



COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2016

I. Call to Order

Chairman Pro Tem Buddingh called the September 14, 2016 Naperville Riverwalk Commission Meeting to order at 7:33 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: Jeanne Buddingh, Commission Chairman Pro Tem; Dick Galitz; John Joseph; Pat Kennedy; Debra Lellbach; Bill Novack; Chuck Papanos; Stephanie Penick; and Bob Ross

Absent: Judy Brodhead; Gerry Heide; Dave Kelsch; and Geoff Roehll, Commission Chairman

Also Present: Blane Erwin, NCTV

III. Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the August 10, 2016 minutes was made by Novack, seconded by Joseph. MOTION WAS UNANAMOUSLY APPROVED.

IV. Open Forum

No members of the public were interested in addressing the Commission.

V. Reports

A. Chairman – Jeanne Buddingh for Geoff Roehll

No report.

B. Finance – Bill Novack

1. Novack distributed and reviewed the August 2016 monthly financial report.
2. Novack also gave an explanation of the two City budgets; Capital and Operations.

C. Park District – Chuck Papanos

1. Park District staff is working on the turf renovation on Rotary Hill following the annual Last Fling. The Jaycees will reimburse the Park District for the cost. Neither the electric nor the phone lines were damaged during the event. Only minor damage was done to the irrigation lines.
2. Preparations are being made for the Riverwalk Art Fair that will take place on September 16-17, 2016.

D. Riverwalk Foundation (RWF) – Stephanie Penick

1. The next RWF meeting will take place in early October.
2. The Riverwalk Duck Race took place on August 16, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. The event was successful with 400 participants making donations to adopt ducks. The event netted approximately \$6,500 for the Riverwalk Foundation that more than covered the expenses. The purpose of the event was to celebrate

the 35th anniversary of the Riverwalk and to raise awareness of the harm of feeding wildlife. Thanks too to the Park District for all of their help.

3. Penick continues to encourage submittals of 35-word reflections on the topic of “What the Riverwalk Means to You”. These will be published throughout the coming months.
- E. Donor Recognition – Jan Erickson
Erickson reported that five 4”x8” bricks and ten 8”x8” bricks were ordered for the fall installation. In addition, several locator bricks were also ordered. Installation is expected to take place by mid-October.
- F. Public Relations – Jeanne Buddingh
1. Buddingh reported that the Riverwalk was highlighted and/or mentioned in 30 videos and articles by the media since the last Riverwalk Commission meeting. This is the largest monthly number of mentions during Buddingh’s tenure on the Riverwalk Commission. She also stated that since becoming a Riverwalk Commission, there have been a total of over 446 mentions. The highlights in the most recent month included information about the Duck Race, Last Fling, the Riverwalk Art Fair and the 911 Remembrance event. She said that she is tracking the Riverwalk exposure to help demonstrate the importance of the linear park to the community and its branding.
 2. The newly updated Riverwalk brochures were distributed.
- G. Commissioner Development Committee (CDC) – Dick Galitz
Galitz introduced Debra Lellbach as the newest Riverwalk Commissioner. She is the Mayor’s designee which is an ex officio, non-voting member. Lellbach shared some of her personal history as well as her involvement with the community. Welcome Debra.
- H. Millennium Carillon Foundation (MCF) – Dick Galitz
1. The bells rang as a part of the 911 Remembrance event.
 2. The Tuesday evening concerts as well as the Saturday evening pops recitals have concluded for the season. The Saturday noon recitals will continue through the end of December. The Sunday recitals will continue at 4:00 p.m. through the end of October. The Sunday recital time will change to 3:00 p.m. with the onset of daylight savings time. The 3:00 Sunday concerts will continue through the end of December.
 3. A “Scare-illon” concert will be played at 7:00 p.m. on October 29 in celebration of Halloween. The Park District Elan Dancers will also perform.
- I. Planning, Design and Construction (PDC) – Jeanne Buddingh
Buddingh stated that PDC minutes are included in the Commission packet. She highlighted the following items from the last PDC meeting.
1. CY 2016 Work Plan (PA022)
Rotary Hill parking lot repairs were completed just before the School District 203 school year began.
Showalter will be doing the reroofing project at the Jaycee Gazebo at Fredenhagen Park. Work should begin shortly.
 2. Cliff Preston Memorial
Carl Peterson of GRWA drew up some suggested alternatives for a memorial on the Riverwalk to Cliff Preston. Input was provided by the committee. Carl

was drafting an estimated cost on the project to be shared with the Riverwalk Foundation and Preston family.

3. West Extension Gateway Accessibility

Over the years there have been visitors who have expressed concern regarding the lack of accessibility between the upper and lower pathway west of the Eagle Street Bridge. Working with the City's Advisory Commission on Disabilities (ACD) the committee has gotten some advice on signage options to better communicate the accessibility limitations of the Riverwalk. Erickson will follow up with the ACD on additional input for the signage.

VI. Old Business

A. Water Street Project – Bill Novack

Novack reported that the Riverwalk portion of the project is substantially complete however it will not be open to the public for several months for safety reasons. It will open when the construction of the surrounding area is substantially complete. The parking lot is expected to open for use toward the middle of October 2016.

B. Moser Tower – Bill Novack

Novack reported that another draft will be forthcoming and that we are still a couple of months away from a final report. When the final report is completed it will include an assessment of the interior and exterior structure as well as a recommended prioritized course of action, timeline and suggested future maintenance. This document will be the companion piece to the Riverwalk Asset Management Plan (AMP).

VII. New Business

Novack explained that due to the dissolution of the Millennium Carillon Foundation, the Municipal Code will be rewritten to eliminate the liaison position. This is Galitz' last meeting as a voting member of the Riverwalk Commission. Buddingh presented Galitz with a letter of thanks and a beautifully framed photograph of the Riverwalk and Carillon. Thank you Dick, for your commitment for the past six years.

VIII. Riverwalk Reflections

Galitz shared his thoughts about what the Riverwalk has meant to him since moving here many years ago. He gave a personal history and shared an anecdote regarding his parents' impression of his choice of locations. Galitz summed up his reflection by sharing the following: "I enjoy looking at the river, wildlife, trees and plantings that together bring me a sense of emotional peace. Additionally, seeing people enjoying the area and the carillon ringing further enhance the Riverwalk's beauty for me. It has been an honor to serve as a Riverwalk Commissioner and I will miss it."

IX. Upcoming Meetings

- A. Planning, Design & Construction Committee, October 4, 2016, 7:30 a.m.
Conference Room 164, Municipal Center, 400 S. Eagle St., Naperville, IL
- B. Riverwalk Commission, October 12, 2016, 7:30 a.m.
Lunch Room, Municipal Center, 400 S. Eagle St., Naperville,
- C. PDC Committee, Tuesday, November 1, 2016, 7:30 a.m.
Conference Room 164, Municipal Center, 400 S. Eagle St., Naperville, IL

X. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Galitz, seconded by Penick at 8:15 a.m. MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Respectfully submitted by
Janette Erickson, Riverwalk Administrator