



AGENDA
URBANA PARK DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (UPDAC)
TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2012
7:00 P.M.
ANITA PURVES NATURE CENTER
1505 N. BROADWAY
URBANA, ILLINOIS 61801

- I. Call to Order
- II. Introductions
- III. Approval of Minutes of the November 22, 2011 Meeting
- IV. Reports
 - A. Chair
 - B. Director
 - C. Board Representative
- V. Comments
- VI. New and Unfinished Business
 - A. Urbana Indoor Aquatic Center Final Design– Corky Emberson
 - B. Urbana Park District ADA Transition Plan
- VIII. Adjourn

This month's secretary is Bob Mandra

MINUTES
URBANA PARK DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (UPDAC)
November 22, 2011, 7:00 pm

Members Present: Carl Larson, Philip Anders, Gary Bernstein, Alice Englebretsen, Ed Garret, Neal Gibbens, Bob Mandra, Tom Schumacher, Christy Uden, Gary Wszalek.

Park Commissioners present: Nancy Delcomyn

Staff Present: Tim Bartlett, Ellen Kirsanoff, Dana Mancuso, Cory Emberson, Vicki Mayes

Meeting called to order by Carl Larson at 7:00pm

Minutes approved for October 25, 2011

A. All invited to Trails Committee

Reports:

- A. **Chair** – Vicki Mays said plans for the pool will be available next meeting. Bids are going out for demolition in March, and they are considering a ground breaking party. Vicki also looked over improvements of Crystal Lake Park
- B. **Board** - Nancy Delcomyn said things are moving along. Bonds are selling, and the Operations Bldg. coming along. She discussed scholarships as a follow up of the last UPDAC meeting with a goal to work with the school district. She thanked UPDAC for the suggestion. Cory is looking into more funds to sponsor scholarships. There are plans to promote scholarships at the Turkey Trot, and Ellen reported several donations already, and is looking at a tile mural.

No Comments

Corky Emberson discussed the agreement between UPD and USD 116 on the Indoor Aquatic Center at some length. Both Boards approved the agreement and a separate Board was formed that meets monthly. They are preparing a long term capital expenditure program. After being open for 10 years there are upgrades needed. There is a difference of opinion on interpretation of agreement with USD. The UDD owns 10% of the bldg.

There are 3 ways pool is used: Park District, School District, Public Programs

UPD's usage is up 52% for the first time. Currently the UPD is paying more than USD, which shows the commitment of UPD. There are concerns, and staff are looking to the next agreement to make changes.

Many capital improvements are needed: (Any improvements that go into the building stays in the building.) UV system in competitive pool and UV for recreation pool (sanitation system); Smaller, variable frequency drives on motors; Replace lights; Replace motor in dehumidifier system; Pool pack at half million dollars needs replacement; Drain covers fixed; Outside ramp; Power washer for white tile. After 17 years systems start to fail.

Meeting Adjourned @ 8:40 pm



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TO: UPDAC
FROM: VICKI MAYES
RE: JANUARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT – ADA TRANSITION PLAN
DATE: JANUARY 20, 2012

Background: The first Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) was enacted in 1991. The act was renewed and updated in 2010. Title II and Title III of ADA and the Architectural Barriers Act apply to the Urbana Park District. These laws are civil rights legislation and the regulatory agency is the US Department of Justice. One requirement of ADA is to complete an audit of the park district's facilities to determine if there are any barriers to accessibility and to develop a plan to remedy those barriers over time.

The Urbana and Champaign Park Districts have a joint special recreation program, Champaign Urbana Special Recreation (CUSR). CUSR engaged a consultant to evaluate both district's parks and facilities prepare an audit report. UPD staff have compiled the results of the audit into a Transition Plan which was adopted by the park board.

ADA Transition Plan: The ADA Transition Plan assigns each deficiency a priority status of #1 through #4. Criteria to evaluate each deficiency included ease of making the improvement, cost of making the improvement, the degree of barrier to access, and recommendations of the consultant.

A priority #1 improvement is one that is easy to fix. These improvements can be taken care of by operations staff at a low cost. The district plans to complete these improvements rapidly. Examples of these types of improvements are appropriate signage for example to designate handicapped park spaces, paths that are clear of impediments, remounting grab bars to required height, adjusting pull weight for doors, locating a 1/3 of all picnic tables along an accessible route, etc.

A priority #2 improvement is one that is a significant barrier to access but requires more resources to complete. These improvements have a moderate cost to the district and require a higher level of planning. They will be phased in over time. Examples of these types of improvements are replacing drinking water fountains so there is a high bowl and low bowl for wheel chair access, making grills accessible by pouring an appropriately sized concrete pad around the grill, replacing door thresholds, etc.

A priority #3 improvement is one that has a high cost to remedy. These improvements must be incorporated in capital budget planning. Examples of these types of improvements are lowering the height of service counters, repairing or replacing sidewalks that have gaps or cross slopes that exceed the maximum, removing/regrading and resurfacing parking spaces that do not meet requirements, etc.

A priority #4 improvement is one that is not feasible to fix. These improvements in many cases would require an extremely costly renovation or completely replacing the facility. An example of this is the kitchen in the James Room at Phillips which is a narrow enough space that the oven door cannot be opened and still be accessible for an individual in a wheel chair, or a playground slide that would require an elevator or lift or special design to use by someone with a mobility challenge, or renovations to the cottage which is an historic structure.

UPD will incorporate accessibility improvements into all major capital projects. For example, the district recently completed an internal pathway system at King Park as project funded through the City of Urbana's TIF #3 funds. The district was able to remedy all eight (8) #1 deficiencies, all thirteen (13) #2 deficiencies, remedy or make another accommodation for three (3) of the five (5) priority #3 deficiencies, and the #4 deficiency will remain as it is not feasible to correct without reconstructing the restroom.

The UPD ADA Transition Plan can be found on the UPD website, "Documents", "Park District Documentation".