

**URBANA PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES – BOARD STUDY SESSION
TUESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2021
6:30 PM-8:00 PM
ONLINE VIA ZOOM
URBANA, ILLINOIS 61802**

The study session meeting of the Urbana Park District Board of Commissioners was held Tuesday, January 5, 2021 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;
Allison Jones served as Recorder.

I. Call to Order and Introductions

President Walker called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM.

A. Remote Attendance

COMMISSIONER DIGGES MADE A MOTION WITH A SECOND BY COMMISSIONER CUNNINGHAM 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 CUNNINGHAM MADE A MOTION WITH A SECOND BY COMMISSIONER DELCOMYN 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. 2020-2021 Urbana Park District Goals Review

Director Bartlett provided an overview of the goals review process, noting that UPD is mid-way through the fiscal year. He also noted that this presentation is focusing on Strategic Plan goals.

Staff reviewed multiple goal areas, including:

- Responding to covid-19 – events, collaboration with partnerships, focus on safety, lack of summer staff, planning for next summer
- You Belong Here – outreach and wellness events, virtual programming, community connections, reducing violence, outreach to under-served communities, workforce and procurement diversity
- Placemaking: Crystal Lake Park rehab, Blair Park revitalizations
- Health & Wellness – donor engagement, fundraising
- Trails and Connectivity – Leal Park pathway and parking lot, Kickapoo Rail Trail

V. **Comments from Commissioners**

Commissioner Digges commented on the health and wellness grant status and how UPD will continue to work towards its goal. Board and staff discussed how best to move forward with the process.

Board and staff also discussed how best to move forward with Prairie Play Playground upgrades/replacement.

VI. **Adjourn**

President Walker adjourned the meeting at 8:14 PM.

Michael W. Walker, President

Timothy A. Bartlett, Secretary

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Date Approved: February 9, 2021