



## Meeting Minutes

### Riverwalk Planning, Design and Construction Committee

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Tuesday, June 30, 2020

7:30 AM

On Zoom Due to Covid-19

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#### CITY OF NAPERVILLE PUBLIC MEETINGS UPDATE:

On Friday, June 12, 2020, an amendment to the Open Meetings Act was signed into law. This new law replaces the gubernatorial executive order concerning the Open Meetings Act and allows public bodies to temporarily conduct meetings remotely during a state of emergency, subject to certain requirements, including a determination by the head of the public body that an in-person meeting is not practical or prudent.

On Tuesday, June 16, 2020, Mayor Chirico issued an executive order determining that in-person meetings of the City Council and the City's boards and commissions are not currently practical or prudent due to the Covid-19 pandemic

Accordingly, the Riverwalk Planning, Design and Construction Committee meeting scheduled for June 30, 2020 will be conducted remotely. The means by which the public may watch, listen, and/or participate in the meeting are described below.

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You are invited to a Zoom webinar.

When: Jun 30, 2020 07:30 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

Topic: Riverwalk Planning, Design & Construction Committee

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## A. CALL TO ORDER:

Planning, Design & Construction Committee (PDC) Chairman Kennedy called the June 30, 2020 Naperville Riverwalk PDC meeting to order at 7:30 a.m. Kennedy read a statement explaining the reasons for meeting via the Zoom Video Conferencing App with an explanation of how the public can participate in the meeting

## B. ROLL CALL:

Present: Pam Bartlett; John Cuff; Jeff Friant; John Joseph; Pat Kennedy, PD&C Committee Chairman; Bill Novack; Geoff Roehll, Riverwalk Commission Chairman; and Tom Stibbe

Absent: Valla Aguilar; Judy Brodhead; Bobby Carlsen and Debra Lellbach

Also Present: Christian Canizal, NCTV; Brian Dusak, ERA; Rick Hitchcock, Former Riverwalk Commission Chairman; Laura McSweeney, City Staff; Carl Peterson, GRWA; Marilyn Schweitzer, resident; Mary Lou Wehrli, DuPage Forest Preserve Commissioner

## C. PUBLIC FORUM:

Wehrli asked what the process is for rehabilitation and maintenance of the Riverwalk. She also inquired about what body should be contacted with comments/concerns regarding the north end of the Riverwalk. Kennedy stated that there is a Riverwalk Asset Management Plan (AMP). Riverwalk Commissioners review the AMP along with an annual walk to evaluation areas that need maintenance and/or restoration. He also shared that, in the past, there have been a number of ideas for the north side of the Riverwalk brought to

the Commission and, after deliberation, the Commission collectively decided not to move forward with the ideas.

Roehll clarified that south of Jefferson Avenue, the Riverwalk's jurisdiction is from the brick pavers to the river. The area east of the pavers is the Park District's responsibility, specifically the area east of the pavers and, as one walks through Sindt Woods, north of the pavers. Questions or concerns about that area should be directed to the Park District. Any questions regarding other Riverwalk areas should be directed to the Riverwalk Commission.

Additional comments from Hitchcock, Schweitzer and Wehrli can be found under agenda item D.5.

## **D. OLD BUSINESS:**

### **1. Approval of Minutes - Pat Kennedy**

Approve the minutes from the June 2, 2020 Riverwalk Planning, Design and Construction Committee meeting.

Attachments: [20PDCMinutes0602](#)

A motion to approve the June 2, 2020 Planning, Design & Construction Committee minutes was made by Roehll and seconded by Novack.  
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

### **2. Park District - Tom Stibbe**

- a. General Maintenance  
Park District Staff has planted flowers and provided the regular general care of the Riverwalk.
- b. Storm Damage  
The damage to the Riverwalk was minimal following the most recent events.
- c. Events  
There have been several peaceful protests on the Riverwalk.
- d. Centennial Beach  
The beach will be closed for the season.
- e. Fountains  
All decorative and drinking fountains are currently closed due to Covid-19.

### **3. 2020 Riverwalk Work Plan (PA022) - Bill Novack**

- a. Railings/Curbing: East Side of Paddle Boat Quarry  
The curbing supporting the railings on the east side of the Paddle Boat Quarry is cracking/broken and experiencing significant failure. Engineering Resource Assoc. (ERA) is exploring the area and will

assess the extent of the damage. If the damage is minimal, the repair will likely happen yet this year. However, if it is a large repair, the project will likely become its own CIP and be completed in 2021.

b. Donor Plaques

Donor plaques will be replaced on the Jackson Avenue light poles as they were removed when the City installed new lights. The light poles are a different shape than the original poles.

#### **4. Moser Tower Rehabilitation - Bill Novack**

ERA is working on the engineering/design for the repair of the Moser Tower. Construction documents are scheduled to be completed in the autumn. Following that, the project is scheduled to go out for bid in late autumn or early winter. Construction is scheduled to begin in early spring, weather dependent. The construction timeline will take the carillon summer schedule into account, if possible.

#### **5. Riverwalk 2031 Master Plan - Pat Kennedy**

Receive the current Draft Riverwalk 2031 Master Plan.

**Attachments:** [Draft Master Plan Version8 20200625](#)

Wehrli shared her concern about incorrect historical information about Centennial Beach in the Riverwalk Evolution section of the Master Plan. She will share a link to the video titled "Thank for Your Cooperation" that recounts to the history of the beach.

Schweitzer shared her comments regarding the Artists' Overlook project. She suggested that any place on the Riverwalk could potentially be a good location to place a portable easel but not to have more than one permanent location and suggested showing fewer permanent easels in the concept illustration.

As a review, the Riverwalk Commission approved that Draft Riverwalk 2031 Master Plan and directed Commissioners to reach out to community partners and key stakeholders to seek their input. Two meetings have taken place; one, with the Riverwalk Foundation and a second with City and Park District officials/staff. Additional outreach is planned.

Roehll mentioned that all of the Draft 2031 Master Plan projects are located on public property except for the Main Street to Washington Street Riverwalk. The conceptual illustration shows development on the north shore which would require land acquisition and/or easements. At one of the outreach meetings, it was suggested that it may be prudent to include

some of those property owners on the list of future outreach meetings.

To make the review process most effective and efficient, all comments and suggestions will be collected and assessed following the completion of these meetings rather than update the Master Plan after each outreach meeting. It is anticipated that there will be overlapping comments/suggestions as well as other thoughtful advice. Modifications will then be made on the draft master plan before bringing the final document back to the Riverwalk Commission for approval and ultimately to the City Council and Naperville Park Board for endorsement. The timeline shows the completion of the outreach with partners and stakeholders by the end of August and presentation to the elected officials in September or October.

Peterson collected the suggested updates and changes made by committee members as discussed at this meeting.

#### **E. NEW BUSINESS:**

No new business was discussed.

#### **F. MEETING SCHEDULE:**

Riverwalk Commission, July 8, 2020, 7:30 a.m.  
On Zoom Video Conferencing App

Riverwalk Planning, Design & Construction, August 4, 2020, 7:30 a.m.  
On Zoom Video Conferencing App

Riverwalk Commission, August 12, 2020, 7:30 a.m.  
On Zoom Video Conferencing App

Riverwalk Planning, Design & Construction, September 1, 2020, 7:30 a.m.  
Either Zoom or Municipal Center, 400 S. Eagle St., Naperville, IL

#### **G. ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion to adjourn was made by Joseph; seconded by Novack.  
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.  
The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by  
Janette Erickson, Riverwalk Administrator

