

## COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 10, 2008

### I. Call to Order

Rick Hitchcock called the September 10, 2008 Naperville Riverwalk Commission Meeting to order at 7:43 a.m. The meeting was held in the Lunch Room of the Naperville Municipal Center located at 400 S. Eagle Street, Naperville, Illinois.

### II. Roll Call

Present: Steve Albert; Jonathan Croll; Bart Darfler; Ron Gibson; Jeff Havel; Rick Hitchcock, Commission Chairman; Kristen Jungles; Bill Novack; Chuck Papanos; Annmarie Siwik; M.D. Skeet; and Dennis Ulrey

Absent: Grant Wehrli

Also Present: Rod Beadle, ERA; and Gary Weber, Gary R. Weber & Associates

### III. Approval of Minutes

#### A. August 13, 2008

The minutes were amended as follows; on page 3, item E. d. add the words “north side” and item E. e. delete “Keep a placeholder for acquiring and developing” and replace it with “Working with the landowner on”.

A motion to approve the minutes as amended was made by Croll, seconded by Jungles. MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

### IV. Reports

A. Chairman – Rick Hitchcock  
No report.

#### B. Finance – Bill Novack

1. The monthly Finance Report was distributed. Novack gave a brief summary of the attached report reminding the Commissioners that the encumbrances are included in the Year to Date figures.
2. Novack explained that the line item on the general budget for Additional Professional Services includes the Park District annual reimbursement.
3. Engineering/Design for CIP project PA028 (Shoreline Stabilization south of the Moser Bridge on the east extension) is scheduled to be completed during this fiscal year.

#### C. Park District – Chuck Papanos

1. After 4 inches of rain, the Last Fling seems to have had little impact on the Riverwalk. There were three electrical issues and two irrigation issues but all have been repaired.
2. The new Park District Executive Director, Ray McGrury begins on Monday, September 15, 2008.
3. At the September 2, 2008 PDC meeting, a proposed multi-unit residential development was discussed, located at 445 W. Aurora Ave., Naperville, IL.

The plans for this property call for their primary resident ingress and egress through the Rotary Hill parking lot. The Park District had been asked to make a recommendation on this issue. Papanos asked the Riverwalk Commission for their thoughts. The Commission would not support this plan because they believe it is unacceptable to maintain private usage of public property. In addition, there are several times throughout the year that the parking lot must be closed due to community events and the prospective residents would not have access to their parking facility. Hitchcock recused himself from the discussion as Hitchcock Design Group is a participant with the project.

D. Foundation – Jeff Havel

1. The next Riverwalk Foundation meeting will be Tuesday, September 16, 2008.
2. The Exchange Club of Naperville is sponsoring big band, Class Act II, at Fredenhagen Park on Saturday, September 20, 2008 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Ted Fredenhagen is the band leader for Class Act II. The concert is being produced by the Riverwalk Foundation with the support of the Naperville Park District.
3. The Annual Riverwalk Breakfast is scheduled for Thursday, October 9, 2008 at the Judd Kendall VFW Post 3873, 908 W. Jackson Ave., Naperville, IL. The Care of Trees has agreed to be a sponsor again this year. Moser Enterprises will talk about the new Water Street Project. The City's carillonneur, Tim Sleep, has offered to play the piano at the beginning of the breakfast.

E. Donor Recognition – Jan Erickson

1. The Exchange Club of Naperville has sold 537 of the 600 commemorative bricks and 38 of the 40 stones that they have agreed to sell. The most recent order of bricks has been delivered and will be installed early next week.
2. Exelon Nuclear has agreed to sponsor the new garden in Segment 1 of the Phase I Rehabilitation for \$25,000. They have requested that they have a presence at the re-dedication. Erickson is working with them to secure a date that is acceptable to all parties.
3. Siwik made a presentation to the Americanism Committee of Exchange Club of Naperville to explore their interest in naming rights for the Veteran's Plaza. The Americanism Committee has recommended to the Exchange Club Board of Directors that the \$75,000 donation be approved. Siwik will make a presentation to their board on Friday, September 12, 2008. All donations will be made through the Riverwalk Foundation who will hold the funds to be applied toward the development of Segment 3.
4. Hitchcock will contact the veterans' groups regarding possible opportunities for them to have a presence on Phase I of the Riverwalk.
5. All of the light bollards have been eliminated from Phase I of the Riverwalk as a part of the rehabilitation. There were eighteen original light bollard donors who had commemorative plaques. The plaques will be placed on the shepherd's crook lights instead of the bollards in the new design. Five of the original donors have currently been accommodated. The remaining thirteen still need to be ordered and installed.

F. Public Relations – Annmarie Siwik

1. With the commitment of the first major donor, Exelon Nuclear, the public relations team will write a press release highlighting the donor and the area which has been designated for them. A list has been compiled stating what the

donor will receive, as a part of their package, when they commit to funding a portion of the new Segment 1.

2. The committee has been working diligently to confirm a date for the ribbon cutting and re-dedication of Segment 1 of the Phase I Rehabilitation. Exelon Nuclear is firm about their desire to include one of their top corporate executives in the proceedings. We will continue to work together to find a date that is acceptable to all parties.

G. Commissioner Development – Jonathan Croll

Several Commissioners' second terms will expire. It is important to be proactive about those in the community who would be good candidates for their replacements. Commissioners were encouraged to "keep their minds open" to individuals who may be interested in serving in the future. Croll will contact the Mayor's office to discuss existing applicants.

H. Millennium Carillon – Bart Darfler

1. 95.9 The River radio station held live broadcasts from the top of the Moser Tower the week before the Jaycees Last Fling to help promote the event. Several community leaders were also interviewed.
2. On Sunday, August 24, 2008 a new event, Praise in the Park, was held on Rotary Hill adjacent to the Moser Tower. Approximately 2,500 people attended.
3. Since the Moser Tower and Visitor Center have opened, the Millennium Carillon Foundation has shifted its focus to operation, education and promotion.
4. The MCF is searching for a new webmaster.
5. World renowned English carillonneur, Trevor Workman, performed two concerts in August. He commented about the high quality of our instrument.
6. In 2010 Naperville will host the International Carillonneurs Guild convention. Top carillonneurs from around the world will come to Naperville to play and learn.
7. New Year's Eve festivities are being planned. More information to come.
8. This season's numbers should be distributed at the October Riverwalk Commission meeting.

I. Riverwalk Guidelines – Dennis Ulrey

Ulrey presented the draft of the new vision statement as well as objectives and an updated list of proposed projects. He gave the justification for the vision statement and a brief background of the objectives. The original project list was pared down from four pages to two, eliminating completed projects, duplicates and those that are no longer relevant. Several new projects were added. This is a vital document as it helps identify projects that are important to the future of the Riverwalk and provides justification for future CIP projects.

The whole Commission has been asked to review the projects list for clarification and contact Erickson with any suggestions regarding more descriptive phraseology. The committee will meet on September 17, 2008 to review project descriptions. The updated vision statement, objectives and project list will be presented to the City Council and the Park Board in October. The committee will incorporate all comments into information that will be presented to the public for input prior to finalizing the document.

J. Planning, Design and Construction – Steve Albert

1. Water Street Project

Moser Enterprises, Hitchcock Design Group and the Rubin Partners presented information regarding the proposed Water Street Project. All three entities are working with Marquette Properties on their submission to the county for a stormwater permit. Their plan calls for a cantilevered plaza joining the Main Street Bridge with the upper walkway. An access way will be designed joining the upper walkway with the lower level. The project is moving forward and they are planning to break ground next year.

2. The Park District reported that two of the buildings on the Sindt property have been razed. The third building will be demolished and a new maintenance facility will be built on the existing footprint.

3. The Park District has received a grant from the county to purchase additional bike racks to be placed strategically around the city. Papanos will help determine the locations on and near the Riverwalk including entry points.

4. A new banner pole has been installed replacing the one that was damaged during the Main Street Bridge construction.

5. The other Planning, Design and Construction topics are addressed in Old Business.

**V. Old Business**

A. Phase I Rehab – Rick Hitchcock

Segment 1:

1. The construction of Segment 1 is nearly completed. The sod will be laid this week. There are some drainage issues north of the Dandelion Fountain that still need to be resolved.

2. A punch list has been developed and is being addressed.

Segment 2:

1. The soil borings were postponed due to bad weather. ERA will reschedule them and contact the Park District and Erickson with the new dates.

2. ERA is finalizing the second stormwater submittal to DuPage County. They plan to resubmit by September 15, 2008.

B. Sign Graphics – Gary Weber

1. A site visit is planned with the sign installer on September 12, 2008 to review sign locations as well as orientation.

2. The signs should be completed and installed by the end of October.

C. Mileage Markers – Steve Albert

The mileage markers have been ordered. They should be delivered and installed by the end of the season.

D. Gregory Gazebo/Sesquicentennial Overlook – Rod Beadle

The design work is underway. ERA will make the pre-final submittals to the City by September 19, 2008.

E. FY 08-09 Work Projects

A list of possible CIP projects was distributed. It was decided that the accessibility project west of the Eagle Street Bridge should be deleted from the list as it will be introduced in the dialogue regarding the updated Riverwalk Guidelines. After discussion it was decided that PA023 (North side of the River between Main Street and Washington) will be unretired and added to this CIP process. The Commission

would like to include a project that addresses the development of the shoreline immediately south of Fredenhagen Park in conjunction with the Riverfront development project. In addition, Segment 3 of the Phase I Rehabilitation (PA019) will be included with the other CIP projects previously scheduled. A complete list of projects will be forwarded to Hitchcock prior to being submitted to the City's Finance Department.

Erickson will explore the possibility of forwarding the developer's plans for the Riverfront project to ERA. The Commission would like to draft an initial concept of what is possible along that reach. In addition, the Commission would like basic illustrations to be presented in conjunction with all future projects.

**VI. New Business**

No new business was reported

**VII. Upcoming Meetings**

- A. Riverwalk Foundation  
Tuesday, September 16, 2008, 7:30 a.m., TED Large Conference Room #164  
Municipal Center, 400 S. Eagle St., Naperville, IL
- B. Riverwalk Guidelines Committee  
Wednesday, September 17, 2008, 7:30 a.m., TED Large Conference Room #247  
Municipal Center, 400 S. Eagle St., Naperville, IL
- C. Riverwalk Planning, Design & Construction Committee  
Monday, September 29, 2008, 3:30 p.m., TED Large Conference Room #247  
Municipal Center, 400 S. Eagle St., Naperville, IL
- D. Riverwalk Commission  
Wednesday, October 8, 2008, 7:30 a.m., Lunch Room  
Municipal Center, 400 S. Eagle St., Naperville, IL
- E. Annual Riverwalk Breakfast  
Thursday, October 9, 2008, 7:00 a.m.  
Judd Kendall VFW Post 3873, 908 W. Jackson Ave., Naperville, IL

**VIII. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn was made by Darfler, seconded by Havel. MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Janette Erickson, Riverwalk Administrator