



Meeting Minutes

Riverwalk Commission

Wednesday, September 9, 2020

7:30 AM

Via Zoom due to Covid-19

CITY OF NAPERVILLE PUBLIC MEETINGS UPDATE:

On Friday, June 12, 2020, an amendment to the Open Meetings Act was signed into law. This new law replaces the gubernatorial executive order concerning the Open Meetings Act and allows public bodies to temporarily conduct meetings remotely during a state of emergency, subject to certain requirements, including a determination by the head of the public body that an in-person meeting is not practical or prudent.

Pursuant to Section 120/7(e) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act, the continuation of the Governor's disaster proclamation, and Mayor Chirico's executive order determining that in-person public meetings are not currently practical or prudent because of the Covid-19 pandemic, we are holding the September 9, 2020 Riverwalk Commission meeting remotely.

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When: Sep 9, 2020 07:30 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

Topic: Riverwalk Commission

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A. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Roehll called the September 9, 2020 Naperville Riverwalk Commission meeting to order at 7:31 a.m. Roehll read a statement explaining that due to the shelter-in-place directive, the meeting was held via Zoom Video Conferencing App.

B. ROLL CALL:

Present: Valla Aguilar; Pam Bartlett; Pat Kennedy; Debra Lellbach; John Cuff; Jeff Friant; Bill Novack; Geoff Roehll, Commission Chairman and Tom Stibbe

Absent: Judy Brodhead, John Joseph and Josh McBroom

Also Present: Brian Dusak, ERA; Rick Christian Canizal, NCTV; Rebecca DeLarme, City Staff; Monica Goshorn-Maroney, GRWA; Amsal Khimani, resident; Julie Landry, City Staff; Laura McSweeney, City Staff; Carl Peterson, GRWA; Lauren Rohr, Daily Herald; Marilyn Schweitzer, resident; Mary Lou Wehrli, Forest Preserve District of DuPage County Commissioner

C. PUBLIC FORUM:

No one from the public wished to address the Riverwalk Commission.

D. OLD BUSINESS:**1. Moser Tower Rehabilitation - Bill Novack**

ERA is working on the engineering/design for the repair of the Moser Tower. Construction documents are scheduled to be completed in the autumn. Following that, the project is scheduled to go out for bid in late autumn or early winter. Construction is scheduled to begin in early spring, weather dependent. The construction timeline will take the carillon summer schedule into account, if possible.

Novack also reported that the curb/railing failure on the east side of the Paddle Boat Quarry is more complex than just a simple repair as the foundation for the area is actually a bridge with beam supports. The outer most beam is deteriorating causing the curb to crack and the railing to be unstable. ERA submitted a couple of options; either remove the outer-most beam and move the sidewalk eastward or remove the failing beam and replace it with a steel beam. ERA will create construction plans for both options this fall. Since the curb/railing repair is a smaller project, Novack suggested that it be bid with the Moser Tower.

2. Riverwalk Master Plan - Pat Kennedy

Approve the final draft of the Riverwalk 2031 Master Plan.

Attachments: [Riverwalk 2031 Master Plan Final 20200904](#)

Wehrli thanked the Commission for their work on the Riverwalk 2031 Master Plan. She stated that she submitted additional comments for consideration. She suggested that the Commission consider the whole history of the Riverwalk as well as where it is now. She advocated for focusing more funding toward the maintenance of the current Riverwalk assets. Wehrli listed several items in addition to her written submittal. Her input was very helpful.

Schweitzer also thanked the Commission for their collaborative work on the master plan. She stated that the plan is beautiful and believes it will give the community hope.

Kennedy gave an overview of the process in developing the Riverwalk 2031 Master Plan. He also stated that the outreach to community partners

and key stakeholders that was completed. He explained that the master plan is expected to be a fluid document, and although the request to approve the current document will be made now, there will be updates and changes as the needs of the Riverwalk change in the future.

A motion to approve the September 4, 2020 Riverwalk 2031 Master Plan to be sent to the Naperville Park District and Naperville City Council for consideration and endorsement was made by Novack, seconded by Stibbe. MOTION CARRIED

E. NEW BUSINESS:

No new business was brought to the Riverwalk Commission for consideration.

F. REPORTS:

1. Approval of Minutes - Geoff Roehl

Approve the August 12, 2020 Riverwalk Commission meeting minutes.

Attachments: [20RWCMinutes0812](#)

A motion to approve the August 12, 2020 Riverwalk Commission meeting minutes was made by Friant, seconded by Roehl. MOTION CARRIED

2. Chairman - Geoff Roehl

No report.

3. Finance - Bill Novack

Receive the Riverwalk financial report for August 2020.

Attachments: [20RWCFinancials08](#)

Novack reviewed the August 2020 financial reports for the Riverwalk CIP and Operations Budgets.

4. Park District - Tom Stibbe

Receive the monthly Park District report.

Attachments: [20ParkDistMemo0909](#)

In addition to the monthly report in the agenda packet, Stibbe shared the

following Park District highlights:

- Daily maintenance continues with weeding, pruning and mulching.
- New signage encouraging Riverwalk patrons to use face coverings and adhere to social distancing was installed at high trafficked areas of the Riverwalk as well as adjacent to the Webster Street Bridge and the covered bridge near the Riverwalk Café.
- The new Midday Spray on Rotary Hill will continue through Friday, September 11, 2020.
- The Park Police are requesting additional signage to discourage bicycle riding through Fredenhagen Park. Stibbe suggested that one sign be added on the east side of Fredenhagen Park as that seems to be where most of the traffic is coming from.

5. Riverwalk Foundation - John Cuff

The RWF held a meeting in August. They are doing their due diligence and exploring the possibility of completing a couple of projects from the Riverwalk 2031 Master Plan.

6. Donor Recognition - Jan Erickson

Erickson reported that the fall commemorative brick order was placed. The bricks should be ready in approximately six weeks. She will coordinate with the Park District for installation.

7. Public Relations - Valla Aguilar

Receive the monthly Public Relations report.

Attachments: [20PublicRelationsReport0909](#)

Aguilar reported that the Riverwalk was recently highlighted or mentioned in 19 articles, 91 media posts and 0 broadcasts in the local media. The highlights include mentions of the passing of Chuck Papanos and Hal Dickson, the carillon concert in memory of Chuck Seidel and a blood drive.

8. Planning, Design, and Construction - Pat Kennedy

Receive the September 1, 2020 Riverwalk Planning, Design and Construction Committee minutes.

Attachments: [20PDCMinutes0901](#)

All pertinent PDC business had been discussed earlier in Agenda Items D.1. and D.2. with no additional information to be reported.

G. MEETING SCHEDULE:

Riverwalk Planning, Design & Construction, October 6, 2020, 7:30 a.m.
On Zoom Video Conferencing App

Riverwalk Commission, October 14, 2020, 7:30 a.m.
On Zoom Video Conferencing App

Riverwalk Planning, Design & Construction, November 3, 2020, 7:30 a.m.
On Zoom Video Conferencing App

**Riverwalk Commission, TUESDAY, November 10, 2020, 7:30 a.m.
On Zoom Video Conferencing App

H. ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Novack, seconded by Roehll at 8:06 a.m.
MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted by
Janette Erickson, Riverwalk Administrator