



City of Naperville

400 S. Eagle Street
Naperville, IL 60540

Meeting Minutes

Downtown Advisory Commission

Thursday, May 10, 2018

3:00 PM

Meeting Room B

A. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Rubin called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL:

Present: Miers, Nagle (left at 4:45 p.m.), Frank, Costello, Zangler, Rubin, Hitchcock, Wood (on behalf of Andersen), Gustin, Student Member Raquel

Absent: White, Schatz, Jeffries

Also Present: Laff, Loudon, Novack

Also in Attendance:

John Norman, Rotary

Ray McGury & Eric Shutes, Naperville Park District

Jim Godo, North Central College

Deb Newman, DuPage Children's Museum

Donna Sack/Harriet Pistorio - Naper Settlement

Scott Wehrli, Naperville Liquor Commission

Katie Wood, Downtown Naperville Alliance

Shannon Kunicki, Naperville Development Partnership

Becky Bekkali, Naperville Convention and Visitors Bureau

Pam Gallahue/Dawn Portner, SECA/Special Events

Public In Attendance:

Annette Wehrli

Michael Heyden

Joe McElroy

Erin Hegarty, Chicago Tribune

Present 14 - Nicki Anderson, Joe Costello, Peggy Frank, Patty Gustin, Rick Hitchcock, Christine Jeffries, Doug Krieger, Tom Miers, Brien Nagle, Steve Rubin, Benjamin White, Tony Zangler, Rohil Javeri, and Katherine Raquel

C. PUBLIC FORUM:

No members of the public were present for public forum.

D. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Conduct the "State of the Downtown" meeting.

Chairman Rubin noted that today's DAC meeting is dedicated to the "State of

the Downtown" presentation. This meeting allows for organizations with an interest in, or proximity to, the Downtown to share pertinent items that they are working on that may impact the Downtown now or in the future.

Rubin invited the following speakers to provide an overview of their organization's work:

John Norman, Rotary provided an overview of Harmony Park, a freestanding instrument attraction, which is proposed to be located east of Rotary Hill, north of Rotary plaza. The park will be presented to the City Council for approval in June 2018.

Ray McGury, Naperville Park District, movies at Rotary Hill, a new feature at the park, will begin in June 2018. They will also host one concert "Rock the Hill" at Rotary Hill this year on Friday, August 3rd. Riverwalk Cafe will open full-time after Memorial Day. The Park District is starting a farmers market in conjunction with the 95th Street Library which will be held each Thursday starting June 7, 2018.

Jim Godo, North Central College, noted that the Wentz Science Center was recently completed on campus. Other renovations have occurred to their campus buildings (conversion of the old science center to the business center) and pedestrian routes since this center opened. The college has also completed many solar projects on campus. 2018 marks the 10-year anniversary of the opening of the Wentz Concert Center.

Deb Newman, DuPage Children's Museum, provided an overview of a traveling exhibit that will be coming to the Museum in early January 2019.

Donna Sack, Naper Settlement, provided an overview of the 2018 calendar at a glance, which was included in the DAC packet. This year's exhibits will highlight the City's Asian communities. DAC discussed available museum parking and the Christkindlmarket.

Scott Wehrli, Naperville Liquor Commission, provided an overview of current and historical downtown liquor licenses and permits (which have remained relatively stable), as well as calls for service and arrest data.

Katie Wood, Downtown Naperville Alliance, provided an overview of the purpose of DNA: to promote Downtown Naperville locally and regionally in a variety of ways and to advocate for the merchants and help them find answers to their questions. Projects that they will remain involved in: downtown streetscape, retail vs. restaurant mix, zoning restrictions, parking optimization, and special events. Upcoming development: Old Nichols addition, Main Street Promenade addition, Russell's redevelopment, River Main development, and Washington Street Bridge construction.

Shannon Kunicki, Naperville Development Partnership noted that downtown currently only has a 3% vacancy; this information is updated monthly. Shannon also works on the Dine Naperville guide and promotes Naperville Restaurant Week.

Becky Bekkali, Naperville Convention and Visitors Bureau works on innovative ways to attract more visitors, hotel stays, and other activity to the City through events.

Pam Gallahue/Dawn Portner, SECA/Special Events, provided an overview of the special events approval process and challenges that the City faces with special events.

Bill Novack, City of Naperville, provided an overview of the Naperville Jaycees Smart Park proposed adjacent to the Naperville Municipal Center. Work will begin in late Summer 2018.

2. Approve the March 19, 2018 DAC meeting minutes.

Commissioner Nagle made a motion, seconded by Frank, to approve the March 19, 2018 DAC meeting minutes. The motion carried with the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Gustin, Rubin, Hitchcock, Frank, Miers, Costello, Zangler, Wood, Nagle
Nay: 0 - None

E. REPORTS:

F. NEW BUSINESS:

G. ADJOURNMENT:

The Downtown Advisory Commission meeting of May 10, 2018 was adjourned at 5:01 p.m.