



COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 11, 2009

I. Call to Order

Rick Hitchcock called the March 11, 2009 Naperville Riverwalk Commission Meeting to order at 7:30 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: Jonathan Croll; Bart Darfler; Ron Gibson; Jeff Havel; Rick Hitchcock, Commission Chairman; Kristen Jungles (arrived 7:37); Bill Novack; Chuck Papanos; Annmarie Siwik; M.D. Skeet; Dennis Ulrey; and Student Commissioners Max Behna and Kate Swanson

Absent: Grant Wehrli

Also Present: Kevin Finnegan, Director of Parks, Naperville Park District; David Meschino, Song Writer; Mike Reilly, Naperville Park District Commissioner Candidate; Greg Sagen, Signature Design Group representing Century Walk and Gary Weber, Gary R. Weber & Associates

III. Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the February 11, 2009 minutes was made by Croll, seconded by Novack. MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

IV. Reports

A. Chairman – Rick Hitchcock

Speaking for the whole Commission, Hitchcock expressed his gratitude for Jungles' continued support of the Riverwalk and thanked her for her past dedication as this was her last Riverwalk Commission meeting.

B. Finance – Bill Novack

Novack reviewed the monthly Riverwalk finance report. He explained that although the City Council receives a finance report on a regular basis, they do not see the same detail that is presented to the Commission.

C. Park District – Chuck Papanos

1. The Riverwalk appears to have come through this last flood event with little to no damage. Once the water recedes a bit more a final determination will be made. The area immediately west of the Main Street Bridge on the north side of the river experienced some scouring during the flood last fall. A final determination of what treatment is best for the area should be made in the near future.
2. The annual Riverwalk Clean Up Day will be held on Saturday, April 18, 2009. The Clean Up will be canceled if the temperature is below 40 degrees or if there is precipitation at 8:00 a.m. the morning of the event.

D. Riverwalk Foundation – Jeff Havel

1. The Foundation has not met since the last Riverwalk Commission meeting.
2. Funding for the landscaping surrounding the new Moser sculpture will be paid for by the Riverwalk Foundation pending approval of the landscape plan and proposed pricing.

E. Donor Recognition – Jan Erickson

1. The Exchange Club has currently sold 553 of their 600 bricks and 38 of their 40 stone commitment. In October 2009, the Exchange Club paid the last installment of their \$250,000 commitment for the naming rights of the Exchange Club Memories Fountain.
2. Hal Dickson, project manager of the original section of the Riverwalk, has volunteered to review and purge old Riverwalk files that have been stored in the City's archive for many years. Erickson thanked Dickson for his continued support and many hours of work.

F. Public Relations – Annmarie Siwik

1. Two community meetings will be held in Meeting Rooms A, B & C, at the Municipal Center, on Wednesday, April 22, 2009; one at 7:30 a.m. and one at 7:00 p.m. to invite public input to the revised Development Guidelines. Erickson is working 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 by making a \$250 donation. The sponsorship will be from the Skeet family.
2. Hitchcock has been tentatively scheduled to speak at the September luncheon for the Naperville Chamber of Commerce. The luncheon will take place on Monday, September 28, 2009.
3. The asphalt path west of Sindt Woods will be replaced with inventoried brick pavers from Segment 1 and the Gregory Gazebo. The public will be invited to participate by laying bricks on designated days with supervision from Park District staff. Papanos will report a list of suitable days at the April PDC meeting.

G. Commissioner Development – Jonathan Croll

The process to fill the Riverwalk Commission vacancy is moving forward. Erickson will work with the Mayor's office to compose a press release searching for interested citizens.

H. Millennium Carillon – Bart Darfler

1. The Millennium Carillon Foundation met on March 5, 2009.
2. A marriage proposal took place at the Millennium Carillon on Valentine's Day.
3. A \$4,000 donation was made to the MCF to fund a sheet music library for the carillon.
4. Five dance programs will take place at various times throughout the summer just prior to carillon recitals. Printed flyers will be available regarding other carillon opportunities.
5. 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. Other opportunities are being explored.
6. Century Walk has invited members of the MCF to attend a planning meeting for the dedication of the new Moser sculpture. The tentative dedication date is Sunday, May 3, 2009 at 1:00 p.m.

7. The MCF would like to thank the Park District for including information about carillon lessons in their Spring Guide.
8. The Moser Tower will open for tours the first weekend in May.

I. Riverwalk Guidelines – Dennis Ulrey

A subcommittee met to review the next steps for the Riverwalk Guidelines. The addendum is being finalized while presentation and collateral material is being developed for the public meetings. A draft of the document will be presented at the April Riverwalk Commission meeting. The subcommittee will meet again on March 18, 2009. Thanks to Papanos for the photos he took of each project, they were very helpful.

J. Planning, Design and Construction – Jeff Havel

The next Planning, Design and Construction Committee has been rescheduled for Monday, April 6, 2009. Other agenda items have been addressed separately below.

V. Old Business

A. Naperville Riverfront Project

The signed contracts have been received from the developer. We are waiting for the purchase order from the Procurement Office. Representatives from Wight Co. will be invited to future PDC meetings.

B. Gregory Gazebo/Sesquicentennial Overlook – Rod Beadle

The bids for both projects are out and will be opened on March 12, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. and 2:15 p.m. respectively.

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 – Greg Sagen

Sagen presented the updated plaza and landscape plan for the new Moser sculpture. He explained the justification behind the design. The Century Walk will provide funding for the construction of the plaza and installation of the sculpture. The PDC reviewed the design and recommends that the Riverwalk Commission approve the plan.

A motion to accept the plaza and landscape design for the area surrounding the new Moser sculpture as an addition to the Riverwalk was made by Havel, seconded by Darfler. MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Maintenance costs need to be determined and agreed upon. The item will be placed on the agenda for consideration at the March 26, 2009 Park Board meeting. An addendum to the Park District Maintenance Agreement will be presented to the City Council at the April 8, 2009 meeting pending Park Board approval.

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.

VI. New Business

Meschino has begun work on an official Riverwalk song. He is interested in securing a patent for his work. He offered to donate 30% of any future royalties to the Riverwalk. He was seeking financial support from the Commission to continue his song writing. It was suggested that he present his idea to the Foundation as the City cannot accept any donated funds. Meschino was invited to attend the April 21, 2009 Riverwalk Foundation meeting.

VII. Upcoming Meetings

- A. Riverwalk Planning, Design & Construction Committee
Monday, April 6, 2009, 3:30 p.m., TED Large Conference Room #247
Municipal Center, 400 S. Eagle St., Naperville, IL
- B. Riverwalk Commission, April 8, 2009, 7:30 a.m., Lunch Room
Municipal Center, 400 S. Eagle St., Naperville, IL
- C. Annual Riverwalk Clean Up Day, April 18, 2009, 9:00 a.m. – noon
Dandelion Fountain, Jackson Avenue at Webster Street, Naperville, IL
- D. Riverwalk Foundation, April 21, 2009, 7:00 a.m., Lunch Room
Municipal Center, 400 S. Eagle St., Naperville, IL
- E. Development Guidelines Public Meeting, Tuesday, April 22, 2009, 7:30 AM & 7:00 PM
Mtg. Rms. A, B & C, Municipal Center, 400 S. Eagle St., Naperville, IL

VIII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Ulrey, seconded by Skeet. MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. Meeting adjourned at 8:36 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Janette Erickson, Riverwalk Administrator