

**URBANA PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
 MINUTES – BOARD STUDY SESSION
 TUESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2025
 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, August 5, 2025 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 Cedric Stratton	X	
Vice-President Meredith Blumthal	X	
Commissioner Laura Hastings		X
Commissioner Sarah Roper	X	
Commissioner Ashley Withers	X	

Also present were Rachel Lenz, Executive Director;
 Derek Liebert, Superintendent of Planning and Operations;
 Andy Rousseau, Project Manager;
 Keenan Portis, Park Planner;
 Allison Jones served as Recorder.

I. Call to Order

President Stratton called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

A. Remote Attendance

There was no remote attendance requested.

II. Accept Agenda

COMMISSIONER BLUMTHAL MADE A MOTION WITH A SECOND BY COMMISSIONER WITHERS TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN, ALL SAID "AYE."

III. Public Comment

There were no comments from members of the public.

IV. Discussion

A. King Park/OSLAD

Derek Liebert, Andy Rousseau, and Keenan Portis reviewed the planned improvements for King Park. Information presented included the timeline, process, community feedback/public input, existing conditions at the park, final master site plan, amenities (native plantings, sculptures, playground, basketball courts, open multipurpose field, parking, pavilions, gaga ball, picnic tables, teen hangout area, challenge course, reading circle, signage, art, rain gardens, lighting), budgeting and cost estimates, grant applications, and potential future improvements. Board and staff discussed the plan, asked questions, and provided feedback.

V. Comments from Commissioners

Commissioner Withers commented positively on the Art Fair event held in Crystal Lake Park on August 2 and August 3, 2025.

VI. Adjourn

President Stratton adjourned the meeting at 8:00 PM.

Cedric A. Stratton, President

Rachel D. Lenz, Secretary

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Date Approved: _____ September 9, 2025 _____