

**URBANA PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES – BOARD STUDY SESSION  
TUESDAY, JUNE 4, 2024  
7:00 PM  
PLANNING AND OPERATIONS FACILITY  
1011 E. KERR AVENUE  
URBANA, ILLINOIS 61802**

The study session meeting of the Urbana Park District Board of Commissioners was held Tuesday, June 4, 2024 at the Planning and Operations Facility, 1011 E. Kerr Avenue, Urbana, IL at 7:00 pm. The notice and agenda of the meeting were posted at the park district administrative office and at the location of the meeting. Copies of the notice and agenda were received by each commissioner of the district and by local newspapers, radio, and television stations at least forty-eight hours before the meeting in compliance with the Open Meetings Act of the State of Illinois. A copy of the notice and agenda is attached to the minutes. Also available for inspection are all documents that were reviewed or approved at the meeting.

COMMISSIONERS	PRESENT	ABSENT
President Michael Walker		X
Vice-President Cedric Stratton		X
Commissioner Meredith Blumthal	X	
Commissioner Roger Digges	X	
Commissioner Laura Hastings	X	

Also present were Tim Bartlett, Executive Director; Corky Emberson, Superintendent of Recreation; Laura Orcutt, Superintendent of Business Services; Derek Liebert, Superintendent of Planning and Operations; Andy Rousseau, Project Manager; Allison Jones served as Recorder.

**I. Call to Order**

Commissioner Blumthal called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

**A. Remote Attendance**

There was no remote attendance requested at this time.

**II. Accept Agenda**

**COMMISSIONER HASTINGS MADE A MOTION WITH A SECOND BY COMMISSIONER DIGGES TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED WITH THE ADJUSTMENT OF SWITCHING ITEM 4 AND ITEM 5. A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN, ALL SAID “AYE.”**

**III. Public Comment**

There were no comments from members of the public.

**IV. Consent Agenda**

- A. Action on Ordinance 2024-04 Authorizing the Sale/Disposal of Personal Property  
Staff noted that the wording on item A has been adjusted to reflect the current options for potentially disposing of the hill at Prairie Park. Staff stated that more investigation is needed to determine the best course of action for disposal.

**COMMISSIONER DIGGES MADE A MOTION WITH A SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HASTINGS TO APPROVE THE ACTION ITEM ON THE CONSENT AGENDA AND ACCEPT ALL THE INFORMATION OF ITEM LISTED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA IN AN OMNIBUS MANNER WITH THE ADJUSTED LANGUAGE. A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN, ALL SAID "AYE."**

**V. Discussion**

- A. Prairie Weaver Planning

Director Bartlett stated that staff have been engaging in additional public input over the last few months in regards the Weaver and Prairie Parks Master Plan. He noted productive meetings with many groups and community members, which have resulted in 3 new options for amenity design at Weaver Park.

Derek Leibert reviewed the process of community engagement, including a community wide survey regarding possible amenities, multiple Focus Groups, steering committee meetings and feedback, engagement with the local neighborhood and the school, outreach to other important stakeholder groups, and discussions with the design firm to incorporate community feedback. He noted that the results of additional feedback have resulted in the following changes: expanding/improving the second softball field at AMBUCS, rather than locate those fields at Weaver Park, and additional changes to the soccer field designs at Weaver to minimize impact.

Board and staff discussed the 3 new proposed design options, community needs, trail options, schedule, and next steps. Staff noted that they would like to move forward with a final plan and vote from the Board in August.

Derek Leibert reviewed the next steps of incorporating additional feedback into the design, holding a community wide open house in July, and approving the final design in August.

- B. Sled Hill

Staff provided background information on the sledding hill at Prairie Park and noted that a lot of information is currently unknown. Staff noted that additional investigation is needed to determine what type of material the hill is made up of and what disposal options would be possible.

After additional discussion, the Board expressed support for moving forward with testing and investigation of the hill, with preference of removal of the hill due to the additional space that would be created within Prairie Park.

**VI. Comments from Commissioners**

Commissioner Blumthal thanked staff for all their hard work on community engagement and outreach that has occurred for the Weaver Park Master Plan process.

**VII. Adjourn**

Commissioner Blumthal adjourned the meeting at 8:24 PM.

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Cedric Stratton, Vice-President

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Timothy A. Bartlett, Secretary

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Date Approved: July 9, 2024