

Urbana Park District *Strategic Plan*

Community & Stakeholder Input

May 2007

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Citizen involvement has been important to the development of this strategic plan. Over 270 individuals participated in public meetings and 625 responded to the mailed survey. The Urbana Park District appreciates the time, thought and participation of each of these individuals. Park district staff at all levels were involved in the process.

Focus group meetings led by Survey Research Service
Information gathered from these focus groups helped to frame the process for the strategic plan. One hundred individuals participated.

September 26, 2005 – two groups

September 29, 2005 – two groups

October 5, 2005 – two groups

Community Concept Committee

The Community Concept Committee met six times with the Consulting Team. The Committee reviewed the work of the Consulting Team, provided input into the process and commented on the technical reports that were developed. Committee members represented a broad cross section of the community and interests. These were public meetings.

May 31, 2006

June 26, 2006

August 2, 2006

September 7, 2006

September 26, 2006

October 16, 2006

Crystal Lake Park Committee

The Crystal Lake Park Committee met five times with the Consulting Team to provide input and guidance for updating master plan for Crystal Lake Park. Committee members represented park users and those with a strong knowledge of the park. These were public meetings.

June 26, 2006

August 2, 2006

September 6, 2006 (joint meeting with the Urbana Park District Advisory Committee)

September 26, 2006

October 16, 2006

Focus Groups

Several focus groups were interviewed including representatives from other local units of government, not-for-profit organizations and the Urbana Park District Advisory Committee and UPD staff.

Participants in the group for other local units of government included the City of Urbana, City of Champaign, USD #116, Champaign County Forest Preserve District, Champaign County, Regional Plan Commission, University of Illinois Chancellor's Office, University of Illinois Planning/Facilities, and the Urbana Champaign Sanitary District.

Participants in the groups for non-for-profit organizations and park district affiliate groups included the Boys and Girls Clubs, Girl Scouts, United Way, Urbana neighborhood

associations, Champaign Urbana Herb Society, Isaak Walton League, the Champaign County Audubon Society, and the Urbana Business Association.

March 13, 2006
March 14, 2006
April 11, 2006
April 12, 2006

Key Leadership Interviews

The Park Board Commissioners were interviewed individually.

Other key leadership interviews were held with the former UPD Executive Director, the Head of the University of Illinois Department of Recreation Sport and Tourism, the Mayor and the Chief Administrative Officer of the City of Urbana, the Cunningham Township Assessor, the USD #116 Superintendent, a real estate leader, a financial business leader, an educator/environmentalist, a leader in the health care industry and a developer. Also interviewed were representatives of the Convention and Visitors Board, the Arts Council, and the Chamber of Commerce.

March 13, 2006
March 14, 2006
April 11, 2006
April 12, 2006

Public Forums for general public

March 15, 2006 at Lincoln Square Mall
March 16, 2006 at Phillips Recreation Center

Public Open Houses to review the Crystal Lake Park Master Plan

October 23, 2006
October 24, 2006

Urbana Park District Board Study Sessions to review the Strategic Plan

April 6, 2006	October 3, 2006
May 4, 2006	January 11, 2007
June 8, 2006	February 2, 2007
July 6, 2006	March 8, 2007
August 6, 2006	April 5, 2007
September 7, 2006	May 5, 2007

Urbana Park District staff input and briefings

March 13, 2006
September 7, 2006
September 26, 2006
October 3, 2006

Youth participation

Two focus groups were held with students from Urbana Middle School and Urbana High School. Approximately 30 students participated.

April 11, 2006
April 20, 2006

List of Participants

Eddie Adair	Carol Edwards	Jackie Lawson	Helen Satterthwaite
Ilona Adams	Corky Emberson	Shawn Lee	Ed Schariau
David Adcock	Cheryl Empson	Pamela Leiter	Cindy Scheidemantel
Danielle Adkins	Lloyd Esry	James Leonard	Nadine Schmidt
John Akers	Rebecca Eveland	Derek Liebert	Lori Kae Schwab
Syeda Akther	Keith Ewerks	Dottie Lierman	Ruth Sene
Gene Amberg	Euan Fernsler	Barbara Linder	Melissa Shaw
Jane Anderson	Tyler Fitch	Robert Lithgrow	Mike Siebold
June Anderson	Jean Flemma	Mike Little	Robert Sinclair
India Anderson	Elizabeth Foste	Kate Luchansky	David Skadden
Louis Arighi	Dick Freehill	Della Lutz	Troy Smith
Jennifer Armstrong	Denise Freidhof	Barbara Lyon	Jerry Soesbe
Mary Arrilola	Eric Freyfogle	Michele Maeder	Janet Soesbe
Chris Atkinson	Jimmy Fryer	Pauline Mak	Anita Stein
Valerie Austin	April Getchius	Dana Mancuso	Molly Stentz
Peggy Avance	Jennifer Ghaboussi	Glen Martin	Bob Stewart
Bill Barnett	Dan Gibble	Mike Martin	Bill Stewart
Mary Barrineau	Betsy Gillies	Vicki Mayes	Terrence Stuber
Tim Bartlett	Bill Gray	Cary McDonald	Debbie Swann
Carolyn Baxley	Aaron Gresch	Brendan McGinty	Mark Sweeney
Cale Beccue	Merle Griffin	Rich McMahan	Stuart Tarr
Joan Beetle	Edwin Hadley	Marie McNally	Richard Taylor
Dan Bernhardt	Cassie Haines	Sandy Melvin	April Thomas
Lee Beverly	Irene Halcombe	Anna Merritt	Ryan Thomas
Andrea Bohn	Irene Halcrombe	Mark Metter	Lillie Thompson
John Boley	Robin Hall	Judy Miller	Mark Tomory
Michael Brenner	Lori Hansen	Laura Miller	Denise Torres
Evelyn Bright	Jennifer Hardesty	Carlton Mills	Leslie Trevena
Troy Brooks	Mike Hartter	Kyle Mills	Lisa Trimble
Meghan Brooks	Sheila Harvey	Jan Mitchell	Crystal Truss
Annie Brown	Erin Hassan	Jerry Mooreland	Libby Tyler
Janice Brownfield	Randy Hauser	Barbara Morgan	Mark Uchanski
Troy Burks	Natalie Havlin	Georgia Morgan	De Urban
Rick Carr	Ethel Hazard	Matt Morris	Ron Vine
Zachary Carter	Steven Henderson	Kathy Myers	Bruce Walden
Eddie Carter	Kenneth Henry	Mark Netter	Michael Walker
Susan Chavemia	Robyn Henry	Deb Newell	Lindsey Walsh
Joanne Chester	Mike Hodgson	Shane Newell	Yi Wang
Barbara Childers	John Hough	Keri Niehans	Kent Wang
Faye Christmon	Wilene Howard	Flavors Northington	June Watson
Pauline Cichrane	John Hummel	Dennis O'Dea	James Webb
Mary Clark	Juyoung Jang	Judy O'Donnell	Richard Webb
Francine Clark	Tiffany Jefferson	Jerry Pagac	Andrew Weiss
John Cooper	Pat Jensen	Martin Page	Laura Weiss
Erica Cooper-Peyton	Juan Jimenez	Scott Paluska	Zhimou Wen
Mike Cox	Judy Jones	Susan Paranti	Ruth Wene
Jeff Cunningham	Ernest Kenner	Todd Peck	Donna Wilkerson
Gary Cziko	Sharona King	Joe Petry	Preston Williams
Dorothy Debolt	Ruth Ann Kingery	Ebony Plummer	Shaun Williams
Nancy Delcomyn	Ken Kirkendoll	Renee Pollock	Todd Winter
Mary Dennis	Ellen Kirsanoff	Jennifer Poor	Crystal Womble
John Dimit	Teddy Kirts	Laurel Prussing	Henry Womble
Joan Dixon	Renee Kovach	Ruth Rains	Barbara Wysoki
Molly Dolan	Rob Kowalski	Barbara Redford	Fan Yang
Lorraine Dorsey	Rick Kubetz	Linda Reid	Kent Yang
Scott Dossett	Janet Kulzycki	Eddie Rogers	Xiaoying Ye
Joe Duchene	Richard Lampman	Deb Rugg	Kai Zhao
Lizze Duckwore	Martin Lanman	Amy Russell	Yingee Zhao
Leona Duddleston	Rick Larimore	Pat Ryan	Michelle Zimmerman
Kevin Duff	Bruce Larson	Jeff Sable	Dennis Zindars

**A few participants names were not recorded. We apologize if a name of a participant was not included.*