



*It is the mission of the Urbana Park District to:*

- Improve the quality of life of its citizens through a responsive, efficient, and creative park and recreation system,*
- Pursue excellence in a variety of programs, parks and special facilities that contribute to the attractiveness of neighborhoods, conservation of the environment and the overall health of the community.*

**NOTICE AND AGENDA OF MEETING  
URBANA PARK DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (UPDAC)  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2019  
7:00 PM  
PLANNING AND OPERATIONS FACILITY  
1011 KERR AVE.  
URBANA, ILLINOIS 61802**

- I. Call to Order - Introductions**
- II. Public Comment**
- III. New Business**
  - A. Presentation on Center on Health, Aging and Disability – Wendy Bartlo
  - B. UPD Staff Presentation on Age Friendly Programming
- IV. Questions and Answers – Answer any questions as follow up from last month’s meeting**
- V. Reports**
  - A. UPDAC Chair
  - B. Director
  - C. Board Representative
  - D. UPD Projects update
- VI. Approval of the Minutes of the September 24, 2019 meeting.**
- VII. UPDAC Member Comments and open discussion**
- VIII. Adjourn**

***Upcoming meetings:***

*November 19, 2019 (1 week early)  
December – no meeting  
January 28, 2020  
February 25, 2020*

**\*\*\*This month’s secretary is Kay Holley\*\*\***

Note: The Meeting Agenda and Supporting Materials are on the UPD website at <http://www.urbanaparks.org/documents/index.html>; choose the “Public Meetings” category and search for the meeting information you wish to download.

**UPDAC Minutes**  
**24 September, 2019**  
**Planning and Operations Facility, Kerr Ave.**

**Attending UPDAC Members:** Niki Ambrose, Lori Ellinger, Laura Hastings, Kay Holley, Heath Isome, Ben Kaap, Vanessa Lane, Jean Paley, Sarah Roper, Howard Schein, Travis Schiess, Amita Sinha, Tim Stephens, Cedric Stratton.

**UPD Staff:** Tim Bartlett, Corky Emberson, Derek Liebert, Ellen Kirsanoff, Andy Rousseau, Kara Dudek

**UPD Commissioner:** Nancy Delcomyn

**Guest Presenters:** Jarrod Scheunemann

**I. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7pm by Jean Paley.

**II. Public Comment:** None.

**III. New Business**

**A. Update on UPD Strategic Plan:** Kara gave a presentation on the new UPD strategic plan which was approved by the board on September 10th. The plan is a 5 year plan that has four "planning pillars" that were developed as the key focus areas for UPD looking forward. The pillars are You Belong Here, Placemaking, Health and Wellness, and Trails and Connectivity. Kara discussed the process by which the plan was developed, the timeline, and the amount/importance of community involvement that occurred.

Jarrold Scheuneman, President of Campfire Concepts, presented on the specific process of the community involvement in creating the strategic plan. This included reaching out to community groups, having focus groups, social media outreach, determining community priorities, and looking at "Use Patterns," amongst other things.

Kara further discussed the goals that were developed within each pillar as a means in which to accomplish the UPD strategic plan over the next five years.

Derek, Tim, and Nancy shared that the plan was created in a way that was condensed, easy to understand, and more responsive to the public than past plans have been.

There was a general discussion that followed that covered a wide variety of topics and ideas related to the future implementation of the strategic plan. Some of the items mentioned were providing safe spaces for kids that face trauma, incorporating biking and group rides into more UPD programming, community involvement in creating park art, engaging the dog park users through social media, and how to better involve youth in planning processes.

**IV. Questions and Answers:** None

**V. Reports**

**A. UPDAC Chair:** Jean commented that she had attended the last UPD Board meeting and felt that the discussion on bonds was very informative.

**B. Director:** Tim spoke about public comments at UPD Board and UPDAC meetings and the general process by which they occur. He mentioned that UPD staff are planning to have focus groups to address issues that were brought up in public comments at previous meetings.

Tim also discussed issues related to the aging of Prairie Play at Meadowbrook Park. The play structure is starting to fail in some areas and is requiring significant maintenance and upkeep. UPD staff have visited other parks that have faced the same challenges with aging wooden playgrounds and are starting discussions on the best ways to move forward in the next few years. Tim stressed that communicating with community members about potential changes will play an important role moving forward with Meadowbrook Park. Many residents were involved with the planning and construction of the playground in 90's and feel very connected to its existence.

**C. Board Representative:** Nancy added to Tim's discussion of Prairie Play and agreed that communication with the community will be very important. She stated that UPDAC members can help in starting to get the word out that there may be necessary changes in upcoming years.

**D. Projects Update:** Andy gave a quick overview of the work that is being done at Leal Park such as expanded parking and landscape barriers. He also discussed railing and other grant work being done at the intersection of Park St. and Broadway Ave., as well as an IDNR project to add habitat to the Saline Branch at Crystal Lake Park as a way to increase water quality and biodiversity in the stream.

**VI. Approval of the Minutes of the August 27th, 2019 meeting:** Moved and approved.

**VII. UPDAC Member Comments:** None.

**VIII. Move to Adjourn:** Meeting was adjourned at 8:53pm.