



ASSET MANGEMENT PLAN WALK SUMMARY

Friday, May 7, 2021, 3:00 p.m.

Attendees: John Cuff; Jan Erickson; Jeff Friant; John Joseph; Pat Kennedy, Riverwalk Commission Chairman; Bill Novack; Tom Stibbe; Judy Brodhead, former Councilwoman and Riverwalk Commission member; Rebecca DeLarme, City Staff; Brian Dusak, ERA; Rick Hitchcock, former Riverwalk Commission Chairman; Stephanie Penick, Riverwalk Foundation; and Carl Peterson, GRWA

The group toured select areas of the Riverwalk, heading west from the Municipal Center on the south side of the river. Stops and discussions took place along the way. Some of the stops and discussions included the following:

1. Farmer's Plow on Eagle Street: Tom Stibbe noted that the plow needs work, especially the wood handles which may be replaced by Park District staff over a winter.
2. Donor signs on light poles: The group looked at the faded and almost non-readable donor plaques on the light poles. They later looked at some that had been missing and were recently replaced. Replacing some of these at the end of the year is an option.
3. Retaining wall near Aurora Avenue: The group observed the wall and how much it is starting to lean. ERA took measurements a couple of times over the last ten years and will measure in 2021 and provide the comparisons for review later.
4. Parking lots at Rotary Hill and the Grand Pavilion: Bill Novack noted that the City staff will be checking these lots and having any necessary improvements performed.
5. Split rail fencing near some of the parking lots: The group looked at the deteriorated sections and noted the poor condition. One question that was raised is if the fencing actually needs to be reinstalled once it was removed since it does not serve much purpose.
6. Retaining walls on the north side of the river near the beach: Tom Stibbe discussed not only the poor condition of the walls but also the fact that river water leaches through the walls and embankment and enters the quarry beach area.
7. Fredenhagen Park woodwork: In addition to the restroom renovations, Tom Stibbe noted that the woodwork on the Fredenhagen monument and surrounding trellises could be cleaned.
8. Moser Bridge roof: The roof is leaking on the Moser Bridge and needs to be addressed. Tom Stibbe will follow up with Bill Novack in August to discuss as a future CIP project.