

**URBANA PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
 MINUTES – BOARD STUDY SESSION  
 TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 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, September 6, 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, Superintendent of Planning and Operations;  
 Corky Emberson, Superintendent of Recreation;  
 Laura Orcutt, Business Manager;  
 Andy Rousseau, Project Manager;  
 Allison Jones served as Recorder.

**I. Call to Order**

President Walker called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM.

**A. Remote Attendance**

There was no remote attendance requested.

**II. Accept Agenda**

**COMMISSIONER DIGGES MADE A MOTION WITH A SECOND BY COMMISSIONER STRATTON 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. Crystal Lake Park Bridge**

Director Bartlett reviewed the need for a new bridge along with the replacement of the Sanitary District pipe through Crystal Lake Park. He reviewed project budget, originally to be covered entirely by the Sanitary District. He noted that due to inflation, the construction costs have grown significantly and have necessitated efforts to both scale back the project and look for additional funding sources. He noted that UPD is working on grant and other funding possibilities, including direct contribution to the project.

Derek Liebert noted that the sewage pipe being replaced is in extremely poor condition, and although a bridge over it is not required, it serves to support the recreation opportunities and aesthetic of the park. He reviewed the extra costs, funding possibilities, and the scaled down version of the bridge.

Director Bartlett stated that, with the Board's support, moving forward with an inter-governmental agreement for the project in October would be ideal.

Board and staff continued to discuss the need for the bridge replacement and expressed support for moving forward with the project.

##### **B. Urbana Park District – Health and Wellness Center**

Director Bartlett reviewed the background and need for additional funding for the Health & Wellness Center project, and reviewed several options being explored and the timeline for those options. He noted that UPD is focusing on possible ARPA funds through the City of Urbana and Champaign County.

Andy Rousseau presented the most up-to-date cost estimates for the facility and alternate options for the project.

Board and staff continued to discuss how to bridge the funding gap for this project, including reaching out to individual donors, ARPA funds, borrowing, reducing costs, postponing other projects, etc. Board and staff emphasized the urgency of the matter, due to tight construction timelines and limiting additional cost increases.

#### **V. Comments from Commissioners**

There were no further comments from Commissioners.

#### **VI. Adjourn**

President Walker adjourned the meeting at 8:15 PM.

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Michael W. Walker, President

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Timothy A. Bartlett, Secretary

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Date Approved: October 11, 2022