



Meeting Minutes

Riverwalk Commission

Wednesday, October 14, 2020

7:30 AM

Via Zoom due to Covid-19

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.

Pursuant to Section 120/7(e) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act, the continuation of the Governor's disaster proclamation, and Mayor Chirico's executive order determining that in-person public meetings are not currently practical or prudent because of the Covid-19 pandemic, we are holding the October 14, 2020 Riverwalk Commission meeting remotely.

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PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES: All viewpoints are welcome. Positive comments and constructive criticism are encouraged. Speakers must refrain from harassing or directing threats or personal attacks at Commissioners, staff, other speakers or members of the public. Comments made to intentionally disrupt the meeting may be managed as necessary to maintain appropriate decorum and allow for city business to be accomplished.

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When: Oct 14, 2020 07:30 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

Topic: Riverwalk Commission

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A. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Roehll called the October 14, 2020 Naperville Riverwalk Commission meeting to order at 7:30 a.m. Roehll read a statement explaining that due to the shelter-in-place directive, the meeting was held via Zoom Video Conferencing App.

B. ROLL CALL:

Present: Valla Aguilar; Pam Bartlett; Judy Brodhead; John Joseph; Pat Kennedy (arr. 7:37); Debra Lellbach; John Cuff; Jeff Friant; Josh McBroom (until 7:55); Bill Novack; Geoff Roehll, Commission Chairman and Tom Stibbe

Absent: None

Also Present: Brian Dusak, ERA; Rebecca DeLarme, City Staff; Rafael Guerrero, Naperville Sun Newspaper; Julie Landry, City Staff; Laura McSweeney, City Staff; Carl Peterson, GRWA; Marilyn Schweitzer, resident

C. PUBLIC FORUM:

No one from the public wished to address the Riverwalk Commission.

D. OLD BUSINESS:**1. Moser Tower Rehabilitation - Bill Novack**

ERA is working on the engineering/design for the repair of the Moser Tower. A draft of the plan is scheduled to be available before the November Riverwalk Planning, Design and Construction Committee meeting.

2. Riverwalk Master Plan - Pat Kennedy

Novack reported that the Park District voted to endorse the Riverwalk Master plan at their October 8, 2020 meeting. The City Council will consider their endorsement at their October 20, 2020 meeting.

Kennedy reported that the Planning, Design and Construction Committee discussed the next steps for the roll out of the Riverwalk 2031 Master Plan. In addition to engaging existing partners, the discussion centered around the creation of an Implementation Subcommittee to develop strategies to engage the community with public outreach and seek financial support. The use of temporary educational signage in addition to Riverwalk tours with small groups to raise awareness of the master plan projects are just a couple of possible strategies.

E. NEW BUSINESS:**In-Person Meetings**

Novack has been asked to poll the Riverwalk Commissioners regarding their interest in resuming in-person meetings. There was mixed interest with some Commissioners expressing interest in returning to in-person meetings and others who would prefer to continue to meet remotely. Everyone agreed that setting up a hybrid scenario would be first choice.

Signage at the Rain Garden in Jaycees Park

Roehll and Brock McDonald, Executive Director of the Conservation Foundation, discussed the possibility of adding educational signage adjacent to the Rain Garden in Jaycees Park. The creation of rain garden signage will be discussed along with possible signage for the master plan. Any new signage should complement the existing Riverwalk sign standard.

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

Approve the September 9, 2020 Riverwalk Commission meeting minutes.

Attachments: [20RWCMinutes0909](#)

A motion to approve the September 9, 2020 Riverwalk Commission meeting minutes was made by Lellbach, seconded by Stibbe. MOTION CARRIED

2. Chairman - Geoff Roehl

No report.

3. Finance - Bill Novack

Receive the Riverwalk financial report for September.

Attachments: [20RWCFinancials09](#)

Novack reviewed the September 2020 financial reports for the Riverwalk CIP and Operations Budgets.

4. Park District - Tom Stibbe

Receive the monthly Park District report.

Attachments: [20ParkDistMemo1014](#)

In addition to the monthly report in the agenda packet, Stibbe shared the following Park District highlights:

- Daily seasonal maintenance continues.
- All fountains have been turned off for the season following several “soaping” incidents.
- The old, overgrown maples in the raised beds at Fredenhagen Park have been replaced with elm trees.
- The paddle boats and kayaks are now closed for the season.
- The Park District’s Halloween Happening will be replaced with Halloween Night Lights, a drive by event taking place in the Centennial Beach parking lot on October 29 and 30. Participants must reserve time in advance.
- The Park District is discussing alternative options for the Santa House.

5. Riverwalk Foundation - John Cuff

The RWF has collected a total of \$459.22 from the two donation boxes located on the Riverwalk.

6. Donor Recognition - Jan Erickson

The fall installation of donor bricks has taken place with the help of the Park District Riverwalk crew. In addition, bricks were installed adjacent to two benches. Three bricks orders have already been received for the spring 2021 installation.

7. Public Relations - Valla Aguilar

Receive the monthly Public Relations report.

Attachments: [20PublicRelationsReport1014](#)

Aguilar reported that the Riverwalk was recently highlighted or mentioned in 39 articles, 87 media posts and 0 broadcasts in the local media. The highlights include mentions of the 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony, the Riverwalk 2031 Master Plan and the Naperville Together Mural. There has been a lot of activity with bloggers enjoying the Riverwalk and sharing their photos. Folks are coming from around the region as the Riverwalk is viewed as a destination; some even coming from downtown Chicago.

8. Planning, Design, and Construction - Pat Kennedy

Receive the October 6, 2020 Riverwalk Planning, Design and Construction Committee minutes.

Attachments: [20PDCMinutes1006](#)

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:

- Next month will Chairman Roehll's last meeting.
- This is Riverwalk Administrator Erickson's last meeting. Many kind and complimentary comments were shared regarding her nearly 15 years of service.

Riverwalk Planning, Design & Construction, November 3, 2020, 7:30 a.m.
On Zoom Video Conferencing App

**Riverwalk Commission, TUESDAY, November 10, 2020, 7:30 a.m.
On Zoom Video Conferencing App

Riverwalk Planning, Design & Construction, December 1, 2020, 7:30 a.m.
On Zoom Video Conferencing App

Riverwalk Commission, December 9, 2020, 7:30 a.m.
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H. ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Friant, seconded by Joseph at 8:28 a.m.
MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted by
Janette Erickson, Riverwalk Administrator