

**URBANA PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**MINUTES – BOARD STUDY SESSION**  
**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2020**  
**6:30 PM-8:00 PM**  
**REMOTE MEETING VIA ZOOM**  
**URBANA, ILLINOIS 61802**

The study session meeting of the Urbana Park District Board of Commissioners was held Tuesday, December 1, 2020 online via Zoom at 6:30 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 Nancy Delcomyn	X	
Commissioner Lashaunda Cunningham		X
Commissioner Roger Digges	X	
Commissioner Meredith Blumthal	X	

Also present were Tim Bartlett, Executive Director;  
Derek Liebert, Planning and Operations Superintendent;  
Corky Emberson, Recreation Superintendent;  
Caty Roland, Superintendent of Business Services;  
Andy Rousseau, Project Manager;  
Mark Schultz, Public Information and Marketing Manager;  
Gabe Lewis, Regional Planning Commission;  
Allison Jones served as Recorder.

**I. Call to Order and Introductions**

President Walker called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM.

**A. Remote Attendance**

**COMMISSIONER DELCOMYN WITH A SECOND BY COMMISSIONER BLUMTHAL TO TEMPORARILY SUSPEND THE URBANA PARK DISTRICT'S REMOTE ATTENDANCE POLICY PURSUANT TO ILLINOIS PUBLIC ACT 101-0640, AND ALLOW ALL COMMISSIONERS TO ATTEND THIS MEETING REMOTELY. A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN, ALL SAID "AYE."**

**II. Accept Agenda**

**COMMISSIONER BLUMTHAL MADE A MOTION WITH A SECOND BY COMMISSIONER DIGGES COMMISSIONER TO REVERSE THE ORDER OF DISCUSSION ITEMS AND ACCEPT THE AGENDA. A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN, ALL SAID "AYE."**

**III. Public Comment**

There were no comments from members of the public.

**IV. Discussion**

**A. KRT and SPR Grant Updates**

Director Bartlett provided background and overview of UPD's work with Regional Planning Commission on the state planning and research grant to investigate the feasibility of the extension of the Kickapoo Rail Trail. He noted that this extension would reach to Lincoln Avenue, and the state grant would be an 80/20 cost split, with Carle pledging the matching funds. He also noted that other community stakeholders have expressed interest in this study as well, including the City of Urbana, University of Illinois, Champaign Park District, and the City of Champaign.

Gabe Lewis from RPC provided background on the study, including funding agencies, project timeline, specifics on the 2.4 mile extensions, current land use and ownership, benefits of rail-trail projects, steering committee members, stakeholder committee, literature review, peer cities, existing transportation conditions, environmental factors, Bike & Pedestrian Network Analysis, facility types on street, off street, and point, alternatives analysis, site suitability analysis, a public comment period, renderings, implementation and cost estimate, as well as next steps.

Board and staff discussed the study and possibilities for the project and process for moving forward.

**B. New UPD Logo Review**

Director Bartlett provided background on evaluating UPD's current logo and providing new updated options. Mark Schultz provided an overview the current UPD logo and presented several options for review. Board and staff discussed preferences and options.

**V. Comments from Commissioners**

President Walker inquired about signage for the new updates at Crystal Lake Park. Staff stated that they will double check on the signs/banners to make sure as many as possible are present.

Commissioner Delcomyn inquired about the annual Turkey Trot. Corky Emberson provided details on the event, which was held virtually, with final numbers and donation amounts still being calculated.

**VI. Adjourn**

President Walker adjourned the meeting at 7:57 PM.

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Michael W. Walker, President

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Timothy A. Bartlett, Secretary

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Date Approved: January 12, 2021