



*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, JUNE 23, 2020  
7:00 PM**

**REMOTE MEETING VIA ZOOM**

**VIDEO: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87162795562>**

**PHONE: (312) 626-6799**

**MEETING ID: 871 6279 5562**

**PASSWORD: 646638**

- I. Call to Order - Introductions**
- II. Public Comment**
- III. New Business**
  - A. East Urbana Parks and Champaign County Campus Area Planning Update
- 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 May 26, 2020 Meeting**
- VII. UPDAC Member Comments and Open Discussion**
- VIII. Adjourn**

***Upcoming meetings:***

*July – no meeting  
August 25, 2020  
September 22, 2020  
October 27, 2020  
November 17, 2020  
December - no meeting*

**\*\*\*This month’s secretary is Ellen Kirsanoff\*\*\***

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.

## Public Input for Urbana Park District Advisory Committee (UPDAC) Meeting (Tuesday, June 23, 2020)

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Anyone can attend the meeting virtually via Zoom. Any member of the public may make a brief statement during the Public Comment portion of the agenda. Per Board rules, comments will have a 2-minute time limit. The Board typically accepts comments but neither the Board nor staff will respond to individual comments during the meeting.

You will be able to use a phone to call in:

- Join by calling (312) 626-6799.
- Callers will then be asked to enter the Meeting ID number followed by the # key. The Meeting ID number is 826 0024 2862.
- Enter meeting password 295015, followed by the # key.
- We ask that you please mute yourself until the time for public comment.
- You can toggle between mute and unmute by dialing \*6.

You will be able to use a computer to address the Urbana Park District Board using Zoom:

- Make sure you have a microphone on your computer if you wish to speak. Please identify yourself for the record if you do speak.
- You do not need to install software to use Zoom. You can click "Join from your browser." It appears that Zoom prefers for users to download and install their meeting client software on your computer. Use whichever option you are most comfortable with, and note it may be browser-specific.
- You should see the meeting video stream through Zoom and hear people talking. The link to join by computer is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82600242862?pwd=Nk5yMUUpZbjZ1Mk1rb0NiSWlxSUVydz09>
- If you do not want to be seen, please turn off your webcam video feed as everyone connected will be able to see you and your background.
- This Zoom session will be recorded as part of the record.
- We ask that you please mute yourself until the time for public comment.
- We will not be using the Chat or Participant windows for this meeting.
- You can find tutorials and help information here:  
<https://support.zoom.us/hc/enus/articles/201362193-Joining-a-Meeting>.

If you are unable to call or video in to the Zoom Meeting, or would prefer to write in, public input can also be received before the meeting via email. Please submit your comments via email by 7:00 pm to [erkirsanoff@urbanaparks.org](mailto:erkirsanoff@urbanaparks.org) – these will be read per Urbana Park District Board rules and time limits. This is a work in progress, and we ask your patience as we navigate this difficult situation.

## UPDAC Meeting Minutes May 28, 2020

Attending: Tim Bartlett, Ellen Kirsanoff, Derek Liebert, Corky Emberson, Kara Dudek, Jean Paley, Melissa Logsdon, Laura Hastings, Jennifer Hardesty, Nicki Ambrose, Kay Holley, Ben Kaap, Tim Stephens, Travis Scheiss, Cedric Stratton, Howard Schein, Niki Hoesman, Chelsea Prah, Nancy Delcomyn, Andy Rousseau, Judy Miller, Janet Soesbe.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

New Business - Tim Bartlett introduced the program of the Students Learning and Playing After School Hours (SPLASH) Program. He gave background to how the park district and the school district work together to provide after school programs to students district wide.

Corky Emberson then gave the historical background of the program. It began in early 2000's and was funded through a federal grant program for school district's to provide this type of programming. The UPD over the years has taken on more and more responsibility for it.

Niki Hoesman, Community Program Coordinator, supervises and implements this program. She gave UPDAC members an overview of the program details;

- This program serves kids Kindergarten through High School in 6 schools in the Urbana School District. The schools are Dr. Williams Elementary, Urbana High School, Urbana Middle School, King Elementary, Urbana Early Childhood Education Center, and Leal Elementary.
- the park district hires and trains between 30 and 45 staff each semester to implement the planned programs in each school.
- Niki shared a typical schedule for days programs at the Urbana Middle School, showing the wide variety of programs and how students can choose to participate. She mentioned that the children who participate also get dinner before they finish the days activities.
- Chelsea Prah talked about the additional programming she provides as a part of SPLASH. She presents activities as a part of her Nature Connections program. Activities she plans and implements very hands on nature experiences that come to the kids in the schools, instead of having them come to the nature center.

Q and A-

- Melissa Logsdon asked how the dinners were funded? These meals are funded through a grant to the USD.
- Cedric Stratton gave UPDAC some additional background through his involvement as a staff member in with SPLASH. It's a great experience for all the kids involved, you can see it in how they respond to Niki and the activities planned.
- Laura Hastings also spoke of the value of the program through her experience as a Mom of a SPLASH kid.

Museum Grant Application - Outdoor Learning Pavilion presentation.

- Derek Liebert gave an outline of the Museum Capitol Grant program. He also shared via screen sharing the strategic plans for the area of Crystal Lake Park near the nature center and outdoor pool. Plans have called for a Pavilion nearby where the Nature Playscape is sited. This planned pavilion has not been built due to limited capitol dollars available.

- Judy Miller discussed the current use of the North Woods Pavilion for nature day camps, its drawbacks and lack of necessary water and restroom facilities. She shared the program uses for the planned pavilion, and how it will improve our ability to have day camps and nature programming in a more appropriate space.
- Derek asked that UPDAC members take a short survey to be sent to them after this meeting that will provide staff feedback on this project. Ellen will send the link to the survey to all UPDAC members. If possible please take the survey by mid morning wednesday. This feedback will be included in our grant application.

Q and A- Jean Paley likes the siting of it and the focus being in that part of Crystal Lake Park.

Reports-

UPDAC Chair - none

Director-

- Tim Bartlett reported that staff are working hard to keep on track with projects like re-development of Crystal Lake Park.
- He presented an update on the health and wellness facility. A steering committee is being formed to begin the process of looking for additional funding. There has been no notice from the PARC Grant application submitted. The state is behind in their review process for grant applications.
- The UPD will be working with the Champaign County Forest Preserve District to investigate the formation of a friends group for the KRT.

Board Representative -

- Nancy Delcomyn only reported on the biggest issue the board has dealt with recently. She has received MANY letters on the issue of the Charity Harvest of the Goose population in Crystal Lake Park. Letters are both against and in favor of the harvest. The majority of the letters that were against are misinformed of the facts about the Goose situation.

Q and A -

- Jen Hardesty asked what the responses have been to the public input on the Goose Charity Harvest being considered. Derek gave a brief overview of the responses and that most responses were either strongly opposed or strongly in favor. That very little were in the middle.
- Kay Holley asked how we handle input when it comes from non-residents. Nancy replied that Commissioners and staff respond to all, but that residents input is given much more credibility and more weight than non-residents.
- Howard Schein let everyone know that he submitted a letter to the editor to the News-Gazette on the issue. He vetted the letter with both Derek and Tim. He mentioned various points he outlined and why this Charity Harvest is a good idea.

UPD Projects Update -

- Andy Rousseau gave his report on the status of many of the capitol projects underway here at the UPD. The Crystal Lake Re-development project is being bid. Work will begin this summer. Blair Park and its various park components will begin later this summer as well.

Approval of the Minutes of the April UPDAC meeting. The minutes were reviewed. It was noted that Brad Hudson's name appears more than once in the attendance. That will be corrected. And the previous meetings minutes appear to be attached to this months in the document that was send out. That will also be corrected.

With those changes noted, a motion to approve the minutes was made by Melissa, with a second by Kay. Approved by all.

Howard made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Minutes submitted by Ellen Kirsanoff