



COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 12, 2016

I. Call to Order

Chairman Geoff Roehll called the October 12, 2016 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: Judy Brodhead; Jeanne Buddingh; Gerry Heide; John Joseph; Dave Kelsch; Pat Kennedy; Debra Lellbach; Bill Novack; Chuck Papanos; Stephanie Penick; Jack Penrose, Student Commissioner; Geoff Roehll, Commission Chairman; Bob Ross; and, Kruti Sutaria, Student Commissioner

Absent: None

Also Present: Brian Dusak, ERA (arr. 7:48 a.m.); Blane Erwin, NCTV; and Carl Peterson, GRWA (arr. 7:35 a.m.)

III. Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the September 14, 2016 minutes was made by Buddingh, seconded by Brodhead. MOTION WAS UNANAMOUSLY APPROVED.

IV. Open Forum

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

V. Reports

A. Chairman – Geoff Roehll

Roehll thanked Buddingh for her willingness to act as Chairman Pro Tem for the last two meeting during his absence.

B. Finance – Bill Novack

Novack distributed and reviewed the September 2016 monthly financial report.

C. Park District – Chuck Papanos

1. Zebra Mussels

The traps were pulled from the Paddleboat Quarry as well as the Netzley Quarry. As expected, the traps in the Paddleboat Quarry showed that there was an abundance of zebra mussels present in the quarry. However, there was no evidence of any activity in the Netzley Quarry. Papanos also stated that it appears that the zebra mussel annual cycle had shifted by six weeks later. Not sure of the cause, it is presumed that it may be temperature related. To date, the presence of the mussels doesn't seem to have any negative impact.

2. Kayaks and Paddleboats

The kayaks and paddleboats will be removed from service for the season within the week. They will be inspected and stored in preparation for next summer.

3. Marathon

Papanos reminded the Commission that the marathon will take place on Sunday, October 23, 2016 and that the Riverwalk will be greatly affected.

D. Riverwalk Foundation (RWF) – Stephanie Penick

1. The next RWF meeting will take place on October 13, 2016.
2. The results of the Riverwalk Duck Race will be discussed at the meeting.
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 in observance of the 35th anniversary of the Riverwalk.
4. NCTV is airing snippets from the video that they produced for the Riverwalk’s 25th anniversary.

E. Donor Recognition – Jan Erickson

Erickson reported that the fall order of commemorative bricks has been submitted and they will be installed shortly after notice has been given that they are finished. Only a couple orders have been received for the spring installation.

F. Public Relations – Jeanne Buddingh

Buddingh reported that the Riverwalk was highlighted and/or mentioned in 25 articles and videos by the media since the last Riverwalk Commission meeting. The highlights in the most recent month included information about the Duck Race, the Riverwalk Art Fair and the article in Money Magazine counting Naperville as the 10th best place to live of the top 50 mentioned.

G. Commissioner Development Committee (CDC) – Jan Erickson

Erickson reported that the City Council approved text amendments to the Naperville Municipal Code at their October 4, 2016 meeting. With dissolution of the Millennium Carillon Foundation (MCF), the MCF liaison to the Riverwalk was removed. Since the City Council is represented on the Riverwalk Commission, the Mayor’s ex officio post was changed to an “at large” Commissioner position.

H. 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)
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 presented an updated concept plan for the proposed memorial to Cliff Preston. He also presented an estimated cost for the project. The proposed concept and associated estimated cost will be shared with the Riverwalk Foundation at their next meeting. Once the details are more firm, the concept will be presented to the Preston family.
3. Holiday Lights in the Webster Street Bridge
A request has been made to add white Italian lights along the interior of the Webster Street Bridge during the holiday season to enhance the wayfinding to Naper Settlement where the Holiday Lights and Christkindlmarket will be held. Papanos is exploring options and will report back to the Planning, Design & Construction Committee at their November meeting.

VI. Old Business

A. Water Street Project – Bill Novack

Novack and Papanos did an initial walk through of the Riverwalk portion of the project and were very pleased with what they saw. The final walk through will be done in the spring. The contractor has been asked to open up a walkway south of the Webster Street Bridge prior to the Naperville Marathon on October 23, 2016 as many of the athletes will access that area to get to the Municipal Center. Novack also reported that the hotel has moved its anticipated opening to November. The Dick Tracy sculpture is likely to be installed after the majority of the outside construction is finished on the Theater Building. The parking deck will probably be opened in coordination with the hotel opening. Roehll explained the reasoning behind the timing of the installation of the plantings on the lower walkway. Lastly, the River Main project has submitted plans for review. This is the property immediately east of the Water Street District.

B. Moser Tower – Bill Novack

Novack stated that the final draft of the report was distributed at the Planning, Design & Construction Committee. ERA is waiting for comments before updating the draft. There was much to study due to the many different contractors and architects that were involved in the multi-phased project. 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

No new business was discussed.

VIII. Riverwalk Reflections

Roehll shared his memories of his first experience with the Riverwalk. He said that in December of 1989, he applied for a position at Hitchcock Design Group. Roehll was living in North Carolina at the time. Roehll wasn't sure he wanted to move to the Chicagoland area but came up to interview none the less. When he arrived, he met with Rick Hitchcock, owner of Hitchcock Design Group. Hitchcock gave Roehll a tour of the Naperville area that started with the Riverwalk and Centennial Beach. It only took one look at the Riverwalk and Roehll knew that there was no other choice but Naperville as a place where he wanted to live. He moved his family here in February 1990. The Riverwalk was key in his decision to make his home here.

IX. Upcoming Meetings

- A. Planning, Design & Construction Committee, November 1, 2016, 7:30 a.m.
Conference Room 164, Municipal Center, 400 S. Eagle St., Naperville, IL
- B. Riverwalk Commission, November 9, 2016, 7:30 a.m.
Lunch Room, Municipal Center, 400 S. Eagle St., Naperville,
- C. PDC Committee, Tuesday, December 6, 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 Novack, seconded by Buddingh at 7:53 a.m.
MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Respectfully submitted by
Janette Erickson, Riverwalk Administrator