



# City of Naperville

400 S. Eagle Street  
Naperville, IL 60540

## Meeting Minutes

### Riverwalk Commission

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Wednesday, June 12, 2019

7:30 AM

Municipal Center Lunchroom

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#### A. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Pro Tem Kennedy called the June 12, 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; Pam Bartlett; Bobby Carlsen (arr. 7:35); John Cuff; Jeff Friant; John Joseph; Pat Kennedy, Chairman Pro Tem; Debra Lellbach; Bill Novack; Chuck Papanos

Absent: Judy Brodhead and Geoff Roehl

Also Present: Christian Canizal, NCTV; Brian Dusak, ERA; Jan Erickson, Riverwalk Administrator (arr. 7:47); Monica Goshorn-Maroney, GRWA; Rick Hitchcock, resident and former Riverwalk Commission Chairman

Chairman Pro Tem Kennedy introduced new Riverwalk Commissioner Pam Bartlett. Brief introductions of all members of the Commission were conducted. Welcome to the Riverwalk Commission Pam!

#### C. PUBLIC FORUM:

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

#### D. OLD BUSINESS:

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

A ribbon cutting was held on June 4th and was well attended. Several members of the Commission noted using the new park and observing many members of the public also using it. Kennedy noted that with no future action required that this item should be removed from future agendas.

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

Novack confirmed that the structural modelling is currently being conducted and that the results are expected to be provided in August. Therefore, the Planning, Design and Construction (PD&C) committee will probably resume their discussion of the tower following Labor Day.

**3. Development Guidelines - Bill Novack**

Receive the May 14, 2019 Riverwalk Development Guidelines Ad Hoc Committee minutes.

Attachments: [19DevGuidelinesMinutes0514.pdf](#)

Novack stated that the guidelines were discussed at an initial kick-off meeting in early May and then continued at the last PD&C meeting. To date the group has gone through all of the projects on the list. The next step is for anyone to bring to the group any new or additional projects that should be considered for addition to the list. Discussion on the Development Guidelines will continue at the July 2 PD&C meeting. There was discussion about whether the next PD&C meeting should be held on July 2 or the following week on July 9. Several members would miss one of the dates; and the possibility of having a quorum looked low for both dates. It was decided to keep the original date, July 2.

**E. NEW BUSINESS:**

Hitchcock inquired if the City had received any news relative to new funding following the passage of the budget by the State of Illinois. Hitchcock and Kennedy both noted that in the budget it looked like there was a large pool of money slated for OSLAD (Open Space Land Acquisition and Development) grants. Historically these grants have been used for park-related projects. Novack responded that he was not aware of any large funds that had been reserved for the Naperville community.

**F. REPORTS:****1. Approval of Minutes - Geoff Roehll**

Approve the May 8, 2019 Riverwalk Commission minutes.

Attachments: [19RWCMminutes0508.pdf](#)

A motion to approve the May 8, 2019 Riverwalk Commission meeting minutes was made by Friant, seconded by Lellbach. MOTION CARRIED

**2. Chairman - Geoff Roehll**

Chairman Pro Tem Kennedy stated that he had no report in Roehll's absence.

**3. Finance - Bill Novack**

Novack distributed and reviewed the April 2019 financial report for the Riverwalk CIP and Operations Budgets. He noted that the report was exactly the same as the previous month, with the exception of the date. We do expect to see spending in the next couple of months as we awarded the bid for the roof replacement of the building at Fredenhagen Park. The low bidder came with excellent references so we look forward to their work.

**4. Park District - Chuck Papanos**

Receive the monthly Park District report.

Attachments: [6-3-19 - June memo.docx](#)

- a. Healing Field of Honor  
Papanos reported that the Healing Field of Honor will be back on Rotary Hill from November 1 through November 11. This year's theme will be Remembering a Century of Heroes and Heritage as this is the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I and the 100th birthday of the American Legion.
- b. WGN Morning Television Show  
On July 12, 2019, the WGN morning news show will be broadcasting from an area near the Dandelion Fountain on the Riverwalk from 6 AM until 10 AM. Several thousand people are expected to attend. The event will feature a bounce house, dunk tank, live music and a mini parade. Hitchcock suggested that we provide them with good facts about the Riverwalk. It was agreed that the information would be directed through Katie Wood of the Downtown Naperville Alliance since she has been coordinating with WGN.

**5. Riverwalk Foundation - John Cuff**

Cuff noted that the Foundation's next meeting will be next week. They have their annual duck race coming up on August 14th. The Foundation would appreciate all of the help they can get with this annual event. This event helps to promote the Foundation's mission of enhancing and education about the Riverwalk.

**6. Donor Recognition - Jan Erickson**

Erickson stated that it has been quiet lately. All of the bricks from the spring order have been installed.

**7. Public Relations - Valla Aguilar**

Aguilar stated that she is considering changing this report up a little. She plans to use a media monitoring service which will include social media information. In the last month she found that the Naperville Riverwalk was mentioned in 50 articles, 155 social media posts and 11 broadcasts. Aguilar stated that she is open to all feedback regarding this format, so if any Commissioners have any thoughts please share them with her. Hitchcock noted that during the month of May portions of the Riverwalk were under water for record number of times; most members agreed with his observation. Hitchcock noted that the Riverwalk is prepared for this occurrence by design, and the newer sections of the Riverwalk are holding up well during the periods of inundation. We should consider how we get the information out that having portions of the Riverwalk underwater during high rain periods is to be expected and that it was actually part of the design and consideration.

**8. Planning, Design, and Construction - Patrick Kennedy**

Receive the June 4, 2019 Riverwalk Planning, Design & Construction Committee minutes.

**Attachments:** [19PDCMinutes0604.pdf](#)

Novack provided an update for Kennedy who was not able to attend the last meeting. He noted that most of the meeting was consumed with the development guidelines discussion.

**G. MEETING SCHEDULE:**

Riverwalk Planning, Design & Construction, July 2, 2019, 7:30 a.m.  
Lunchroom, Municipal Center, 400 S. Eagle St., Naperville, IL

Riverwalk Commission, July 10, 2019, 7:30 a.m.  
Lunchroom, Municipal Center, 400 S. Eagle St., Naperville, IL

Riverwalk Planning, Design & Construction, August 6, 2019, 7:30 a.m.  
Lunchroom, Municipal Center, 400 S. Eagle St., Naperville, IL

**H. ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion to adjourn was made by Lellbach, seconded by Friant at 8:12 a.m.

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted by  
William J. Novack, P.E.