



City of Naperville

400 S. Eagle Street
Naperville, IL 60540

Meeting Minutes

Riverwalk Commission

Wednesday, July 13, 2022

7:30 AM

Municipal Center Lunchroom

A. CALL TO ORDER:

The Riverwalk Commission Chairman Kennedy called the July 13, 2022 Naperville Riverwalk Commission meeting to order at 7:31 a.m. The meeting was held in the lunchroom of the Naperville Municipal Center located at 400 S. Eagle St., Naperville, IL.

B. ROLL CALL:

Present: Pam Bartlett; John Cuff; Jan Erickson; Ian Holzhauer; Pat Kennedy, Chairman; Bill Novack; and Tom Stibbe

Absent: Valla Aquilar; Jeff Friant; Mary Gibson; and John Joseph

Also Present: Rebecca DeLarme, City Staff; Brian Dusak, ERA; Rick Hitchcock, former Riverwalk Commission Chairman; Monical Goshorn-Maroney, GRWA; John Mayer, ERA; Carl Peterson, GRWA; and Mike Sullivan, resident

C. PUBLIC FORUM:

There was no public forum.

D. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Proposed development at 445 Aurora Avenue - Bill Novack

Receive the update regarding the proposed development at 445 Aurora Avenue

Novack provided an update on the proposed development at 445 Aurora Avenue, noting the Riverwalk Commission's vote at their June 8th meeting to consider the pedestrian connection along the east side of the proposed development as part of the Riverwalk and for it to be improved with Riverwalk pavers, benches and lights.

Charleston Building and Development is scheduled to appear before the Planning and Zoning Commission (PZC) on July 20, 2022 to discuss land use and zoning for the development. They will be seeking both PZC and City Council approval of their proposed single family attached dwelling

units.

After considering the Riverwalk Commission's vote, Charleston has committed to building a six-foot pathway consisting of Riverwalk bricks and built to Riverwalk standards. This pathway will extend from Aurora Avenue to the point where the path splits off between their northern units and the Riverwalk. They remain non-committed to installing the lighting or benches the Riverwalk Commission requested. A suggestion was made for the City to provide the shepherd's crook lighting fixtures that may be salvaged from the upcoming Washington Street streetscape project.

Discussion followed regarding the different widths of existing Riverwalk pathways, with Hitchcock noting the importance that a minimum width requirement doesn't necessarily need to become the Riverwalk standard for all pathways.

2. Moser Tower Rehabilitation - Bill Novack

Novack noted that some plaza work was completed before the July 4th events at Rotary Hill. The current hold-up is due to the temperature needing to be 75 degrees or below so they can apply the façade treatment and place the coping.

Kennedy noted that he met with the Park District's Executive Director who indicated that the Park District will be installing a new lighting system that will include timed LED lighting.

3. Riverwalk Master Plan - Pat Kennedy

Kennedy reported that engagement with Deborah Newman Marketing has begun and meetings have been held with various neighborhood groups to get feedback on the Master Plan messaging and development of a presentation that covers all the key points to engage the community.

Hitchcock noted the outstanding work Joseph is providing for the Master Plan's Communications team.

A Riverwalk tour with Monarch Landing is scheduled following this meeting at 9:00 a.m. Hitchcock will be joining Erickson and Holzhauer on the tour.

Bartlett presented the PowerPoint presentation previously presented by Erickson and Holzhauer to her team at the Chamber. She received very positive feedback and suggested fellow Commissioners have access to the presentation. It was noted that the PowerPoint being developed by Deborah Newman Marketing, once completed, should be shared by all Commissioners. Bartlett noted the importance of including the "Where to Donate" information at the end of the presentation, along with having the

ability to increase the viewing size of the different locations in the Master Plan, as they are discussed. Peterson added that the ArcGIS map has been developed by City and ERA staff and should be included in the presentation.

Novack provided an update on the submittal for the Community Program Funding for the Eagle Street Gateway project, advising that Congressman Foster called to advise it is still included in the list of recommendations and has made it past the sub-committee and will now go before the House and Senate for final approval.

4. Streambank erosion at the bend in the river adjacent to Sindt Woods - Bill

Novack

Novack advised the object has been identified and the City's Department of Public Works (DPW) will work to remove when the river flow is down.

5. Walk On! in Memory of Chuck Papanos - Jan Erickson

The Walk On! in Memory of Chuck Papanos event will be held on Friday, July 29, 2022. The event will begin at 6:00 p.m. at the Grand Pavilion. Erickson thanked all that have contributed and invited everyone to join them at the event. Funds go to the research to fight lymphoma and the website is <http://www.lymphoma.org/walkonchuck>. The link to donate to Ann Marie Weber Papanos' team is [http://support.lymphoma.org/goto/team chuck](http://support.lymphoma.org/goto/team_chuck). Kennedy encouraged all Commissioners to attend.

E. NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business to report.

F. REPORTS:

1. Approval of Minutes - Pat Kennedy

Approve minutes from the June 8, 2022 Riverwalk Commission meeting

Attachments: [22RWCMminutes0608](#)

A motion to approve the June 8, 2022 Riverwalk Commission meeting minutes was made by Erickson, seconded by Novack. MOTION CARRIED with Aguilar, Friant, Gibson and Joseph absent

2. Chairman - Pat Kennedy

There was no Chairman's report.

3. Finance - Bill Novack

Receive the June Riverwalk financial report

Attachments: [22RWCFinancials06](#)

Novack reviewed the financial report through June 30, 2022 that was included in the agenda packet.

4. Park District - Tom Stibbe

Receive the monthly Park District report

Attachments: [22ParkDistrictMemo0713](#)

Stibbe reviewed the following highlights from the monthly Park District report, included with the agenda packet:

- a. Weeding/Pruning
All beds continue to be weeded/mulched and shrubs are being pruned. A few larger branches came down out of the cottonwood trees by the playground during recent storms resulting in some cleanup but nothing too serious.
- b. Naperville Salute Event
The Naperville Salute Event took place on July 1st and 4th at Rotary Hill and went well. Minimal damage occurred.
- c. Fountain at Fredenhagen Park/Aurora Avenue retaining wall estimates for repair
Stibbe reported on the potential expense for repairs of the fountain at Fredenhagen Park, noting the cost may be around \$100,000. He also received an estimate for repair of the retaining wall on Aurora Avenue which could cost anywhere between \$27,000 or \$37,800, depending on whether they reset the existing wall or replace with new wall block. It seems to be holding at this time since his staff replaced the area of the wall that fell over.
- d. Centennial Beach/New Skate Park
Centennial Beach is still open. The Park District is looking at replacing the skate park.

Novack advised they will be working to perform pressure testing on the fountain this year to identify the leak and possibly include repairs as a CIP budget item next year. He noted that the estimate included lighting options and enhancements.

5. Riverwalk Foundation - John Cuff

Cuff reported that the Foundation completed their bronze plaque restoration a few weeks ago. Their total donation to the Riverwalk for the

last year was \$30,000. The Commission expressed their appreciation to the Riverwalk Foundation. Novack noted that some of the plaques on the Main Street bridge were also refurbished and paid for by the City. Cuff added that the contractor also refurbished plaques in Firemen's Memorial Park that was paid for by a private donor.

6. Donor Recognition - Rebecca DeLarme

DeLarme reported that the Fall '22 order currently consists of three 4" x 8" and seven 8" x 8" commemorative bricks. The deadline for the fall order is September 1, 2022. The Riverwalk Foundation has increased the price of the 4" x 8" commemorative bricks from \$150 to \$200 and the 8" x 8" bricks from \$250 to \$300. These prices will be reflected on brochures and the City's website as soon as the changes can be made within the next few weeks. The City of Naperville can no longer accept credit card information so anyone wishing to pay by credit card will be directed to use PayPal via the Riverwalk Foundation's website.

7. Public Relations - Pat Kennedy for Valla Aguilar

There was no public relations report this month.

Hitchcock advised of a presentation that he would be doing at Grace Church on Monday, July 18th.

8. Planning, Design, and Construction - Bill Novack for Jeff Friant

Novack provided updates from the PDC meeting on items not already discussed to include Stibbe sharing the fair/poor list and section examples from the Asset Management Plan and review of the Master Plan CIP planning worksheet which will be updated to include additional items. Kennedy requested that the revised Master Plan CIP worksheet and budget review be included on the next Riverwalk Commission meeting agenda for comments or questions from the entire Commission.

Dusak advised of the discussions on the Eagle Street Gateway preliminary design review, with Goshorn-Maroney and Mayer reviewing some of the suggested revisions from the previous day's PDC meeting.

Discussion followed on the slope and what the experience would be like for the user on the accessible pathway. Mayer advised that the maximum slope on a ramp is 8% and maximum slope on a multi-use path is 5%. The plan currently illustrates a 4.5 % slope on the pathway, with flat areas across the stairway sections and a much flatter landing. Suggestions from the Commission included adding seat walls on the lower level along the stairway, adding shade trees in the area, and having the retaining walls be different heights to accommodate additional trees.

Holzhauer inquired about addressing the underpass at Eagle Street as part of this project. Discussion followed on structural issues and the possibility of aesthetic improvements such as adding lighting or making the wall more inviting with a potentially anti-graffiti surface.

Hitchcock noted the importance of accessibility and being mindful of the six objectives in the Master Plan which are connectivity, hospitality, appearance, ecology, capacity and advocacy.

The group will present their revisions at next month's PDC meeting.

G. MEETING SCHEDULE:

Riverwalk Planning, Design & Construction, August 2, 2022, 7:30 a.m.
Municipal Center Lunchroom, 400 S. Eagle St., Naperville, IL

Riverwalk Commission, August 10, 2022, 7:30 a.m.
Municipal Center Lunchroom, 400 S. Eagle St., Naperville, IL

Riverwalk Planning, Design & Construction, September 6, 2022, 7:30 a.m.
Municipal Center Lunchroom, 400 S. Eagle St., Naperville, IL

Riverwalk Commission, September 14, 2022, 7:30 a.m.
Municipal Center Lunchroom, 400 S. Eagle St., Naperville, IL

H. ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Novack and seconded by Erickson. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 a.m. MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted by
Rebecca DeLarme, City Staff