



City of Naperville

400 S. Eagle Street
Naperville, IL 60540

Meeting Minutes

Riverwalk Commission

Wednesday, December 11, 2019

7:30 AM

Municipal Center Lunchroom

A. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Roehll called the December 11, 2019 Naperville Riverwalk Commission meeting to order at 7:32 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; John Cuff; Jeff Friant; John Joseph; Pat Kennedy; Debra Lellbach; Bill Novack; Chuck Papanos; and Geoff Roehll, Commission Chairman

Absent: Judy Brodhead; Bobby Carlsen; and Amsal Khimani, Student Commissioner

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

C. PUBLIC FORUM:

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

D. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Moser Tower Assessment - Bill Novack

Novack stated that the updated draft addendum was discussed at the December 3, 2019 Riverwalk Planning, Design & Construction Committee (PDC) meeting where Dusak explained the background of the project and shared what has been added or changed since the addendum was first distributed in March 2019.

Novack explained that additional issues were addressed and findings were incorporated into the updated addendum. ERA's subconsultant Rath

Raths & Johnson (RRJ) conducted an additional inspection and structural analysis of the structure. No deviations from the design were discovered. RRJ completed crack mapping of the structure and performed structural modeling detailing wind loads, dead loads and the movement of the structure.

ERA has been asked to follow up with RRJ to clarify the use of concrete sealer and associated costs, to develop a 1-page matrix separating the repair costs from the maintenance costs for each alternative, to add a "footnote" regarding all that is not included with Alternate 3 (Decommissioning the structure) and an explanation of the upside and downside of Alternate 2 A&B (Enclosing & Repairing the structure).

Discussions will continue at the January 7, 2019 Riverwalk PDC meeting. Depending on the outcome of the discussions, a recommendation could be crafted at the January PDC meeting and forwarded to the full Riverwalk Commission at their January 8, 2019 meeting with a final draft to be approved at the February meeting. The City Council could consider the recommendation in March 2020. Once the City Council determines the future of the tower, the Riverwalk Commission will be tasked with implementing the selected course of action.

2. Riverwalk Master Plan - Pat Kennedy

Kennedy reported that the next step for the Master Plan is to combine all the pieces that have been gathered to date. ERA and GRWA will be engaged to develop a "book" that will include an all-encompassing 2031 Vision Statement as well as a text summary, graphics/vignettes and budget for each project. A map depicting existing assets and Master Plan projects will also be included.

A list of large and smaller projects was reviewed. Commissioners are encouraged to continue to imagine what other opportunities may exist to continue to enhance the Riverwalk.

ERA may have a concept prepared for the January 7, 2020 PDC meeting. February and March will be focused on refining the information. The draft Master Plan will be shared with stakeholders for input prior to final approval by the Riverwalk Commission in June. Once approved, the Master Plan will be shared with the community with fundraising opportunities.

E. NEW BUSINESS:

430 S. Washington Street

Novack stated that the State has removed the suspension of the grant for

430 South Washington Street however the reconstruction of the Washington Street Bridge will greatly impact any construction of the park that would take place before the completion of the bridge. North Central College continues to be an understanding partner while a final timeline is determined.

F. REPORTS:

1. Minutes

Approve the November 13, 2019 Riverwalk Commission meeting minutes.

Attachments: [19RWCM Minutes1113.pdf](#)

A motion to approve the minutes from the November 13, 2019 Riverwalk Commission meeting was made by Novack, seconded by Joseph.
MOTION CARRIED.

2. Chairman - Geoff Roehll

No report.

3. Finance - Bill Novack

Novack distributed and reviewed the November 2019 financial reports for the Riverwalk CIP and Operations Budgets. He also stated that the 2020 Riverwalk budget was approved by the City Council.

4. Park District - Chuck Papanos

Receive the monthly Park District report.

Attachments: [19ParkDistMemo1211.pdf](#)

- Santa House
Santa House is open and ready for visitors.
- New Year's Eve
There will be two events at the Millennium Carillon; one at 5:30 p.m. and one at 11:30 p.m.

5. Riverwalk Foundation - John Cuff

The RWF is pleased with the plans for the updated Master Plan. They continue to seek small projects that will enhance the Riverwalk. Their mission does not support funding maintenance projects. They are open to

projects that will accommodate matching funds. They are also open to service organizations that may be interested in co-sponsoring a project. The next Riverwalk Foundation meeting is January 20, 2020.

6. Donor Recognition - Jan Erickson

Erickson reported that the donor bricks for the fall order have been installed and that the replacement bricks have been delivered. Due to the cold weather, the replacement bricks will likely be stored for the winter and installed in the spring. The spring order will be submitted in the middle of March for a late May installation.

7. Public Relations - Valla Aguilar

Aguilar reported that she is including information from the last two months due to her business travel last month.

In October, the Riverwalk was highlighted or mentioned in 62 articles, 82 media posts and 3 broadcasts in the local media. The highlights include the Healing Field of Honor, Best outdoor spaces in Chicago's western suburbs, Fall festivals, Jaycee playground reopening, Top rated U.S. cities (Wichita, KS domain) and Seniors relive memories through virtual reality (Tucson.com).

In November, the Riverwalk was highlighted or mentioned in 30 articles, 33 media posts and 1 broadcast in the local media. The highlights include Naper Lights, Little Friends Parade of Lights and the Santa House.

8. Planning, Design, and Construction - Pat Kennedy

Receive the December 3, 2019 Riverwalk Planning, Design & Construction Committee minutes.

Attachments: [19PDCMinutes1203.pdf](#)

All pertinent PDC business had been discussed earlier in Agenda Items D.1. and D.2. with no additional information to be reported.

G. MEETING SCHEDULE:

****Riverwalk Planning, Design & Construction, January 7, 2020, 7:30 a.m.**
Lunchroom, Municipal Center, 400 S. Eagle St., Naperville, IL

Riverwalk Commission, January 8, 2020, 7:30 a.m.
Lunchroom, Municipal Center, 400 S. Eagle St., Naperville, IL

Riverwalk Planning, Design & Construction, February 4, 2020, 7:30 a.m.
Lunchroom, Municipal Center, 400 S. Eagle St., Naperville, IL

Riverwalk Commission, February 12, 2020, 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 8:09 a.m.

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted by
Janette Erickson, Riverwalk Administrator