

URBANA PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES – BOARD STUDY SESSION
TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2022
6:30 PM-8:00 PM
PLANNING AND OPERATIONS FACILITY
1011 E. KERR AVENUE
URBANA, ILLINOIS 61802

The study session meeting of the Urbana Park District Board of Commissioners was held Tuesday, August 2, 2022 at the Planning and Operations Facility, 1011 E. Kerr Avenue, Urbana, IL 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 Meredith Blumthal	X	
Commissioner Nancy Delcomyn	X	
Commissioner Roger Digges	X	
Commissioner Cedric Stratton		X

Also present were Tim Bartlett, Executive Director;
Derek Liebert, Planning and Operations Superintendent;
Corky Emberson, Superintendent of Recreation;
Laura Orcutt, Finance Manager;
Allison Jones served as Recorder.

I. Call to Order

Vice-President Blumthal called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM.

A. Remote Attendance

There was no remote attendance requested at this time.

II. Accept Agenda

COMMISSIONER DIGGES MADE A MOTION WITH A SECOND BY COMMISSIONER DELCOMYN TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. ALL SAID “AYE,” MOTION CARRIED.

III. Public Comment

There were no comments from members of the public.

IV. Discussion

A. Urbana Indoor Aquatic Center

Director Bartlett reviewed the background and current status of the Urbana Indoor Aquatic Center. He noted that UPD and Urbana School District have been jointly operating the facility for close to 25 years, and there have been different agreements for operations over this time, as well as different levels of programming and spending breakdown. He noted the successes and challenges over time for this award-winning facility and a focus on making the facility accessible for all. Corky Emberson reviewed the make-up of the UIAC Matrix Team from each organization. Derek Liebert reviewed budget strains from external and internal sources, including new capital spending and covid. Staff emphasized a desire to best serve tax-payers and meet the core areas of the UPD's mission. Director Bartlett recommended a facility audit, as well as field and court analysis. Board and staff discussed budget, programming, facility upkeep, operations, balance with new facilities, Urbana School District needs, diversity, and staffing. The Board requested to see additional financial breakdowns and operational numbers to fully inform any decision making.

B. Sculpture Purchase Agreement

Director Bartlett reviewed the purchase agreement for the "Life on the Prairie" bison sculpture to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the Wandell Sculpture Garden.

V. **Comments from Commissioners**

There were no additional comments from commissioners.

VI. **Adjourn**

Vice-President Blumthal adjourned the meeting at 8:32 PM.

Michael W. Walker, President

Timothy A. Bartlett, Secretary

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Date Approved: September 13, 2022