



Meeting Minutes

Riverwalk Commission

Wednesday, September 8, 2021

7:30 AM

Municipal Center Lunchroom

A. CALL TO ORDER:

The Riverwalk Planning, Design and Construction Committee (PDC) Chairman Friant called the September 8, 2021 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 St., Naperville, IL.

B. ROLL CALL:

Present: Valla Aguilar; Pam Bartlett (arrived at 7:31 a.m.); Jan Erickson; Jeff Friant, PDC Chairman; Mary Gibson; Ian Holzhauer; John Joseph; Debra Lellbach (arrived 7:32 a.m.); Bill Novack; and Tom Stibbe

Absent: John Cuff; and Pat Kennedy, Commission Chairman

Also Present: Rebecca DeLarme, City Staff; Casey Flanagan, NCTV17; and Carl Peterson, GRWA

C. PUBLIC FORUM:

No one from the public wished to address the Riverwalk Commission.

D. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Moser Tower Rehabilitation - Bill Novack

Novack reported that cell tower antennas have been relocated. Concrete repairs have been marked out and will begin this week. A revised schedule will be provided by the contractor and presented to City Council for an extension. No selection was made on the façade treatment at the base of the structure and additional precast section options are forthcoming. Targeted completion should be by the end of the calendar year. The landscaping and water proofing of the entrance level may need to be pushed into next spring. Signs were put up by the Park District advising the facility is under construction with a link to the Park District's website which advises that the Millennium Carillon and Visitor Center are closed this season due to construction.

2. Riverwalk Master Plan - Jeff Friant for Pat Kennedy

Friant gave an overview of the discussions from the last PDC meeting, noting the shift to fundraising, the meetings that Kennedy had regarding funding that may be available for certain projects, and getting those marquee projects “shovel ready”. Novack noted that design for three of the Master Plan Capital Improvement items have been included in the budget request: 1) Eagle Street Gateway project; 2) South Gateway project; and 3) the Grand Pavilion parking lot.

Joseph advised that the social media campaign ended this week and resulted in more awareness of the Riverwalk website and stories but did not succeed in driving more visitors to the Riverwalk 2031 Master Plan. As a result, the suggestion of adding QR codes to existing Riverwalk signs is being explored. Peterson is researching this and will report back to the PDC at their next meeting.

E. NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business to discuss.

F. REPORTS:

1. Approval of Minutes - Jeff Friant for Pat Kennedy

Approve minutes from the August 11, 2021 Riverwalk Commission meeting

Attachments: [21RWCMinutes0811](#)

A motion to approve the August 11, 2021 Riverwalk Commission meeting minutes was made by Joseph, seconded by Erickson. MOTION CARRIED

2. Chairman - Jeff Friant for Pat Kennedy

There was no Chairman’s Report.

3. Finance - Bill Novack

Receive the August 2021 Riverwalk financial report

Attachments: [21RWCFinancials08](#)

Prior to presenting the August financial report that was included in the agenda packet, Novack reviewed the items that were included in the Capital budget request for 2022 which included preliminary design, detailed design and permitting for the Eagle Street Gateway; preliminary design of the South Gateway project; and feasibility and preliminary engineering for the Grand Pavilion parking lot. In addition, \$50K was included in the budget for the PA022 or Riverwalk maintenance and \$130K

was included for roof replacement of the Moser Bridge and the Grand Pavilion.

4. Park District - Tom Stibbe

Receive the monthly Park District report

Attachments: [21ParkDistrictMemo0908](#)

In addition to the monthly Park District report that was provided in the agenda packet, Stibbe reviewed the following highlights:

- a. Recent Events
The Last Fling took place September 3rd through September 6th and things went very smoothly.
- b. Staff Update
They are looking to fill the Park District II position.

5. Riverwalk Foundation - Pam Bartlett and Jan Erickson for John Cuff

Bartlett and Erickson provided an overview of the 40th Anniversary celebration that took place on September 6th. The event was short, went very well and was covered by NCTV17. Cake and ice cream coupons and gift certificates were passed out.

Bartlett advised that Pinot's Palette will be hosting a fundraiser for the Riverwalk Foundation on September 15th at 7:00 p.m. with the "Don't Feed the Ducks" painting.

6. Donor Recognition - Rebecca DeLarme

DeLarme reported that the Fall order currently consists of 13 bricks and 2 benches with an additional 2-3 brick orders still forthcoming from the Riverwalk Foundation. The fall order deadline was September 1st and installation should take place in late October or early November, with help from the Park District.

7. Public Relations - Valla Aguilar

Receive the August Public Relations reports

Attachments: [21PublicRelationsReport0908](#)

Aguilar reviewed the Public Relations report for August noting that the Naperville Riverwalk was mentioned in 35 articles, 41 social media posts, and 1 broadcast during the month. Highlights included Labor Day events (Last Fling), Riverwalk 40th Anniversary and Austin Weiss Realtor - Naperville Riverwalk video.

8. Planning, Design, and Construction - Jeff Friant

Receive the August 31, 2021 Riverwalk Planning, Design and Construction Committee minutes

Attachments: [21PDCMinutes0831](#)

Friant advised of topics from the PDC meeting which included awaiting contractor repair of the fountain at Fredenhagen Park, the plow handles at Farmer's Plaza being replaced, the Grand Pavilion roof repair and awaiting bids for repair of the Landforms Sculpture. Main discussion of the meeting focused on the Moser Tower Rehabilitation and the Riverwalk 2031 Master Plan.

Novack advised that he and Stibbe are assessing the repair of the Landforms Sculpture and it may be postponed and included with the Eagle Street Gateway project.

G. MEETING SCHEDULE:

Riverwalk Planning, Design & Construction, October 5, 2021, 7:30 a.m.
Municipal Center Lunchroom, 400 S. Eagle St., Naperville, IL

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

Riverwalk Planning, Design & Construction, November 2, 2021, 7:30 a.m.
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 7:30 a.m.

H. ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Novack and seconded by Stibbe. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 a.m. MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted by
Rebecca DeLarme, City Staff