



City of Naperville

400 S. Eagle Street
Naperville, IL 60540

Meeting Minutes

Riverwalk Commission

Wednesday, October 9, 2019

7:30 AM

Municipal Center Lunchroom

A. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Roehll called the October 9, 2019 Naperville Riverwalk Commission meeting to order at 7:30 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; John Cuff; Jeff Friant; John Joseph; Pat Kennedy; Amsal Khimani, Student Commissioner; Debra Lellbach; Bill Novack; and Geoff Roehll, Commission Chairman

Absent: Tyler Beck, Student Commissioner; Judy Brodhead; and Chuck Papanos

Also Present: Christian Canizal, NCTV; Brian Dusak, ERA; Stephanie Penick, Riverwalk Foundation; and Carl Peterson, GRWA; Tiffani Picco, Naperville Park District

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 ERA has recently received the information from the last structural assessment. They are analyzing the results and will be incorporating that information into their update. ERA hopes to have the updated report submitted in October for an initial discussion at the November Planning, Design & Construction Committee (PDC) meeting and an additional discussion at the December PDC meeting. Depending on the outcome of the discussions, a recommendation may be brought to the December Riverwalk Commission meeting.

2. Riverwalk Master Plan - Pat Kennedy

Kennedy shared that at the October 1, 2019 Planning, Design & Construction Committee, Commissioners and others visited sites that are being considered as future projects and enhancement opportunities. Some of these include the South Extension from Hillside Road to Martin Avenue, a bike lane from Hillside Road to Fredenhagen Park, 430 S. Washington Street, the pavilion at Fredenhagen Park, the north and south DuPage River shoreline between Main Street and Washington Street, the Eagle Street Gateway and the Grand Pavilion.

During the site visits, Commissioners imagined how each location could provide additional safety, complete a gap in the Riverwalk pathway, provide for additional accessibility and/or make the Riverwalk more hospitable to its users.

All Commissioners are encouraged to “think out of the box” and be imaginative when they are walking the Riverwalk to consider new possibilities and enhancements to make to our crown jewel. These will be discussed and explored as possible additions to the final Riverwalk Master Plan.

E. NEW BUSINESS:

No new business was brought before the Riverwalk Commission.

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

Approve the September 11, 2019 Riverwalk Commission minutes.

Attachments: [19RWCMminutes0911.pdf](#)

A motion to approve the minutes from the September 11, 2019 Riverwalk Commission meeting was made by Friant, seconded by Lellbach.
MOTION CARRIED.

2. Chairman - Geoff Roehl

No report.

3. Finance - Bill Novack

Novack distributed and reviewed the September 2019 financial reports for the Riverwalk CIP and Operations Budgets.

4. Park District - Chuck Papanos

Receive the monthly Park District report.

Attachments: [19ParkDistMemo1009.pdf](#)

- a. Autumn Preparations
Park District staff is weeding and preparing the beds for dormancy during the winter season.
- b. Upcoming Events
 - Halloween Happening will take place on Sunday, October 27, 2019.
 - The newly renovated Jaycee Playground will open at 12:45 p.m. on Sunday, October 27, 2019
 - The Healing Fields will take place on Rotary Hill from November 1 through November 11. The Park District is still seeking volunteers to help with all aspects of the event from set up to take down.

5. Riverwalk Foundation - John Cuff

The RWF has taken a summer break and is looking forward to getting active again this fall.

6. Donor Recognition - Jan Erickson

Erickson reported that the fall order has been submitted. Bricks will be delivered the third week of October with installation the fourth week of October. An order has already been received for the spring 2020 installation.

7. Public Relations - Valla Aguilar

Receive the September 11, 2019 Riverwalk Public Relations report.

Attachments: [19PublicRelationsReport0911.pdf](#)

Aguilar reported that since the last Riverwalk Commission meeting, the Riverwalk was highlighted or mentioned in 57 articles, 164 social media posts and 3 broadcasts in the local media. The highlights include the Riverwalk Fine Arts Fair, the 9/11 commemoration event, October/Halloween celebrations, photography blog about engagement locations in the Chicagoland area, gas main break on September 18, 2019 and the Riverwalk Master Plan site visit.

8. Planning, Design, and Construction - Pat Kennedy

Receive the October 1, 2019 Riverwalk Planning, Design & Construction Committee minutes.

Attachments: [19PDCMinutes1001.pdf](#)

Kennedy stated that all pertinent PDC business had been discussed earlier in Agenda Item D. 2. with no additional information to be reported.

G. MEETING SCHEDULE:

Riverwalk Planning, Design & Construction, November 5, 2019, 7:30 a.m.
Lunchroom, Municipal Center, 400 S. Eagle St., Naperville, IL

Riverwalk Commission, November 13, 2019, 7:30 a.m.
Lunchroom, Municipal Center, 400 S. Eagle St., Naperville, IL

Riverwalk Planning, Design & Construction, December 3, 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 7:54 a.m.

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted by
Janette Erickson, Riverwalk Administrator