



Legislation Text

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CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

ACTION REQUESTED:

Adopt the resolution approving the fifth amendment to the intergovernmental agreement between the City of Naperville and the Naperville Park District for the Naperville Riverwalk

DEPARTMENT: Transportation, Engineering and Development

SUBMITTED BY: Janette Erickson, Riverwalk Administrator and William Novack, Director of TED

BOARD/COMMISSION REVIEW:

N/A

BACKGROUND:

Commencing in 2003 the City of Naperville and the Naperville Park District agreed on jointly funding the maintenance of the Riverwalk. Following completion of the initial section between Main Street and Eagle Street in 1981, the Naperville Riverwalk grew significantly during its first two decades, stretching from Jefferson Avenue to Hillside Road. The Park District had agreed to maintain that initial 1981 section, and as each section was added everyone assumed the Park District could carry the maintenance burden.

Following the completion of the east extension of the Riverwalk from Washington Street to Hillside Road the Park District stated they could no longer fund all the maintenance, resulting in the 2003 maintenance agreement. That agreement basically stated that the Park District would pay for all maintenance west of Washington Street and the City would pay for everything east of Washington Street and all future additions to the Riverwalk. Additionally, there was a provision that required the City to fund any difference between inflation of the Park District's maintenance cost and any taxing limitations that Park District faced. At the end of 2018 the City and Park District will have finished the third maintenance agreement between the two agencies, with each agreement having a five-year term.

DISCUSSION:

Addition of Harmony Park to the Riverwalk

The maintenance agreement requires that any new addition to the Riverwalk be reviewed and approved by the Naperville Riverwalk Commission, the Naperville Park District and the Naperville City Council. The Rotary Club of Naperville has been discussing the addition of a Harmony Park to the Riverwalk, which they desire to build this summer. Rather than bringing a separate agenda item on this matter, staff decided to include it with the upcoming maintenance agreement since it would impact the agreement and the timing lined up.

The Harmony Park is proposed to be built between Rotary Hill and the large quarry, on the north side

of the walkway adjacent to Aurora Avenue. The park will consist of four large musical percussion instruments, brick pavers and landscaping. The Park District and Riverwalk Commission worked with the Rotary Club to find a location where noise impacts from the instruments would be minimized. The instruments chosen have been researched and selected based on minimizing impact.

Since this is an addition to the Riverwalk the City of Naperville will be responsible for all additional maintenance costs. The Park District has estimated that additional cost to be \$1,037 per year. Staff discussed this impact on the City with the Rotary Club, and the Rotary Club has agreed to reimburse the City for the first five years of maintenance. After that the City will solely fund the maintenance cost.

The addition of Harmony Park and the additional maintenance costs have been included in the proposed maintenance agreement covered by this fifth amendment.

Intergovernmental Maintenance Agreement

The current agreement includes not only the maintenance of the Riverwalk but also the City reimbursement to the Park District for their annual programming costs for the Millennium Carillon. We previously had two separate agreements reimbursing the Park District for both assets and decided to merge them into one agreement the last time it was renewed. Staff recommends continuing this practice.

To determine the amount of City participation for the next five years, the Park District used their actual costs from 2017. Due to efficiencies the Park District has realized over the last couple of years, the cost to the City will be reduced. The City will pay less for Riverwalk maintenance for the first two years of this agreement and pay less for the Carillon over all five years of this proposed agreement. Below is a table showing the amount of City participation for 2018 (the last year of the current agreement) and the proposed amounts for the next five years:

Calendar Year and Agreement	Riverwalk Cost	Carillon Cost	Total City Cost
2018 (Current Agreement)	\$179,699	\$128,813	\$308,512
2019 (Proposed Agreement)	\$175,326	\$105,217	\$280,543
2020 (Proposed Agreement)	\$177,956	\$106,795	\$284,751
2021 (Proposed Agreement)	\$180,625	\$108,397	\$289,022
2022 (Proposed Agreement)	\$183,335	\$110,023	\$293,358
2023 (Proposed Agreement)	\$186,085	\$111,673	\$297,758

The term of the proposed agreement is three years, with two one year extensions if neither party opposes it. If neither party opposes it, the new agreement will run through calendar year 2023. Except for the addition of Harmony Park, there are no other changes to the agreement when compared to the prior agreements.

The Naperville Park District Board has discussed and supported this proposed agreement at their workshop, and is expected to approve the agreement at their June 14th board meeting.

FISCAL IMPACT:

All the costs are paid with SECA funds. The total amount for each year is shown below:

Calendar Year	Total City Cost
2019	\$280,543
2020	\$284,751
2021	\$289,022
2022	\$293,358
2023	\$297,758