



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, JANUARY 26, 2021
7:00 PM**

REMOTE MEETING VIA ZOOM

VIDEO: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87867759551>
PHONE: (312) 626-6799
MEETING ID: 878 6775 9551
PASSCODE: 25299

I. Call to Order – Introductions

II. Public Comment

Any member of the public may make a brief statement at this time within the public participation rules of the Board. Please see attached document for details regarding public comment via Zoom.

III. Approval of the Minutes of the November 17, 2020 Meeting

IV. Discussion

- A. UPD Climate Action, Resilience, Education and Sustainability (CARES) Plan Draft
- B. Questions and Answers

V. Reports

- A. UPDAC Chair
- B. Director
- C. Board Representative
- D. UPD Projects Update

VI. UPDAC Member Comments and Open Discussion

VII. Adjourn

Upcoming meetings:

*February 23, 2021
March 23, 2021
April 27, 2021
May 25, 2021*

*****This month's secretary is Kelsey Beccue*****

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, January 26, 2021)

MEETING ID: 878 6775 9551

PASSCODE: 252299

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. UPDAC accepts comments but neither UPDAC 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 878 6775 9551.
- Enter meeting passcode 252299, 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 Advisory Committee 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/87867759551?pwd=WGNqUmpGR2NQOUVTVGNQVUZ4cFg5Zz09>
- 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 khbeccue@urbanaparks.org – these will be read per Urbana Park District Board rules and time limits.

Minutes of the Urbana Park District Advisory Committee
November 17, 2020 Held Via Zoom

Attending:

UPD Staff: Tim Bartlett, Caty Roland, Corky Emberson, Nancy Delcomyn, Derek Liebert, Mark Schultz, Alexis Dick, Ellen Kirsanoff

UPDAC: Gary Ambler, Nicki Ambrose, Jonville Chenoweth, Ben Kaap, Jean Paley, Sarah Roper, Howard Schein, Travis Schiess, Amita Sinha, Tim Stephens, Cedric Stratton

CCFPD: Greg Walburg, Mary Ellen Wuellner, Lisa Sprinkle, Dick Harris, Nancy Elliott, Mary Ann Lippe, Steve Franke, Fred Newport, William Ford

CCRPC Presenters: Gabe Lewis, James Sullivan

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm by Chairperson Cedric Stratton.

Introduction: Tim informed the group that this meeting would involve a presentation from the Champaign County Forest Preserve Citizens' Advisory Committee and the Champaign County Regional Planning Committee

Public Commentary: None

New Business:

A: Tim introduced the subject of the main presentation, which addressed the Kickapoo Rail-Trail (KRT) planning process. Local units (Carle, City of Urbana, City of Champaign, University of Illinois, Urbana Park District, Champaign Park District) are looking at an extension study to bring the trail to downtown Urbana, and, hopefully and eventually, then to downtown Champaign.

Gabe Lewis presented the current phase of the study. An in-depth description of this study is posted: <https://ccrpc.org/urbana-krt-extension-study/>

Briefly:

Funding sources: Carle and IDOT

The trail currently ends at Urbana's Weaver Park and we are now looking to continue the trail to downtown Urbana. This extension involves looking at four sections. Lewis discussed literature reviews, what peer cities are doing, best practices, traffic patterns on the proposed routes, land use on these proposed routes, environmental conditions on these routes, bike and pedestrian use analyses, facilities along these routes, analyses of alternative routes and suitability analysis of opportunities and constraints.

Five alternatives were presented to the public for on-line commentary. Thirty-two people responded.

Lewis also presented some preferred alternatives and quoted funding to implement the plan at around \$2 M.

Next steps:

Final Presentations and Request for Acceptance of the Plan: glewis@ccrpc.org

Questions from the meeting's attendees:

Who is responsible for replacement of the Vine St. Bridge?

What are the right of way issues?

What surfaces are being considered, land acquisition, railroad cooperation, green corridor.

The Railroad seems to take the stance that this is their property, and consequently they hold liability. The KRT would like to convince the RR of its civic responsibility and shared benefits of having the KRT. What can citizens do?

Show documentable interest; Find big money sources for funding the project; Convince public officials to support this venture; Support the nascent "Friends of KRT;" Work with the U of Illinois; Work with Carle's lobbying group; Citizens' phone calls and letters.

The estimated cost of the KRT is \$800K/mile

The Vermillion County section of the KRT is going well. The Oakwood trail head has about 1 mile.

B. Discussion of the new UPD logo

Mark Schultz discussed the issue of the logo's needing contemporizing.

Four new possibilities were presented:

1-Keep the leaf

2-Update the graphic (#4....a circle around the leaf with "Urbana Park District" was the consensus choice)

This new logo will gradually be updated into UPD's representations.

The group discussed color possibilities.

Reports

UPDAC Chair Report –Cedric met with UPD leadership and discussed future UPDAC meetings and content that addresses updates, discussions, etc.

Yelp needs more commentary on UPD

Executive Director's Report – Upcoming meetings

How do we get our story told?

Fundraising up for the health and wellness project

Five-year annual capital projects have been presented to the UPD Board

UPD Board Representative Nancy Delcomyn

We need good ideas to file away for consideration for our future

Project Update:

Crystal Lake: 99% of grading is completed; seeding is done; much of paving is completed; Division of Natural Resources has given funds to help with bettering the habitat for fish.

Recreation facilities are now closed because of COVID restrictions until December 7, 2020.

Minutes of the October 27 meeting were approved.

NO comments

Meeting adjourned.