



COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 14, 2018

A. Call to Order

Chairman Roehll called the January 10, 2018 Naperville Riverwalk Commission Meeting to order at 7:31 a.m. The meeting was held in the Lunch Room of the Naperville Municipal Center located at 400 S. Eagle Street, Naperville, Illinois.

B. Roll Call

Present: Valla Aguilar; John Joseph; Pat Kennedy; Debra Lellbach; Bill Novack; Nolan O'Rear, Student Commissioner; Stephanie Penick; Geoff Roehll, Commission Chairman; Bob Ross; and Marie Todd

Absent: Judy Brodhead; Jeanne Buddingh; David Chen, Student Commissioner; and Chuck Papanos

Also Present: Blane Erwin, NCTV; Erin Hegarty, Chicago Tribune; and Sarah Plotke

C. Public Forum

Resident Sarah Plotke addressed the Commission regarding parking in the Rotary Hill parking lot by Naperville Central high school students. Plotke noted that students arrive around 7:30 AM and by 7:45 the lot is full of student vehicles. The lot is regulated at three hours, so many students move their car at the lunch hour and avoid a ticket while using the lot the entire day. Plotke asked if the regulations could be changed to two hour so the window of opportunity could be narrowed.

Plotke stated that she has been working with the Community Service Officer who has been issuing several tickets lately with some improvement. Commission members discussed that while three hours is somewhat long, it appears to be the most reasonable time limit given that many users of the Riverwalk not only use the park but also visit the downtown and make other stops that resulted in the three-hour need.

The first lunch hour starts at 11:15, so there is more than three hours between the time the cars initially arrive and the opportunity to move them at lunch. The Commission believed it best to retain the three-hour regulations and encourage active ticket writing by the Community Service Officer to improve the behavior.

D. Old Business

1. Moser Tower – Bill Novack

Novack reported that Engineering Resource Associates (ERA) will commence on the work when the weather breaks. Their schedule took the cold weather at this time of year into consideration, so we still expect to have the report at the beginning of July 2018. Brian Dusak confirmed this timeline.

Commissioner Roehll questioned if the Riverwalk website included this information. Novack confirmed that the website is up to date.

2. Smart Park – Geoff Roehl

Roehl informed the Commission that there would be a meeting in the afternoon in the City Manager's office to discuss the park. The official name will be the Naperville Jaycee Park. Roehl anticipates bringing the design of the park to the Riverwalk PDC and Commission for their review and comments. The park will require Riverwalk Commission approval followed by approval of the Naperville Park District's Parks and Rec Committee followed by their full Board. Finally, the Naperville City Council will need to approve this addition to the Riverwalk.

Roehl noted that the designers are currently considering the various materials to use for this park. While almost all the Riverwalk has the standard Riverwalk materials included in them, this park will not. The designers are working to balance the use of the Riverwalk standards and the appropriate materials for this park. This park will be located on the edge of the Riverwalk and adjacent to the contemporary Naperville Municipal Center, so some transition could be expected.

This park will incorporate Universal Design, which means that ADA access will be available from all directions. Solar panels will be installed on the roof of the Municipal Center to power the park, and any excess energy generated will be sold back onto the power grid to generate revenue that will fund maintenance of the park by the City.

E. New Business

No new business was discussed.

F. Reports

1. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Todd, seconded by Novack to approve the minutes from the January 10, 2018 Riverwalk Commission meeting. MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

2. Chairman – Geoff Roehl

No report.

3. Finance – Bill Novack

Novack distributed and reviewed the December 2017 monthly financial report for the CIP and Operations Budgets. Novack stated that while this is for the period ending December 31, it is not the final financial report for the year. That report will be shared at the next Commission meeting.

4. Park District – Marie Todd for Chuck Papanos

Todd noted that the Park District report is included in the packet. There were no questions on the report.

5. Riverwalk Foundation (RWF) – Stephanie Penick

No report.

6. Donor Recognition – Bill Novack for Jan Erickson

Orders for bricks will be accepted until late March, with Spring installation occurring in May. For this period, we have sold five 8 by 8 bricks and two 4 by 8 bricks.

7. Planning, Design and Construction (PDC) – Bill Novack for Jeanne Buddingh
Novack stated that the full PDC minutes from the last meeting are included in the Commission packet. A couple of highlights are as follows:
 - Harmony Park – The Rotary Club has contacted Free Notes regarding a concept plan for the proposed Harmony Park. A plan that includes four instruments was distributed. The Riverwalk Commission and Naperville Park District will vet the instrument selection. The Rotary Club agreed to submit an exhibit showing the reach of sound/decibel levels surrounding the proposed instruments on site. Next steps are for the Rotary Club to work with an engineer to have the proposed area surveyed and develop a site/grading plan that includes ADA accessibility to the instruments. The Committee will review plans next meeting.
 - Bicycles on the Riverwalk – Park District Chief of Police Schnibben attended the meeting to discuss bicycles on the Riverwalk. There was a very collaborative, productive discussion regarding possible options to address the issue of bicycle riders on the Riverwalk. The outcome is that the Riverwalk Commission will plan a Public Relations campaign to help educate the public about the rule of no bicycle riding on the Riverwalk. This could include additional permanent and pop-up signage, the use of social/print media, and periodic additional Park Police presence to reinforce the rule. Details are still to be worked out.
8. Public Relations – Bill Novack for Jeanne Buddingh
Novack reported that in January and early February the Riverwalk was featured in 12 articles, advertisements and videos in the local media. Most notably mentions include TV actress and former Naperville, Marisol Nichols quote – “The Riverwalk is kind of amazing,” in an interview with the Chicago Sun-Times. Additionally, our own Commission Papanos was featured in an NCTV video on sledding on Rotary Hill.

G. Upcoming Meetings

- PD&C Committee, Tuesday, March 6, 2018, 7:30 a.m.
Conference Room 164, Municipal Center, 400 S. Eagle St., Naperville, IL
- Riverwalk Commission, Wednesday, March 14, 2018, 7:30 a.m.
Lunch Room, Municipal Center, 400 S. Eagle St., Naperville, IL
- PD&C Committee, Tuesday, April 3, 2018, 7:30 a.m.
Conference Room 164, Municipal Center, 400 S. Eagle St., Naperville, IL

H. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Lellbach, seconded by Penick at 8:07 a.m.
MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Respectfully submitted by
William Novack, Riverwalk Commissioner