

January 29, 2015



Naperville Park District
320 West Jackson Avenue
Naperville, IL 60540-5252

Re: Naperville Riverwalk Eatery

To whom it may concern;

The Millennium Carillon Foundation is excited about the possible remodel and expansion of the Riverwalk Eatery. We know that patrons who visit the park, especially during concerts and special events are often left wanting of a quality place to obtain a simple meal, snack or beverage. Having an expanded menu, outdoor seating and beer/wine service would be a most welcome and sorely needed improvement.

We have seen a steady increase in the number of patrons attending the summer concerts on Tuesday evenings, many bringing family, friends or just relaxing while listening to guest artists from around the world play this world class instrument. Often they bring a picnic and beverage, but sometimes they don't. This is a missed opportunity to not only generate sales, build good will and increase visitor counts, but also an opportunity to capture those individuals who might otherwise go to Millennium Park, Cantigny, Morton Arboretum or Ravinia. Clearly this proposed renovation is not to the scale of these other larger venues....but it is a start.

Something also to consider is the potential interaction with Naper Settlement. Since there is no food service on regular occasions, this newly renovated Eatery would well serve patrons of the Settlement as well as the Riverwalk.

The Riverwalk is a wonderful amenity to Naperville and the Carillon, being one of only 9 Grand Carillons in the world are proud examples of how Naperville cherishes its open spaces and civic arts. We are truly blessed and should do all we can to promote these elements by offering well thought out quality amenities and services.

Thank You.

The Millennium Carillon Foundation

John Colucci, Chairman