



# City of Naperville

400 S. Eagle Street  
Naperville, IL 60540

## Meeting Minutes

### Riverwalk Commission

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Wednesday, February 12, 2020

7:30 AM

Municipal Center Lunchroom

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#### A. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Roehll called the February 12, 2020 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; Judy Brodhead; Bobby Carlsen; John Cuff; John Joseph; Pat Kennedy; Amsal Khimani, Student Commissioner; Debra Lellbach; Bill Novack; and Geoff Roehll, Commission Chairman

Absent: Jeff Friant; and Chuck Papanos

Also Present: Christian Canizal, NCTV; Brian Dusak, ERA; Dick Galitz, former Riverwalk Commissioner; Rick Hitchcock, former Riverwalk Commission Chairman; Stephanie Penick, Riverwalk Foundation; Carl Peterson, GRWA; Tiffani Picco, Park District; Marilyn Schweitzer, resident

#### C. PUBLIC FORUM:

Members of the public shared comments under Agenda Item D.1.

#### D. OLD BUSINESS:

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

Concur with the Planning, Design and Construction Committee and recommend Alternative #1, repair the Moser Tower in one phase as the recommended solution to the Naperville City Council

Members of the public were invited to share their thoughts on the Moser Tower. Galitz, Hitchcock and Schweitzer all spoke in favor of repairing the tower and collectively think that the Riverwalk Commission and the PDC Committee have done an outstanding job with this complicated issue. Hitchcock mentioned that he felt solid methodology was used to come to the recommendation to repair the tower without enclosing it. Schweitzer added that she felt more information should be shared about the negative impact that decommissioning the tower would have on the community. She

also shared that she feels decommissioning the tower is opposite of the can-do spirit of Naperville.

Novack gave a brief update of the Moser Tower discussion from the February 4, 2020 PDC meeting. He reviewed the three Alternatives and their associated costs. He stated that the PDC voted unanimously in favor of the recommendation to repair the tower without enclosing it with a preference for a single phase of construction.

Each Commissioner was asked to share their thoughts regarding which Alternative they support and their justification.

A motion to recommend Alternative 1 (repair the Moser Tower) to the City Council was made by Novack, seconded by Kennedy.  
MOTION CARRIED UNANAMOUSLY

Novack intends to bring this to the City Council for consideration at their March 3, 2020 meeting.

## **2. Riverwalk Master Plan - Pat Kennedy**

Kennedy reported that the Master Plan continues to take shape. The February 2, 2020 PDC meeting was a working meeting where additional information was shared with GRWA regarding the general format of the document as well as details of individual projects. Kennedy encouraged Commissioners to attend the next PDC meeting to provide additional input. The draft document is scheduled to be presented at the May meeting with a vote to accept the final draft in June. Commissioners were reminded that this document is a vision for the Riverwalk for 2031. It is a vision of what the Riverwalk could look like for the City's centennial anniversary. Roehll thanked GRWA for the great job they are doing.

## **E. NEW BUSINESS:**

No new business was discussed.

## **F. REPORTS:**

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

Approve the January 8, 2020 Riverwalk Commission meeting minutes.

Attachments: [20RWCMminutes0108.pdf](#)

A motion to approve the minutes from the January 8, 2020 Riverwalk Commission meeting was made by Lellbach, seconded by Brodhead.  
MOTION CARRIED UNANAMOUSLY.

**2. Chairman - Geoff Roehl**

No report.

**3. Finance - Bill Novack**

Novack distributed and reviewed the December 2019 and January 2020 financial reports for the Riverwalk CIP and Operations Budgets.

**4. Park District - Chuck Papanos**

Receive the monthly Park District report.

Attachments: [20ParkDistMemo0212.pdf](#)

a. Ice Skating

Picco reported that the ice skating rink will be closed due to weather conditions. She stated that this was a very short season allowing only a few days of skating due to the unusually warm winter.

b. Netzley Quarry

Park District staff is in the process of removing invasive plants surrounding the Netzley Quarry. Approximately three more work days will be scheduled to complete the task. Native species will be installed in the spring as weather permits. Picco has contacted representatives at RiverPlace Condominiums to share the progress.

**5. Riverwalk Foundation - John Cuff**

The RWF is pleased with the plans for the updated Master Plan. They continue to seek small projects that they can support financially that will enhance the Riverwalk. The Annual Riverwalk Duck Race will take place on August 18, 2020, the day before District 203 begins classes.

**6. Donor Recognition - Jan Erickson**

Erickson reported that the deadline for the spring order will be March 9, 2020 for a May installation.

**7. Public Relations - Valla Aguilar**

Receive the January 8, 2020 Public Relations report.

Attachments: [20PublicRelationsReport0108.pdf](#)

Aguilar reported that since the last Riverwalk Commission meeting, the Riverwalk was highlighted or mentioned in 23 articles, 46 media posts and 0 broadcasts in the local media. The highlights include the Moser Tower Assessment, the new construction on Water Street and the fact that the Riverwalk is being used as a backdrop of special occasion photos e.g.

engagements, weddings, senior proms, etc.

### **8. Planning, Design, and Construction - Pat Kennedy**

Receive the February 4, 2020 Planning, Design & Construction Committee minutes.

Attachments: [20PDCMinutes0204.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, March 3, 2020, 7:30 a.m.**  
**Naperville Employee University (NEU)**, Municipal Center, 400 S. Eagle St., Naperville, IL

Riverwalk Commission, March 11, 2020, 7:30 a.m.  
Lunchroom, Municipal Center, 400 S. Eagle St., Naperville, IL

**\*\*Riverwalk Planning, Design & Construction, March 31, 2020, 7:30 a.m.**  
Lunchroom, Municipal Center, 400 S. Eagle St., Naperville, IL

Riverwalk Commission, April 8, 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 Brodhead at 8:10 a.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANAMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted by  
Janette Erickson, Riverwalk Administrator