



## COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 9, 2016

### I. Call to Order

Chairman Roehll called the November 9, 2016 Naperville Riverwalk Commission Meeting to order at 7:32 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; John Joseph; Dave Kelsch; Debra Lellbach; Bill Novack; Chuck Papanos; Stephanie Penick; Jack Penrose, Student Commissioner; Geoff Roehll, Commission Chairman; and Bob Ross

Absent: Jeanne Buddingh; Gerry Heide; Pat Kennedy; and Kruti Sutaria, Student Commissioner

Also Present: Brian Dusak, ERA; and Evan Summers, NCTV

### III. Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the October 12, 2016 minutes was made by Novack, seconded by Kelsch. MOTION WAS UNANAMOUSLY APPROVED.

### IV. Open Forum

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

### V. Reports

A. Chairman – Geoff Roehll  
No report.

B. Finance – Bill Novack

1. Novack distributed and reviewed the October 2016 monthly financial report.
2. The updated CY2017 Operations and CIP budgets were distributed and reviewed. The format for the City Council budget workshops has changed. The Operations budget and CIP budget will be presented at the same time, not at different workshops as had been the process in that past. In addition, the Riverwalk budgets have been combined with Transportation, Engineering & Development (TED) as the Riverwalk falls under TED's authority.

C. Park District – Chuck Papanos

1. Winter Season Preparations

The Park District staff is making preparations for the upcoming winter season. The Santa House has been installed. The fencing on Rotary Hill is going up, the hockey rink is being installed and all fountains/drinking fountains should be turned off within the week.

2. Naperville Marathon

There was no negative impact to the Riverwalk following this year's Naperville Marathon which took place on October 26, 2016.

3. Millennium Carillon

The Scare-illon concert took place on October 29, 2016 when the Elan Dancers also performed. A concert featuring early American music will take place on Thanksgiving Day from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. Carillon recitals will continue to be played on Saturdays at noon and Sundays at 3:00 p.m. through the end of December.

D. Riverwalk Foundation (RWF) – Stephanie Penick

The next RWF meeting will take place on January 10, 2017.

E. Donor Recognition – Jan Erickson

Erickson reported that the fall order of commemorative bricks has been installed with several donors present to select the locations for their bricks. In addition to the donated bricks, additional pavers were installed with various row numbers to help identify the location of donor bricks. A few orders for the spring installation have been received.

F. Public Relations – Jan Erickson for Jeanne Buddingh

Erickson read Buddingh's report which stated that the Riverwalk was highlighted and/or mentioned in 12 articles and videos by the media since the last Riverwalk Commission meeting. The highlights, in the most recent month, included the opening of the first Water Street District retailer and seasonal activities held on and along the Riverwalk including Halloween on the Riverwalk hosted by the Library and the Naperville Marathon.

G. Commissioner Development Committee (CDC) – Bill Novack

1. Novack explained the current process for seeking and appointing new Commissioners and Board Members for the City of Naperville.
2. As the vacancies on the Riverwalk Commission have been filled, Novack suggested that the CDC agenda item be removed until further activity is warranted at which time it will be included on the agenda under New Business.

H. Planning, Design and Construction (PDC) – Jan Erickson for Jeanne Budding

Erickson read Buddingh's report which stated that although the PDC minutes from the last meeting are included in the Commission packet, here are a couple of highlights.

1. CY 2016 Work Plan (PA022)/Jaycee Gazebo Reroofing Project

There seems to be an issue with the way the cupola has been reset on the new roof. Erickson and Papanos will meet Showalter onsite to discuss possible options to address the issue.

2. Cliff Preston Memorial

Tom Preston, Cliff Preston's son, attended the October PDC meeting and indicated that he and his mother were very pleased with the concept and the location of the proposed memorial. He expressed his gratitude for the honor that is being planned for his father. With the approval of the concept from the Riverwalk Commission, the Riverwalk Foundation and the Preston family, the next steps are for the Park District to begin to clear the site and for GRWA to produce bid documents for the project.

## VI. Old Business

A. Water Street Project – Bill Novack

1. The majority of the parking deck is now open with the exception of the top floor. The deck should be open in its entirety in the near future. When completely open, it will

provide 400 public parking spaces with 120 additional spaces allocated for Hotel Indigo guests.

2. The Riverwalk portion of the project is substantially completed but, due to the continued construction in the adjacent area, will probably not open until spring 2017. Due to the early installation, the plantings along the lower walkway appear to be establishing their roots systems well and in good position to withstand the spring flooding.

B. Moser Tower – Bill Novack

Novack stated that comments regarding the draft report were discussed at the Planning, Design & Construction Committee. ERA will incorporate the comments and resubmit the final draft at the December PDC meeting. Potential options will be discussed as well as the possibility of acquiring public input. 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

A. Harmony Park – Stephanie Penick/Geoff Roehll

Penick is a member of the Rotary Club of Naperville Downtown. She brought forward a Riverwalk project that was proposed by her Rotary Club. The project would be to install outdoor musical instruments on the Riverwalk. The instruments, which are made specifically for the outdoors and for all ages/abilities, could be installed in a variety of locations such as Fredenhagen Park and adjacent to the Jaycee Playground on the west extension. She suggested that the project could be partially funded by the Rotary Club of Naperville Downtown, the Riverwalk Foundation and possibly other service clubs. Roehll has incorporated similar outdoor musical instruments in park designs. Printed information was distributed for Commissioners to review. The following action items will take place: Ross will reach out to the music departments for School Districts 203 and 204, Brodhead will reach out to the music department at North Central College and Roehll will explore vendors and list of components, as well as a list of local installations.

B. Planning, Design & Construction Meeting Date Change – Jan Erickson

The January 31, 2017 PDC meeting date has been changed to Tuesday, January 24, 2017 due to scheduling conflicts. The meeting will take place at the regularly scheduled time and location; 7:30 a.m. at the Municipal Center in conference room 164. Please mark your calendars.

## VIII. Riverwalk Reflections

Brodhead shared that her family was raised in Naperville and when her children were in their teens, they liked to spend time “hanging out” on the Riverwalk. As a mother, she felt comfortable with them doing this as it was a “cool” place for the kids but a safe place from a parents’ perspective.

However, her best memory of the Riverwalk is when her daughter was married at the Riverwalk Amphitheater in July 2012. Brodhead shared a photograph of the wedding day. The venue helped to promote the do-it-yourself, home-grown feel of the celebration. Brodhead said that she would highly recommend the Riverwalk Amphitheater as a wedding location. She also mentioned that the rehearsal “dinner” was actually a lunch held at Centennial Beach

Penick has volunteered to present the December Riverwalk Reflection.

**IX. Upcoming Meetings**

- A. CY 2017 Budget Workshop, Monday, November 14, 2016, 6:00 p.m.  
City Council Chambers, Municipal Center, 400 S. Eagle St., Naperville, IL
- B. CY 2017 Budget Workshop, Monday, November 28, 2016, 6:00 p.m.  
City Council Chambers, Municipal Center, 400 S. Eagle St., Naperville, IL
- C. Planning, Design & Construction Committee, Tuesday, December 6, 2016, 7:30 a.m.  
Conference Room 164, Municipal Center, 400 S. Eagle St., Naperville, IL
- D. Riverwalk Commission, Wednesday, December 14, 2016, 7:30 a.m.  
Lunch Room, Municipal Center, 400 S. Eagle St., Naperville,
- E. Planning, Design & Construction Committee, Tuesday, January 3, 2017, 7:30 a.m.  
Conference Room 164, Municipal Center, 400 S. Eagle St., Naperville, IL

**X. Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made by Kelsch, seconded by Brodhead at 8:20 a.m. MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Respectfully submitted by  
Janette Erickson, Riverwalk Administrator