

# **City of Naperville**

*400 S. Eagle Street  
Naperville, IL 60540*



## **Naperville**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, August 14, 2019**

**7:30 AM**

**Municipal Center Lunchroom**

**Riverwalk Commission**

**A. CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Roehll called the August 14, 2019 Naperville Riverwalk Commission meeting to order at 7:30 a.m. The meeting was held in the lunchroom of the Naperville Municipal Center located at 400 S. Eagle Street, Naperville, Illinois.

**B. ROLL CALL:**

Present: Valla Aguilar; Pam Bartlett; Judy Brodhead; Bobby Carlsen; John Cuff; Jeff Friant; John Joseph; Pat Kennedy; Debra Lellbach; Bill Novack; Chuck Papanos; and Geoff Roehll, Commission Chairman

Absent: No one

Also Present: Christian Canizal, NCTV; Brian Dusak, ERA; Dick Galitz, resident and former Riverwalk Commissioner; and Monica Goshorn-Maroney, GRWA

**C. PUBLIC FORUM:**

No members of the public were interested in addressing the Commission.

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

Novack reported that the crack mapping and structural modelling are complete. ERA has recently received the information. They are analyzing the results and will be incorporating that information into their update. They hope to have an updated report submitted in September. It will probably be discussed at the Planning, Design & Construction Committee (PDC) in October.

**2. Riverwalk Development Guidelines - Pat Kennedy**

Kennedy stated there was a good discussion at the August PDC Committee meeting. On a high level, the committee continues to advance the vision of various projects. These include a list of eight larger projects and a group of smaller projects. The committee is developing an outline that includes such information as a concept plan, budget and fundraising strategy. The process will continue at the next PDC meeting. All are encouraged to attend.

**E. NEW BUSINESS:****1. Little Friends Request - Geoff Roehll**

Receive the Little Friends request letter.

Roehll reported that Little Friends has offered to give us the structure that was the Kroehler Mansion to be placed somewhere on the Riverwalk. The offer includes a stipulation that the Riverwalk Commission would need to pay to move the structure to its new location and rehabilitate it. Roehll shared some of the background of the situation. Novack stated that he didn't know where the structure could be placed on the Riverwalk, nor did he see a purpose for the structure on the Riverwalk. Further, there are no funds in the budget to move or renovate the structure.

A motion to deny the request to accept the structure from Little Friends was made by Roehll and seconded by Novack. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**2. Washington Street Bridge - Bill Novack**

Phase I work on the Washington Street Bridge has been completed. Novack shared details of the design as well as concern that Phase II is moving forward very slowly stating that construction on the bridge probably won't begin before 2021. The City must wait for the Illinois Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration to sign off on the project. He also stated that the bridge is being inspected monthly due to its deteriorating condition.

Renderings were shared with the group, showing that the large "Naperville" archways have been removed and showing three railing options. The Riverwalk Commission will have the opportunity to weigh in on their choice of railing design.

**3. Maintenance Practices at Peanuts Bar & Grill - Geoff Roehll**

Roehll stated that there is a video on the internet showing questionable maintenance practices by an employee of Peanuts Bar & Grill. As a result, a City Code Enforcement Officer paid a visit to the establishment to discuss more appropriate maintenance practices.

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

Approve the July 10, 2019 Riverwalk Commission minutes.

A motion to approve the minutes from the July 10, 2019 Riverwalk Commission meeting was made by Friant, seconded by Brodhead.  
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**2. Chairman - Geoff Roehl**

No report.

**3. Finance - Bill Novack**

Novack distributed and reviewed the July 2019 financial reports for the Riverwalk CIP and Operations Budgets.

**4. Park District - Chuck Papanos**

Receive the monthly Park District report.

- a. Duck Race  
The rain from last night will help the water flow for the Riverwalk Foundation Duck Race.
- b. Last Fling Set Up  
The set up for the Last Fling will begin at the end of the month.
- c. Weeds on the Riverwalk  
Roehl stated that he has heard comments from the public regarding the weeds on the Riverwalk. He believes all the rain from the spring season has had an impact on the abundant weed vegetation currently present. Park District staff continues to try to catch up as it has been very challenging this summer.

**5. Riverwalk Foundation - John Cuff**

- a. Annual Duck Race  
Cuff reported that the Annual Duck Race will take place this morning at 10:00. He stated that duck sales have picked up and been brisk the last few days. He's estimating that approximately 1,500 plastic ducks will participate in this year's race.
- b. Upcoming Plans  
At their fall meeting, the RWF plans to reexamine their focus for the future including possible short-term and long-term projects.

**6. Donor Recognition - Jan Erickson**

Erickson reported that the brick sales have picked up. The current deadline for the fall installation is August 26, 2019. Bricks take approximately six weeks to produce with installation in mid to late October. There was no update regarding the brick sales at the new Jaycees Park as the Jaycees are responsible for their own brick sales and have not shared any information with Erickson.

## **7. Public Relations - Valla Aguilar**

Receive the July 10, 2019 Public Relations report.

Aguilar reported that since the last Riverwalk Commission meeting, the Riverwalk was highlighted or mentioned in 14 articles, 90 media posts and 0 broadcasts in the local media. The highlights include the Riverwalk Duck Race, potential Riverwalk changes, and the five reasons why Naperville is the number one place to live in America.

## **8. Planning, Design, and Construction - Pat Kennedy**

Receive the August 6, 2019 Riverwalk Planning, Design & Construction Committee minutes.

### **RiverPlace Condominiums**

Kennedy stated that in addition to the topics discussed earlier, representatives from the RiverPlace Condominiums Association came to the August PDC meeting to ask about the Riverwalk's and Park District's responsibility regarding maintenance of the Small Quarry. They have an issue with the vegetation along the shoreline and the water quality. It was a good conversation. The rules, regulations and limits will be explored.

At the Riverwalk Commission meeting, Papanos shared a copy of the agreement from August 31, 1984 that lays out the details of maintenance responsibilities for the Small Quarry. The Park District/Riverwalk Commission are responsible for "all of the quarry plus 10 useable feet surrounding the quarry". Park District has agreed to begin removing invasives within the 10' strip of shoreline. It will be a cumbersome task as the sides of the quarry go straight down. Regarding the algae, historically the large and small quarry are treated in the same manner. With the influx of zebra mussels, there hasn't been an issue in recent years. The hope is that, after the removal of some of the vegetation along the shoreline allowing more sunlight on the Small Quarry, any algae issue will be resolved. Care should be given about introducing chemicals to either of the quarries. Erickson will follow up with the folks at RiverPlace to share the plan of action.

**G. MEETING SCHEDULE:**

Riverwalk Planning, Design & Construction, September 3, 2019, 7:30 a.m.  
Lunchroom, Municipal Center, 400 S. Eagle St., Naperville, IL

Riverwalk Commission, September 11, 2019, 7:30 a.m.  
Lunchroom, Municipal Center, 400 S. Eagle St., Naperville, IL

Riverwalk Planning, Design & Construction, October 1, 2019, 7:30 a.m.  
Lunchroom, Municipal Center, 400 S. Eagle St., Naperville, IL

**H. ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion to adjourn was made by Kennedy, seconded by Friant at 8:00 a.m.

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted by  
Janette Erickson, Riverwalk Administrator