold for the Stockholm paver was over 20 years old, in poor condition, and was not compatible with their new machinery. They advised that a new mold could be made that would work with their current system. The cost for the mold is approximately \$36,000 to include manufacturing and shipping from Germany with a lead time of four months. With the estimated cost of the new mold being significantly less than previously anticipated and in order to maintain consistency with the current paver design, staff recommends purchasing the new mold.

Mike Farraday with Unilock provided answers to questions from the group that included the following: 1) the mold would be stored at Unilock; 2) Unilock would not run the mold for any other use (no one else is using at this time) and would notify the Riverwalk Commission if the request ever came up; 3) the new paver would be the exact size of the existing paver; and 4) the lifespan of the mold would be based on run cycles and could possibly last another 30 years.

Discussion followed on the approximate square footage needed for the 430 South Washington Street Project (2,000 sq ft) and the South Extension (16,000 sq ft). The Endura surface was explained which includes a larger dose of pigment in the top layer and endures better over time. The potential to seal new bricks or stain existing bricks and an increase in cost for the Stockholm pavers as opposed to a standard 4" x 8" Hollandstone paver was also discussed. The group expressed their appreciation to Farraday and Unilock, Chair Erickson, Commissioner Hynes and Tim Ball for working toward such a positive outcome.

**A motion to approve the recommendation to use the Stockholm brick paver on the Riverwalk path was made by Commissioner Sullivan and seconded by Commissioner Wohlt. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye: 9 - Brauer, Cowen, Holzauer, Hynes, Michael, Sagen, Shields, Sullivan, Wohlt**

**Abstain 2 - Picco, Ruffing**

**Absent: 2 - Erickson, Martin**

**2. Mr. and Mrs. Naperville Statue - Tiffani Picco**

Review and provide feedback on the plaque options for the Mr. and Mrs. Naperville statue

Attachments: [Mr. and Mrs. Naperville Plaque](#)

Commissioner Picco discussed the plaque options included in the agenda packet for the Mr. and Mrs. Naperville statue. Adding a plaque to the front of the statue was approved at the January 14, 2026 Riverwalk Commission meeting.

The front face of the concrete base of the statue measures 9” tall by 48” wide. The Park District’s plaque contact suggested a 5” tall plaque for the front face, leaving 2” at top and bottom once the plaque is secure to the face of the concrete. Of the two options shown, one measured 10” wide and the second measured 18” wide with larger letters. Commissioner Picco noted that the plaque would be similar to the existing plaque located on the back of the statue with a black background and gold lettering. Discussion followed on making the print larger, using an ampersand, and the order of the names which should read: Margaret and Harold Moser. Quotes should be included for “Mr. and Mrs. Naperville”.

Commissioner Picco will bring this item back to next month’s meeting for final approval before ordering the plaque.

**F. NEW BUSINESS:**

There was no new business to discuss.

**G. REPORTS:**

**1. Approval of Minutes - Johnna Shields for Jan Erickson**

Approve minutes from the January 14, 2026 Riverwalk Commission meeting

Attachments: [26RWCMminutes0114](#)

**A motion to approve the January 14, 2026 Riverwalk Commission meeting minutes was made by Commissioner Hynes and seconded by Commissioner Sagen. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye: 12 - Brauer, Cowen, Holzhauer, Hynes, Picco, Ruffing, Sagen, Shields, Sullivan, Wohlt**

**Abstain: 1 - Michael**

**Absent: 2 - Erickson, Martin**

**2. Chair - Johnna Shields for Jan Erickson**

There was no report.

### 3. Park District - Tiffani Picco

Receive the monthly Park District report

Attachments: [26ParkDistrictMemo0211](#)

Commissioner Picco noted some of the highlights from the Park District report included in the agenda packet. The group discussed use of and expressed their appreciation to the Park District staff for their efforts with the Centennial hockey rinks.

Annual Asset Management Plan (AMP) Walk: Commissioner Picco requested two days to complete the annual Riverwalk Asset Management Plan (AMP) Walk, similar to last year and splitting at Eagle Street. She proposed Wednesday, April 29th, for the west portion from Eagle Street, and Thursday, May 7th, for the east portion from Eagle Street, both starting at 3:00 p.m.

Summer Riverwalk Banner Concept: Commissioner Picco reviewed the summer banner concept to help celebrate the 250th birthday of the United States, which was included in the agenda packet. Staff will assess how the colors hold up through the summer and future use of this style can be determined at a later date.

**A motion to approve the dates for the Annual Asset Management Plan Walks of Wednesday, April 29, 2026, 3:00 p.m., and Thursday, May 7, 2026, 3:00 p.m., was made by Commissioner Cowen and seconded by Commissioner Wohlt. The motion carried by voice vote.**

### 4. Riverwalk Foundation - Johnna Shields for Jeff Martin

There was no report.

### 5. Riverwalk 2031 Fund - Grant Cowen

There was no update.

### 6. Donor Recognition - Rebecca DeLarme

Receive the monthly Donor Recognition report

DeLarme reported that the Spring 2026 Legacy Gift order deadline is March 15, 2026. Two additional bricks were sold this week bringing the current total to nine 4" x 8" commemorative bricks, nine 8" x 8" commemorative bricks and one 18" x 12" commemorative stone.

### 7. Planning, Design and Construction - Johnna Shields

There was no report as the February 3, 2026 PDC Committee meeting was canceled.

## H. MEETING SCHEDULE:

Riverwalk Commission, March 11, 2026, 8:15 a.m.  
Municipal Center Meeting Room C, 400 S. Eagle St., Naperville, IL

\*\*Riverwalk Planning, Design & Construction, March 31, 2026, 8:15 a.m.  
Municipal Center Meeting Room C, 400 S. Eagle St., Naperville, IL

Riverwalk Commission, April 8, 2026, 8:15 a.m.  
Municipal Center Meeting Room C, 400 S. Eagle St., Naperville, IL

Riverwalk Planning, Design & Construction, May 5, 2026, 8:15 a.m.  
Municipal Center Meeting Room C, 400 S. Eagle St., Naperville, IL

**I. ADJOURNMENT:**

**A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Sagen and seconded by Councilman Holzhauser. The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 a.m. The motion carried by voice vote.**

/S/ Rebecca DeLarme  
Rebecca DeLarme  
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