



Meeting Minutes

Riverwalk Planning, Design and Construction Committee

Tuesday, October 5, 2021

7:30 AM

Municipal Center Lunchroom

A. CALL TO ORDER:

Planning, Design and Construction Committee Chairman Friant called the October 5, 2021 Naperville Riverwalk Planning, Design and Construction Committee (PDC) meeting to order at 7:33 a.m. The meeting was held in the lunchroom of the Naperville Municipal Center located at 400 S. Eagle St., Naperville, IL.

B. ROLL CALL:

Present: Pam Bartlett; John Cuff; Jan Erickson; Jeff Friant, PDC Chairman; John Joseph; Bill Novack; and Tom Stibbe

Absent: Valla Aguilar; Mary Gibson; Ian Holzhauer; Pat Kennedy, Riverwalk Commission Chairman; and Debra Lellbach

Also Present: Rebecca DeLarme, City Staff; Brian Dusak, ERA; and Carl Peterson, GRWA

C. PUBLIC FORUM:

There were no public comments.

D. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Approval of Minutes - Jeff Friant

Approve minutes from the August 31, 2021 Planning, Design and Construction Committee meeting

Attachments: [21PDCMinutes0831](#)

A motion to approve the August 31, 2021 Planning, Design and Construction Committee meeting minutes was made by Joseph and seconded by Novack. MOTION CARRIED

2. Park District - Tom Stibbe

Stibbe reported that Mike DiCristina has accepted the Riverwalk Park Specialist II position as Tiffani Picco has moved to the Central Parks

Division. Mike is a Certified Arborist with a strong knowledge of the Park District and staff. An additional employee has been hired with a horticultural background that will be working mainly in the north parks and will be doing some design work on the Riverwalk.

The railing along Jefferson Avenue is being replaced with the bollard and chain railing that exists around other areas on the Riverwalk.

The roof at the Grand Pavilion was repaired but will need to be redone in the future.

There was a mobile camera located at Fredenhagen Park recently. The Park District is testing the camera in a few locations as they may be looking to purchase it to deter vandalism. Discussion followed on vandalism in the area, with Stibbe reporting that damage has occurred in the restrooms, the Warming Shelter and the Riverwalk Café. Recent internet-based challenges seem to have an impact on damage that is occurring. Novack added that the upper decks of the downtown parking garages had to be closed previously due to damage and Bartlett shared a story of an encounter she had recently with disrespectful youths blocking a parking lot entrance with motorcycles. Stibbe reported similar issues with the Grand Pavilion parking lot. Stibbe will advise if the camera will be coming back on a permanent basis.

Friant inquired about the leak at the Exchange Club Memories Fountain. Stibbe reported that the problem was identified within the outer rings of the fountain so only the inner rings are running now until they can repair it at the end of the season. He will check with the Park District's Trades Department on an estimate for the repair.

3. 2021 Riverwalk Work Plan (PA022) - Bill Novack and Tom Stibbe

Novack and Stibbe reported that the parking lot repairs were completed by Sindt Woods. Once Novack receives the final cost information for that project, he will work with Stibbe on procuring materials for the Fredenhagen Park Restroom renovations.

The Landforms Sculpture repairs will be now be done in conjunction with the Eagle Street Gateway project from the Riverwalk 2031 Master Plan.

4. Moser Tower Rehabilitation - Bill Novack

Novack provided an update on the progress and distributed pictures of the completed concrete work. He noted that all concrete work repairs have been completed except for the fins or slender pieces that protrude from the structure. The relocation of the temporary cell towers and scaffolding caused a delay with the project. The structural repairs should be

completed by the end of the calendar year with only the landscaping and placement of plaza pavers remaining. The pavers need to be water-proofed and will have to undergo a flood test that cannot take place in freezing weather. Dusak reported that demolition of the staircases has begun and some of the metal has been replaced. Steel and painting will be worked from the top of the structure downward. Peterson complimented everyone involved for their management of this project. A request for an extension of the completion date will be made with City Council once an updated schedule is obtained from the contractor.

5. Riverwalk Master Plan - Jeff Friant for Pat Kennedy

Friant provided an update from Kennedy. Work has been done to have projects placed on the City Manager's list of capital projects available for any outside agencies or funding sources that may approach the City. Novack has included additional design funds in the 2022 budget request and Kennedy will be scheduling smaller meetings with Council Members to educate them on the purpose of the budget request, progress on the Master Plan, and overall schedule and approach to achieving the Master Plan by 2031. Novack added that the Moser Bridge and Grand Pavilion roof repairs would be included in next year's CIP budget. Budgeting for the preliminary design, detailed design and permitting for the Eagle Street Gateway project will be included, in an effort to have the project "shovel ready" for potential outside funding. Also included in the budget request are the preliminary design of the south extension from Hillside Road to Martin Avenue (the South Gateway project) and the feasibility and preliminary engineering for the Grand Pavilion parking lot that was recently patched. Budget hearings begin on October 25, 2021.

Joseph inquired about the QR codes for the existing Riverwalk signs. Peterson distributed an illustration of two options that could be considered. Option 1 showed a black aluminum channel frame that attached from and hung below the existing sign, and Option 2 showed the same sized frame that could be placed within the bottom of the existing frame. Discussion followed about increasing visibility of the addition with Joseph suggesting use of the Riverwalk 2031 Master Plan logo. Others suggested using a color other than white for the backdrop. In addition to being used for the Master Plan, the sign attachments could be used for future messages pertaining to the Riverwalk. Stibbe will confirm the number of existing signs. Peterson will look into a surface mount option with tabs and update the illustration by adding the logo. He will present the options to the Riverwalk Commission at next week's meeting, noting that the PDC's recommendation is Option 2.

6. Asset Management Plan - Tom Stibbe

In addition to the items previously discussed in Section D.3., Stibbe added

that the roof at the Paddleboat Quarry would be replaced this year and the paddleboats will come out once the Quarry level rises. Erickson inquired about the sidewalk repair on the east side of the Quarry. Novack advised repairs were included in an existing contract and would be completed this year.

E. NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business to discuss.

F. MEETING SCHEDULE:

Riverwalk Commission, October 13, 2021, 7:30 a.m.
Municipal Center Lunchroom, 400 S. Eagle St., Naperville, IL

Riverwalk Planning, Design & Construction, November 2, 2021
Municipal Center Lunchroom, 400 S. Eagle St., Naperville, IL

Riverwalk Commission, November 10, 2021, 7:30 a.m.
Municipal Center Lunchroom, 400 S. Eagle St., Naperville, IL

****Riverwalk Planning, Design & Construction, *November 30, 2021***
Municipal Center Lunchroom, 400 S. Eagle St., Naperville, IL

G. ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Erickson, seconded by Novack at 8:12 a.m. MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted by
Rebecca DeLarme, City Staff