



COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 11, 2009

I. Call to Order

Rick Hitchcock called the February 11, 2009 Naperville Riverwalk Commission Meeting to order at 7:31 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: Bart Darfler; Ron Gibson; Jeff Havel; Rick Hitchcock, Commission Chairman; Kristen Jungles (arrived 7:45); Bill Novack; Chuck Papanos; Annmarie Siwik; M.D. Skeet; Dennis Ulrey; and Student Commissioners Max Behna and Kate Swanson

Absent: Jonathan Croll and Grant Wehrli

Also Present: Rod Beadle, ERA; Ray McGury, Naperville Park District; Mike Reilly, Naperville Park District Commissioner Candidate and Gary Weber, Gary R. Weber & Associates

III. Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the January 14, 2009 minutes was made by Siwik, seconded by Darfler. MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

IV. Reports

A. Chairman – Rick Hitchcock
No report.

B. Finance – Bill Novack
No report was distributed due to the Finance Department's involvement with the City's budgeting process.

C. Park District – Chuck Papanos

1. The Care of Trees was selected as the low bidder for the work on the tree overstory. They started their work yesterday, February 9, 2009 and will continue every Tuesday and Thursday for a total of five weeks. They began on the east side of Sindt Woods and will continue east. A note will be made of where they stopped so as to pick up at that location the following year.
2. Due to the unseasonably warm weather, the Park District ice rinks are melting and will be officially closing.

D. Riverwalk Foundation – Jeff Havel

1. The Foundation met on Tuesday, January 20, 2009.
2. The 2009 budget was presented. Due to the good works of Commissioners Siwik, Darfler and Havel, the Foundation income was well above budget. The Foundation and Commission thank the Commissioners for their efforts.
3. Ted Fredenhagen's big band, Class Act II, preformed last year at Fredenhagen Park. They will be performing again on Saturday, September 19, 2009 at 4:30 p.m. The Foundation is currently looking for sponsors for the event.

4. The Foundation has voted to change their meetings from every other month to quarterly. Their next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 21, 2009. They have agreed to hold an extra meeting on Tuesday, September 15, 2009 to finalize the plans for their annual breakfast.
5. Hitchcock has suggested that the topic for this year's breakfast be the updated Riverwalk Guidelines. Havel will take his idea to the Foundation.

E. Donor Recognition – Jan Erickson

The Exchange Club has currently sold 551 of their 600 bricks and 38 of their 40 stone commitment. In October 2009, the Exchange Club paid their last installment of their \$250,000 commitment for the naming rights of the Exchange Club Memories Fountain.

F. Public Relations – Annmarie Siwik

Siwik and Erickson met to develop a timeline and related details for the Riverwalk Development Guidelines public meetings. There will be two public meetings held in Meeting Rooms B&C, at the Municipal Center, on Tuesday, April 22, 2009; one at 7:30 a.m. and one at 7:00 p.m. Erickson has met with the TED department's public relations representative, Jennifer Runestad, for guidance relating to the public forum.

Skeet has volunteered to sponsor the refreshments at both meetings. The sponsorship will either be from The Care of Trees or from the Skeet family.

A subcommittee will meet in early March to work on supporting materials for the meeting. Hitchcock has agreed to develop the power point presentation.

Mike Reilly suggested that Hitchcock make the presentation at the May Homeowner's Confederation meeting.

G. Commissioner Development – Jonathan Croll

No report.

H. Millennium Carillon – Bart Darfler

1. The Millennium Carillon Foundation has been approached by a young man who is interested in proposing marriage to his girlfriend at the top of the Carillon. They have agreed.
2. The Naper Settlement will be partnering with the MCF to provide music as an enhancement that can be offered to couples being married at Century Memorial Chapel.
3. An opportunity to view the July 4th fireworks from the top of the Moser Tower will be available again this year. Four of the twenty spots have been donated to the Little Friends Auction.
4. Last year the Jaycees incorporated premium tables as an option in the sponsor's area of the Last Fling. They are offering them again this year and they have already been sold out.
5. DuPage Easter Seals is sponsoring a new event that adds a different spin to the ordinary fund raiser. They are incorporating a two-mile walk with a climb up the Moser Tower. The event will take place on Saturday, June 20, 2009. They hope to make this an annual event.
6. The MCF is working on revamping their website to include upcoming events and an archive.

- I. Riverwalk Guidelines – Dennis Ulrey
The revised Riverwalk Development Guidelines will be presented to the public in two meetings. See the Public Relations report above.
- J. Planning, Design and Construction – Jeff Havel
The Planning, Design and Construction Committee items have been addressed separately below.

V. Old Business

- A. Naperville Riverfront Project
 - 1. The contract for engineering and design for the Riverwalk portion of the Riverfront Plaza project was approved at the January 20, 2009 City Council meeting. Erickson has submitted the necessary documentation for a purchase order. Wight has been informed that they can proceed. ERA and GRWA will continue to work on the project and will keep the Commission up to date on the progress.
- B. Gregory Gazebo/Sesquicentennial Overlook – Rod Beadle
 - 1. Erickson has submitted documentation to the City’s purchasing department. The bids should be presented to the public on February 20, 2009. Novack will have the opportunity to review the document before going public.
- C. Phase I Rehab – Jeff Havel
 - Segment 1:
The project is close to being closed out. There are only a couple of things left on the punch list.
 - Segment 2:
ERA is still waiting for a final response from the County regarding the stormwater permit. Most of the comments have been addressed but they are waiting for the response regarding the FEQ model. ERA has spoken with a representative from the county but no permit date has been promised.
- D. Century Walk Moser Sculpture near the Carillon – Jeff Havel
Brand Bobosky (Century Walk representative) and Greg Sagen (Signature Design Group) attended the February 2, 2009 PDC meeting. Sagen reviewed the background of the sculpture project. Hitchcock expressed concern regarding the new elliptical shape of the plaza and mentioned that he thought the original linear step shape along with the original orientation of the sculpture was more pleasing. After some discussion it was agreed that the original shape should be maintained but the materials used should be stone instead of stamped concrete. Funding for the surrounding landscaped was discussed. Riverwalk Foundation President Havel suggested the possibility of having the Foundation underwrite the cost of the landscaping. He will explore that option. Weber will create a possible landscape design.
- E. Sign Graphics – Gary Weber
The majority of the signs have been installed. There are a few small items on the punch list that will be addressed when the weather allows. The Park District will install the signs for Segment 2 this spring.
- F. FY 08-09 Work Projects – Rick Hitchcock
The Riverwalk Commission presented their proposed CIP budget to the City Council at the January 26, 2009 workshop. The Council has been very thoughtful

about the budgeting process this year due to the economic times. Given the circumstances, they were receptive to the Riverwalk plans to postpone construction of Segment 2 in lieu of developing the new Riverwalk pathway adjacent to the Riverfront Plaza at 420 S. Washington Street.

Councilman Boyajian requested that the Riverwalk Commission develop and submit a plan to address three things; proposed future projects, an estimated cost of the projects and their priority. The work on the Development Guidelines will help address this plan.

VI. New Business

No new business was discussed.

VII. Upcoming Meetings

- A. Riverwalk Planning, Design & Construction Committee
Monday, March 2, 2009, 3:30 p.m., TED Large Conference Room #247
Municipal Center, 400 S. Eagle St., Naperville, IL
- B. Riverwalk Commission, Wednesday, March 11, 2009, 7:30 a.m., Lunch Room
Municipal Center, 400 S. Eagle St., Naperville, IL
- C. Riverwalk Planning, Design & Construction Committee
Monday, March 30, 2009, 3:30 p.m., TED Large Conference Room #247
Municipal Center, 400 S. Eagle St., Naperville, IL
- D. Riverwalk Commission, April 8, 2009, 7:30 a.m., Lunch Room
Municipal Center, 400 S. Eagle St., Naperville, IL
- E. Riverwalk Foundation, April 21, 2009, 7:00 a.m., Lunch Room
Municipal Center, 400 S. Eagle St., Naperville, IL
- F. Development Guidelines Public Meeting, Tuesday, April 22, 2009, 7:30 AM & 7:00 PM
Mtg. Rms. B & C, Municipal Center, 400 S. Eagle St., Naperville, IL

VIII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Jungles, seconded by Ulrey. MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. Meeting adjourned at 8:31 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Janette Erickson, Riverwalk Administrator