



## **Meeting Minutes**

### **Riverwalk Commission**

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**Wednesday, March 10, 2021**

**7:30 AM**

**Via Zoom Due To COVID-19**

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#### **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 March 10, 2021 Riverwalk Commission meeting remotely.

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When: Mar 10, 2021 07:30 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

Topic: Riverwalk Commission

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## **A. CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Kennedy called the March 10, 2021 Naperville Riverwalk Commission to order at 7:31 a.m. Kennedy 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 Cuff; Jan Erickson; Jeff Friant; John Joseph; Pat Kennedy, Commission Chairman; Debra Lellbach; Josh McBroom; Bill Novack; and Tom Stibbe

Absent: No one

Also Present: Christian Canizal, NCTV; Rebecca DeLarme, City Staff; Brian Dusak, ERA; Rick Hitchcock, former Riverwalk Commission Chairman; Julie Landry, City Staff; and Laura McSweeney, City Staff

## **C. PUBLIC FORUM:**

Kennedy welcomed the additional attendees to the meeting. No one from the public wished to address the Commission.

## **D. OLD BUSINESS:**

### **1. Moser Tower Rehabilitation - Bill Novack**

Novack reported that the Planning, Design and Construction (PDC) Committee reviewed plans and had a great discussion at last week's

meeting. The project should be ready to bid in the next four to five weeks. The consultants are currently working on the details, specifications and costs for the structural portion. In addition to the base bid, enhancement items will be bid as an alternate. Some of the original enhancement items were deemed essential and moved to the base bid. Brodhead inquired about the enhancement items that were moved, with Goshorn-Maroney and Novack listing the following: 1) new railing that will replace old railing and match other areas of the Riverwalk; 2) relocating the existing plaque on the north side of the building to the front side, which will need to be moved because of façade enhancements; and 3) a new storefront door that will look better and help with waterproofing.

Christian Canizal inquired about the timing of construction. Novack anticipates that based on when the project goes to bid, construction should begin mid-June.

## **2. Riverwalk Master Plan - Pat Kennedy**

Kennedy reported on the progress of the Communications and Fundraising teams, noting that Fundraising continues to build their team and work with smaller groups and the Riverwalk Foundation to advance a few of the ecological restoration projects. The overall strategy being developed in the next several weeks by the Communications team will assist with fundraising.

Joseph reported that he, Aguilar and Sameera Luthman, Naperville Park District, have made good progress on developing the Communications plan with the objectives being 1) to build enthusiasm and help foster strategic relationships with the key stakeholder groups who they want to partner with; and 2) build awareness for the Master Plan for the vision amongst the residents and users of the Riverwalk. The theme is “Creating a Path Forward” and they feel that it embodies the spirit and utilization of the Riverwalk and can assist with future themes that would take in the history of the Riverwalk. They will be sharing their progress with the PDC Committee in April before sharing at the Riverwalk Commission meeting in April or May.

## **3. Riverwalk "Welcome Back" for 2021 - Pam Bartlett**

Bartlett reported that the Downtown Naperville Alliance is doing a “Sail into Summer” event with sailboat sculptures that businesses have started picking up to paint and display by Memorial Day or Father’s Day. The Alliance would like to work with the Riverwalk Commission to have some type of event like a boat race. Discussion followed on possibilities such as a regatta or a decorated boat parade. Aguilar inquired if an event could take place at Centennial Beach. Stibbe would have to check to see if any other events are scheduled. He discussed past events where boats were

built and raced at the beach. Discussion followed regarding the duck race and the issue of the river conditions so staff could retrieve the ducks. Stibbe said a cardboard regatta could be fun and interesting but would need to be researched and scheduled with Jackie Gonzalez, Aquatics Manager, and Brad Wilson, Director of Recreation with the Park District. The quarry was also suggested as a possibility for location. Bartlett will research further and follow up with the Commission.

## **E. NEW BUSINESS:**

There was no new business to discuss.

## **F. REPORTS:**

### **1. Approval of Minutes - Pat Kennedy**

Approve minutes from the February 10, 2021 Riverwalk Commission meeting

Attachments: [21RWCM Minutes0210](#)

A motion to approve the February 10, 2021 Riverwalk Commission meeting minutes was made by Joseph, seconded by Lellbach. MOTION CARRIED

### **2. Chairman - Pat Kennedy**

Chairman Kennedy had no additional information to report.

### **3. Finance - Bill Novack**

Novack had no financial information to report at this time.

### **4. Park District - Tom Stibbe**

Receive the monthly Park District report

Attachments: [21ParkDistrictMemo0310](#)

Stibbe reviewed the following highlights from the Park District report:

- a. Field Report for February  
Staff spent most of their time doing snow removal, including hauling of snow. Staff also worked on ice rink, coming in at 5:00 a.m. to broom the ice and add layers to the surface.
- b. Paddleboat Quarry  
A tree service removed dead trees and cleaned out invasives along the north edge of the Paddleboat Quarry last week.
- c. Beach Clean-up  
Beach clean-up is scheduled to begin around Friday, March 26th.

**5. Riverwalk Foundation - John Cuff**

There was no update from the Riverwalk Foundation.

**6. Donor Recognition - Rebecca DeLarme**

Twelve brick orders have currently been received and there may be two bench orders to include with the spring 2021 installation. The deadline for the order is March 15, 2021.

**7. Public Relations - Valla Aguilar**

Receive the February Public Relations reports

Attachments: [21PublicRelationsReport0310](#)

Aguilar reported that February was relatively a quiet month with the Naperville Riverwalk being mentioned in 3 articles, 31 social media posts and 0 broadcasts. Highlights included a President's Day story and a Valentine's Day story in Positively Naperville, Naperville Park District 2021 Outlook in Naperville Sun, a blog for Things to Do in Naperville, and real estate listings.

**8. Planning, Design, and Construction - Jeff Friant**

Receive the March 2, 2021 Riverwalk Planning, Design and Construction Committee minutes

Attachments: [21PDCMinutes0302](#)

Friant reported that the Moser Tower Rehabilitation and the Master Plan, which were previously discussed under Agenda items D.1. and D.2., were the main topics of the PDC Committee meeting. The 2021 Riverwalk Work Plan, which includes maintenance items that can be addressed with the Park District, was also discussed.

**G. MEETING SCHEDULE:**

Riverwalk Planning, Design & Construction, April 6, 2021, 7:30 a.m.  
On Zoom Video Conferencing App

Riverwalk Commission, April 14, 2021, 7:30 a.m.  
On Zoom Video Conferencing App

Riverwalk Planning, Design & Construction, May 4, 2021, 7:30 a.m.  
On Zoom Video Conferencing App

Riverwalk Commission, May 12, 2021, 7:30 a.m.  
On Zoom Video Conferencing App

## **H. ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion to adjourn was made by Erickson and seconded by Brodhead.  
The meeting adjourned at 8:14 a.m. MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted by  
Rebecca DeLarme, City Staff