



*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 24, 2022**  
**7:00 PM**  
**PLANNING & OPERATIONS FACILITY**  
**1011 E. KERR AVENUE**  
**URBANA, IL 61802**

- 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 April 26, 2022 UPDAC Meeting Minutes**
- IV. **Discussion**
  - A. Meadowbrook Playground Updates
- V. **Reports**
  - A. UPDAC Chair
  - B. Board Representative
  - C. Director's Report
  - D. Capital Projects Report
- VI. **UPDAC Member Comments, Questions, and Open Discussion**
- VII. **Adjourn**

***Upcoming meetings:***

***June 28, 2022***  
***July – NO MEETING***  
***August 23, 2022***  
***September 27, 2022***

**\*\*\*This month's secretary is Jean Paley\*\*\***

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.

**NOTICE AND AGENDA OF MEETING**  
**URBANA PARK DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (UPDAC)**  
**TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 2022**  
**6:30 PM**  
**BLAIR PARK**  
**1406 S. BROADWAY AVENUE**  
**URBANA, IL 61801**

The meeting of the Urbana Park District Advisory Committee (UPDAC) was held Tuesday, April 26, 2022 at Blair Park 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 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
Jonville Chenoweth		X
David Dorman	X	
Patricia Hatch		X
Ben Kaap	X	
Ashley Moore	X	
Jean Paley	X	
Ashley Price		X
Sarah Roper	X	
Howard Schein	X	
Gary Stensland	X	
Karl Weingartner	X	
Ashley Withers	X	

Also present were:

Cedric Stratton, Commissioner;  
Tim Bartlett, Executive Director;  
Corky Emberson, Superintendent of Recreation;  
Derek Liebert, Superintendent of Planning & Operations;  
Andy Rousseau, Project Manager

**I. Call to Order**

UPDAC Chair, Laura Hastings, called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM.

**II. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

### III. **Approval of March 22, 2022 UPDAC Meeting Minutes**

David Dorman made a motion with a second from Jean Paley to approve the minutes of the March 22, 2022 UPDAC Meeting. A vote was taken, and the motion passed.

### IV. **Discussion**

#### A. Blair Park Tour

During the tour of Blair Park, Executive Director Tim Bartlett provided an overview of the history of the park and its namesake, Joseph C. Blair. The 11-acre site was first acquired in 1944 and developed especially for youth. Joseph Cullen Blair was an important figure in the creation of public parks in Illinois, and helped start the Urbana Park District in 1907. He also spurred the formation of the first state park in Illinois – Fort Massac State Park –and has been called “the Father of the Illinois State Park system.”

Superintendent of Planning & Operations Derek Liebert, provided some background on the planning process for the Blair Park improvements, noting that there was a great deal of public input, including from the community’s youth. UPDAC also played a significant role during the public input process. He then reviewed the construction schedule and said that the playground is nearly complete, with the challenge course remaining to be finished, along with project clean-up and final seeding. The recent improvements were funded by an Open Space Land and Development (OSLAD) grant.

While the OSLAD included many park features within its scope, the tennis courts were not included. The Urbana Parks Foundation has been fundraising for the renewal of the courts, and has been successful. The bids for the courts are scheduled to be opened soon, with construction expected to begin this summer. Some of the park features include the Sutu Wall, horseshoe pits, water feature, challenge course, playground, and pavilion. UPDAC commented that the water feature could use some landscaping and that the challenge course is exciting. Tim gave an overview of the Blair Park Pavilion, and noted that there is a donor interested in donating toward its rehabilitation.

### V. **Reports**

#### A. UPDAC Chair

Laura reminded members that appointments are coming up, and that recruitment is ongoing.

#### B. Board Representative

Commissioner Stratton provided some updates on Health & Wellness and Prairie Play.

#### C. Director’s Report

Director Bartlett echoed the need for UPDAC recruitment.

#### D. Capital Projects Report

Project Manager Andy Rousseau provided updates on several district capital projects: the UPDAC Outdoor Learning Pavilion, Crystal Lake Park one-way road, and Prairie Play.

**VI. UPDAC Member Comments, Questions, and Open Discussion**

There were no additional comments or questions from UPDAC members.

**VII. Adjourn**

UPDAC Chair Laura Hastings adjourned the meeting at 8:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Tim Bartlett

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