



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, MAY 25, 2021
7:00 PM
PERKINS ROAD PARK SITE
1501 E. PERKINS RD.
URBANA, IL 61802

*In case of inclement weather, the meeting will be conducted via Zoom using the details below.
Check www.urbanaparks.org after 4:30 pm the day of the meeting for updates.*

VIDEO: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84452754270>

PHONE: (312) 626-6799

MEETING ID: 844 5275 4270

PASSCODE: 719184

I. Call to Order

II. Public Comment

Any member of the public may make a brief statement at this time within the public participation rules of the Board.

III. Approval of the Minutes of the April 27, 2021 Meeting

IV. Discussion

A. Perkins Road Park Site

UPD staff will lead a tour of the Perkins Road Park Site, and provide updates on the site's development.

V. Reports

A. UPDAC Chair

B. Board Representative

VI. UPDAC Member Comments and Open Discussion

VII. Adjourn

*****This month's secretary is Amita Sinha*****

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.

Upcoming meetings:

June 22, 2021

July – no meeting

August 24, 2021

September 28, 2021

URBANA PARK DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (UPDAC)
MINUTES
TUESDAY, APRIL 27, 2021
7:00 PM-8:30 PM
REMOTE MEETING VIA ZOOM
URBANA, ILLINOIS 61802

The meeting of the Urbana Park District Advisory Committee (UPDAC) was held Tuesday, April 27, 2021 online via Zoom at 7:00 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 member of the committee 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.

UPDAC Members	PRESENT	ABSENT
Laura Hastings, Chair	X	
Gary Ambler	X	
Nicoline Ambrose	X – late arrival	
Kelly Boeger		X
Jonville Chenoweth		X
Tomas Delgado		X
Heath Isome		X
Ben Kaap	X	
Jean Paley	X	
Ashley Price		X
Sarah Roper	X	
Howard Schein	X	
Travis Schiess	X	
Amita Sinha	X	
Timothy Stephens	X	

Also present were;

Board of Commissioners Vice President, Nancy Delcomyn
Executive Director, Tim Bartlett
Superintendent of Business Services, Caty Roland
Superintendent of Recreation, Corky Emberson
Superintendent of Planning and Operations, Derek Liebert
Project Manager, Andy Rousseau
Office Manager, Kelsey Beccue

I. Call to Order – Introductions

UPDAC Chairperson Laura Hastings called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

II. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

III. Approval of the Minutes of the March 23, 2021 Meeting

Jean Paley moved to approve the minutes of the March 23, 2021 UPDAC meeting, and Howard Schein seconded. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

IV. Discussion

A. Health & Wellness Update/Public Phase of Fundraising Campaign

Director Bartlett, Derek Liebert, Corky Emberson, and Andy Rousseau presented Health & Wellness facility planning and fundraising updates. Important items discussed included:

- Site visits to similar facilities in Carmel, Indiana, Northbrook Park District, and Sycamore Park District.
- A review of the proposed site location at Prairie Park, it's situation as part of the "superblock" of state, federal, and local governmental facilities, the development history of that area, and future master planning for Weaver Park and the superblock area as a whole.
- Athletics fields needs for the district.
- Location of facility adjacent to out-of-district neighborhoods.
- Planning a site and facility that are resilient.
- The various Health & Wellness facility and site features, and a proposed traffic study along Washington.
- A review of the Health & Wellness facility budget with the funds made up of bond re-issue funds, privately raised donations, and the PARC grant award, along with pending DCEO funds, and potential fund balance transfer.
- The distinction between the public and silent phase of the fundraising campaign, where typically more funds are raised in the silent phase, and the public phase acts as a marketing and awareness campaign.
- The promotion of the project in the surrounding neighborhoods.

Important questions and comments from UPDAC members included:

- Jean Paley asked about the district's interest in the Champaign-Urbana Humane Society's site since they are moving. Derek mentioned that the district would be interested in cooperating with the county in master planning for the superblock as a whole, which includes that site.
- Tim Stephens noted a decline in participation in American Legion baseball teams, and the impact that might have on planning for ball field space.
- Amita Sinha asked about walking trails in Weaver Park, and Derek and Tim mentioned that the plan calls for many paved trails, similar to Meadowbrook.

- Board Vice President Delcomyn inquired about the ease of converting ball field space for multiple uses, and Corky mentioned that you can sometimes convert fields with removable fencing.
- Laura Hastings mentioned that she is seeing some of the Health & Wellness marketing efforts in local media.
- Howard Schein remarked that promoting this project in the surrounding neighborhoods would be vital, and that we should make a marked effort to get those communities onboard. Corky responded that UPD has been working a lot with the Lierman Neighborhood Action Committee, and plans to have a presence in that area in the coming months.
- Amita asked if the new facility would focus on psychological health needs, and Corky responded that the district's goal is to use this facility to further expand the eight dimensions of wellness that we are currently focused on.

V. Reports

A. UPDAC Chair

Laura reminded UPDAC members that they should sign up to take meeting minutes. She also congratulated former UPDAC Chairperson, Cedric Stratton and incumbent commissioner, Meredith Blumthal, on their recent election to the Park Board of Commissioners.

B. Director

Tim shared information on the virtual advocacy day held by Champaign County First, which is dedicated to the economic development of Champaign County. Tim promoted the Kickapoo Rail Trail project to our federal and state legislators.

C. Board Representative

Nancy mentioned UPDAC's role as a type of "training ground" for future commissioners. She also noted that the Urbana Parks Foundation has raised \$1.3 million, demonstrating that there is already a good deal of public support behind the Health & Wellness facility project.

D. UPD Projects Update

Andy provided updates on the Crystal Lake Park Rehabilitation Project, Blair Park Revitalization Project, and the UIAC domestic hot water system replacement. Derek mentioned two projects that UPD is tangentially part of: the roof replacement at UIAC, and a new solar array installation by USCD and C-U MTD at the Hickory Street storage site.

VI. UPDAC Member Comments and Open Discussion

Laura mentioned she has heard from a few of her neighbors that they are concerned that the new Health & Wellness Facility will be built adjacent to out-of-district areas – the perception being that those areas are being served more than in-district areas. Corky mentioned that UPD is hiring for summer jobs, and that the Jettie Rhodes Vaccine Clinic was a success.

VII. Adjourn

UPDAC Chairperson Laura Hastings adjourned the meeting at 8:52 PM.