



# City of Naperville

400 S. Eagle Street  
Naperville, IL 60540

## Meeting Minutes

### Riverwalk Commission

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Wednesday, May 8, 2019

7:30 AM

Municipal Center Lunchroom

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#### A. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Roehll called the May 8, 2019 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 Street, Naperville, Illinois.

#### B. ROLL CALL:

Present: Valla Aguilar; Judy Brodhead; Jeanne Buddingh; Bobby Carlsen (arr. 7:35); John Cuff; Jeff Friant; Pat Kennedy; Bill Novack; Chuck Papanos; and Geoff Roehll, Commission Chairman

Absent: John Joseph and Debra Lellbach

Also Present: Christian Canizal, NCTV; Brian Dusak, ERA; Dick Galitz, resident and former Riverwalk Commissioner; Rick Hitchcock, resident and former Riverwalk Commission Chairman; Stephanie Penick, resident and former Riverwalk Commissioner; and Carl Peterson, GRWA

#### C. PUBLIC FORUM:

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

#### D. OLD BUSINESS:

##### 1. Naperville Jaycees Park - Geoff Roehll

Roehll reported that the Department of Public Works is in the process of installing the landscaping and assembling furniture. Next, the wall drinking fountain with a water bottle filling station will be installed along with the signage. Barring weather issues, the project should be finished toward the end of the month. No date has been scheduled for a grand opening yet.

##### 2. Moser Tower Assessment - Bill Novack

Novack explained that local quality control/quality assurance experts have

suggested that there should be additional modeling done to complete the structural assessment. The modeling will include a dynamic analysis of the structure and explore how the structure functions under different circumstances at specific stress points. A crack map of the structure will also be completed. The additional investigation is expected to take approximately eight weeks.

## **E. NEW BUSINESS:**

### **1. Riverwalk Development Guidelines - Bill Novack**

Every five years the Riverwalk Commission reviews and updates their Development Guidelines. A subcommittee will meet on May 14, 2019 to begin their discussions.

## **F. REPORTS:**

### **1. Approval of Minutes - Geoff Roehll**

Approve minutes from the April 10, 2019 Riverwalk Commission meeting.

Attachments: [19RWCMminutes0410.pdf](#)

A motion to approve the minutes from the April 10, 2019 Riverwalk Commission meeting was made by Friant, seconded by Novack. MOTION CARRIED

### **2. Chairman - Geoff Roehll**

A big thank you to Jeanne Buddingh for her commitment for the past six years. During her tenure, she has monitored the Riverwalk in the media. She has chaired the Planning, Design & Construction Committee for the past three years. Buddingh was point person on the very important Riverwalk survey that garnered more responses than the City of Naperville survey. The information collected from the survey will be very beneficial during the discussions on the Development Guidelines. Thanks again Jeanne!

### **3. Finance - Bill Novack**

Novack distributed and reviewed the March 2019 financial report for the Riverwalk CIP and Operations Budgets. The only change from the last report was a \$16 operating expense. There has been no further movement on the 430 S. Washington project.

#### 4. Park District - Chuck Papanos

Receive the Park District monthly report.

Attachments: [19ParkDistMemo0508.pdf](#)

a. Flood Waters

The recent flood has resulted in “normal damages” but nothing critical although there is a lot of shoreline scour. The plantings on the Water Street section of the Riverwalk have held up better than in the past which demonstrates that the plantings are taking root and more tolerant of the flood waters.

b. Riverwalk Fountains

Dandelion Fountain is open. The Horse Trough fountain and Exchange Club Memories Fountain are both under repair and scheduled to be running soon.

c. Annual Bulb Sale

The annual Park District bulb sale is scheduled to take place at the Smykal Pavilion on Friday, May 17, 2019 at 8:00 a.m. The cost of 10 bulbs is \$3 and they sell out quickly.

#### 5. Riverwalk Foundation - John Cuff

Cuff gave an overview of the Riverwalk Foundation’s purview, reminding Commissioners that the focus of the group is not on maintenance but on education. He shared some historical information about the RWF as well as the Foundation’s impact on the Riverwalk. He stated that the RWF fully supports the new Riverwalk maintenance policy and is very pleased with the final draft. He is hoping the RWF and Riverwalk Commission will have the opportunity to become better acquainted and work more closely in the future.

The upcoming annual Duck Race will take place on Wednesday, August 14, 2019. The attendance continues to grow each year. The RWF uses this event to educate the community about the Riverwalk and the negative impacts of feeding wildlife. The group is currently seeking sponsorships for the Duck Race.

#### 6. Donor Recognition - Jan Erickson

Erickson reported that the bricks for the spring order have been delivered. Installation is scheduled for May 15, 2019. Several donors will be present to select the location of their brick with a total of 30 bricks to be installed. Sales continue for the fall installation.

**7. Public Relations - Jeanne Buddingh**

Buddingh reported that since our last meeting, the Riverwalk was highlighted or mentioned in 28 articles, advertisements and/or videos in the local media. The highlights include the Riverwalk flooding featured on television (channels 2, 7, 17, 32 and CNN) as well as the front page of the Chicago Tribune newspaper. The assessment and repairs on the Moser Tower were also covered.

Over the past six years, Buddingh has had the pleasure to monitor 1,129 Riverwalk mentions in the media, both local and national. The average is one mention every-other day. The Riverwalk is an integral part of the City's brand, an economic engine for the downtown market and the crown Jewel of Naperville. Aguilar will assume the Public Relations duties beginning in June 2019.

**8. Planning, Design, and Construction - Jeanne Buddingh**

Receive the April 30, 2019 Riverwalk Planning, Design & Construction Committee minutes.

Attachments: [19PDCMinutes0430.pdf](#)

Buddingh stated that all pertinent PDC business had been discussed earlier in the agenda with no additional information to be reported. Kennedy will assume the duties of PDC chairman beginning with the June 4, 2019 meeting.

**G. MEETING SCHEDULE:**

Riverwalk Planning, Design & Construction, June 4, 2018, 7:30 a.m.  
Lunchroom, Municipal Center, 400 S. Eagle St., Naperville, IL

Riverwalk Commission, June 12, 2019, 7:30 a.m.  
Lunchroom, Municipal Center, 400 S. Eagle St., Naperville, IL

Riverwalk Planning, Design & Construction, July 2, 2018, 7:30 a.m.  
Lunchroom, Municipal Center, 400 S. Eagle St., Naperville, IL

**H. ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion to adjourn was made by Buddingh, seconded by Brodhead at 7:58 a.m.  
MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted by  
Janette Erickson, Riverwalk Administrator