



COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES OF May 9, 2018

A. Call to Order

Chairman Roehll called the May 9, 2018 Naperville Riverwalk Commission Meeting to order at 7:33 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; Debra Lellbach; Bill Novack; Nolan O'Rear, Student Commissioner; Chuck Papanos; Stephanie Penick; Geoff Roehll, Commission Chairman; Bob Ross; and Marie Todd

Absent: Judy Brodhead; Jeanne Buddingh; David Chen, Student Commissioner; Pat Kennedy

Also Present: Vianey Chavez, College of DuPage student (arr. 8:42); Brian Dusak, ERA (arr. 8:40); Blane Erwin, NCTV; Carl Peterson, GRWA; and Mark Rice, Naperville Resident

C. Public Forum

No members of the public were interested in addressing the Commission.

D. Old Business

1. Moser Tower Assessment – Bill Novack

Novack reported that the in-depth testing has been completed. The samples/data have been taken to the lab to continue to seek information regarding the viability of the structure. Engineering Resource Associates will submit report with the findings later this summer.

2. Naperville Jaycees Park formerly Smart Park – Geoff Roehll

The City Council has voted to approve the funding agreement between the City, Naperville Jaycees and the Riverwalk Foundation. They have voted to approve the addition of the Jaycees Park to the Riverwalk as well as a line of credit. The next steps are to finalize the design and submit an application for a storm water permit to the County. A joint meeting with the City of Naperville, Riverwalk Foundation, Hitchcock Design Group and V-3 Engineering will take place following this Riverwalk Commission meeting on May 9, 2018.

3. Harmony Park – Geoff Roehll

Roehll reported that the addition of Rotary Park to the Riverwalk is going before the Park Board for approval on June 14, 2018 followed by the City Council on June 19, 2018. Assuming the park is approved, construction of the park could begin as soon as the middle of this summer as the Rotary Club has bids from several contractors.

E. New Business

The agenda items in New Business were moved to Old Business. No new business was discussed.

F. Reports

1. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Todd, seconded by Ross to approve the minutes from the April 11, 2018 Riverwalk Commission meeting. MOTION CARRIED

2. Chairman – Geoff Roehll

No report.

3. Finance – Bill Novack

Novack distributed and reviewed the March 2018 monthly financial report for the Riverwalk CIP and Operations Budgets.

4. Park District – Chuck Papanos

a. Bulb Sale

Papanos reported that the annual bulb sale has been postponed by one week to allow the flowers to bloom and will take place on Friday, May 11, 2018. He also reported that the annuals will be delivered next week.

b. Fountain at Fredenhagen Park

Papanos explained that two of the three Riverwalk fountains are up and fully functional. The fountain at Fredenhagen Park has a series of heads that are experiencing issues with water filtering into the pit. The Park District is addressing the problem.

c. Vandalism to the Big Flower Pot

Large flower pots, weighing approximately 1,200 pounds each, were placed adjacent to Jackson Avenue north of the Dandelion Fountain. Recently, one of the pots was rolled into the river just west of the Webster Street Bridge. The pot was destroyed and must be removed. The Park District will secure the remaining pots with rebar to avoid future vandalism.

5. Riverwalk Foundation (RWF) – Stephanie Penick

The Riverwalk Foundation has signed a 10-year agreement with the Naperville Jaycees, and the City of Naperville to hold funds for the Jaycees Park. This agreement is the first of its kind for the RWF. The RWF has a designated fund for the Jaycees Park and the Jaycees have met their first financial obligation with its first two payments. The need for a procedure at the termination of the 10-year agreement was also discussed at the last RWF meeting.

A new RWF website is up and running at www.NapervilleRiverwalkFoundation.org although it has not been officially “launched”. It is equipped to accept donations and has guidelines for brick orders for the east extension.

The third annual Duck Race will be hosted by the RWF on Wednesday, August 15 at 10:00 a.m. If you plan to attend please be prompt as the race is over in just a few minutes. Busey Bank is the lead sponsor and additional sponsorship is being sought.

More information and the opportunity to “adopt” ducks can be found at www.RiverwalkDuckRace.com.

Penick expressed her dedication to the Riverwalk stating that it’s an honor to represent the RWF on the Riverwalk Commission. She said that she is grateful for the opportunity to serve a commission that provides input about our City’s natural treasure. Further she shared that serving on the Riverwalk Commission sometimes feels like a birthday party where gifts are opened that will make a difference in the heart of downtown Naperville.

6. Donor Recognition – Jan Erickson
Erickson reported that the bricks have been ordered for the spring installation. Bricks are expected to be installed in late May or early June. The next deadline for brick orders will be late August for the fall installation.
7. Planning, Design and Construction (PDC) – Jan Erickson for Jeanne Buddingh
Erickson read Buddingh’s report which stated that the full PDC minutes from the last meeting are included in the Commission packet and that the highlights were covered earlier in the agenda.
8. Public Relations – Jan Erickson for Jeanne Buddingh
Erickson read Buddingh’s report which stated that since our last meeting the Riverwalk was highlighted or mentioned in 24 articles, advertisements and/or videos in the local media. The highlights include the new Jaycees Park, restaurant openings on Water Street and the family ties of the Loyola Ramblers coach, Porter Moser, to the founding of the Riverwalk.

G. Upcoming Meetings

PD&C Committee, Tuesday, June 5, 2018, 7:30 a.m.
Conference Room 164, Municipal Center, 400 S. Eagle St., Naperville, IL

Riverwalk Commission, Wednesday, June 13, 2018, 7:30 a.m.
Lunch Room, Municipal Center, 400 S. Eagle St., Naperville, IL

PD&C Committee, Tuesday, July 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 Novack, seconded by Ross at 7:58 a.m.
MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted by
Janette Erickson, Riverwalk Administrator