



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, OCTOBER 25, 2022
7:00 PM
PLANNING & OPERATIONS FACILITY
1011 E. KERR AVENUE
URBANA, IL 61802**

- I. **Call to Order – Welcome New Members and Introductions**
- 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 September 27, 2022 Meeting**
- IV. **New Business**
 - A. Meadowbrook Park and Wandell Sculpture Garden 25th Anniversary
 - B. Urbana Indoor Aquatic Center Agreement Update
- V. **Reports**
 - A. UPDAC Chair
 - B. Board Representative
 - C. Director's Report
 - D. Capital Projects Report
- VI. **UPDAC Member Comments and Open Discussion**
- VII. **Adjourn**

Upcoming meetings:

***November 15, 2022
December – no meeting
January 24, 2023
February 28, 2023***

*****This month's secretary is Reba Daniels*****

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.

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7:00 PM
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The meeting of the Urbana Park District Advisory Committee (UPDAC) was held Tuesday, September 27, 2022 at the Urbana Park District Planning and Operations Facility 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
Ashley Withers, Chair	X	
Gary Ambler	X	
Jonville Chenoweth	X	
Lori Choquette	X	
Reba Daniels	X	
Amy Delahanty	X	
David Dorman	X	
Kanittha Fay	X	
Ashley Moore		X
Bruce Rummenie	X	
Rachel Spencer		X
Gary Stensland	X	
Michael Stevenson	X	
Brittany Tammen	X	
Karl Weingartner	X	
Darius White	X	

Others present:

Nancy Delcomyn, Commissioner
Cedric Stratton, Commissioner
Tim Bartlett, Executive Director
Derek Liebert, Superintendent of Planning & Operations
Andy Rousseau, Project Manager
Kelsey Beccue, Development Manager
Matt Lewis, Community Programs Coordinator

I. Call to Order – Welcome New Members and Introductions

UPDAC Chair, Ashley Withers, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. She then conducted a round of introductions.

II. Public Comment

No members of the public attended and there was no public comment.

III. Approval of the Minutes of the August 23, 2022 Meeting

David Dorman made a motion with a second from Reba Daniels to approve the minutes of the August 23, 2022 UPDAC Meeting. A vote was taken, and the motion passed.

IV. New Business

A. S.P.L.A.S.H Program

Executive Director, Tim Bartlett, shared that the S.P.L.A.S.H Program first began as a pilot program with the schools and now is operating in select locations. Currently, funding has been limited to step-down funding and there is a need for long-term funding source. Tim stated that the Park District would like to have high-quality after school programs in every school supported by a sustainable funding source. He asked UPDAC to be thinking about ways the Park District can be effective in developing sustainable funding for afterschool programs, of high-quality nature, across schools.

Matt Lewis, Community Coordinator, then provided a presentation on the S.P.L.A.S.H. Program. Presentation topics included, but were not limited to, the following:

- History of the S.P.L.A.S.H Program
- Description of the S.P.L.A.S.H Program and schools
- Overview of how the Park District is involved
- Overview of when the Park District is involved
- Why the Park District is involved
- Who the Park District is reaching
- Typical S.P.L.A.S.H schedule
- Goals for the future

Throughout the presentation, UPDAC members shared the following comments and questions:

- Are there potential grant restrictions as to why S.P.L.A.S.H was offered in some schools but not in other?
- If there's an existing after-school program, would that impact whether S.P.L.A.S.H is able to be offered in the school?
- I want to comment that the Park District staff is phenomenal. They are closer to peers for these kids.
- How many S.P.L.A.S.H volunteers are there?
- Is there a child-to-adult ratio?
- Would recommend taking a little more credit in these opportunities.

- The more you hear tonight, the trust that's being built. We are building a community.
- Are there still plays with the theatre program?
- There is an astounding array these kids are being offered. It's important that we keep building programs like this.
- When I think about trust I the park district and anything I've donated, I know that is coming right back to my kids and my community.
- Is S.P.L.A.S.H in the fall program guide?
- Is there a waiting list?
- Do you anticipate the 21st century grant to be made available?
- Do you work with the after-school program?
- Do you all collect data on the families that attend S.P.L.A.S.H?
- As a taxpayer, I feel great hearing about this program and locations. I hope more people hear about this program.
- Are there eligibility requirements for students?
- Are current S.P.L.A.S.H leaders past S.P.L.A.S.H program participants?
- What is the annual budget? How much does it cost to run this program?
- Is this coming as a reimbursement level?
- Are there reasons other than money that restricts expanding the number of days?
- Can we have the data of who attends the S.P.L.A.S.H program.
- If the school district is writing grant proposals, are you able to see what's in the grant proposal.

Matt shared that the S.P.L.A.S.H. Program is funded through the 21st Century grant. He noted that this year two schools did not receive the grant funding. The Park District has been in discussion about ways to supplement some of the programming. This then led into a discussion about sustainable funding opportunities, and ways to creatively think about leveraging partnerships. The Park District encouraged UPDAC members to share any feedback and thoughts about this matter with them via email or in-person. They noted that this is something that as a community, should be elevated.

V. Reports

A. UPDAC Chair

Ashley sent a reminder to complete the Open Meetings Act training. She encouraged members to please complete that requirement. Reba then volunteered to take notes for October.

B. Board Representative

The Park District is starting discussions with the Urbana School District about the pool. There is a Park District Matrix Team that is starting discussions about how to manage the relationship with the indoor pool. It was noted this is a complex issue and there are many aspects of this.

C. Director's Report

Mr. Bartlett stated that prior to this meeting he met with the Natural Areas Committee. The group had a chance to tour the Crystal Lake Park. Tim shared that it has been multiple years of work and the area is now starting to see the benefits.

Tim then provided an update on the Health and Wellness Center. He noted the Park District is working on securing American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding and working with the City of Urbana to secure \$2.5 million. As part of that process, there is an application, and the Park District hopes to know something in January. Tim noted that Special Districts did not receive ARPA funding, and he is concerned on both fronts that Urbana won't get the funding they need. As part of this effort, the Park District and liaisons are speaking with folks involved in the matter. Tim noted he would be happy to share the talking points to UPDAC members so that when they speak to their council representatives or neighbors, they have some additional messaging to provide. He stressed that the Park District and community needs the support.

D. Capital Projects Report

A capital report was given. It was noted that a major project that has been going on all summer was Crystal Lake repaving. There are new parking locations in the lower east and the project is wrapping up. Over the summer, tennis courts were put in at Blair. There is another portion of that project, which is to replace the fencing on that project.

VI. UPDAC Member Comments and Open Discussion

One UPDAC member provided some suggestions to Park District staff regarding the "ask" to the City of Urbana and application. He suggested the Park District be aggressive in its request, because Council will likely pare down the final number. Other suggestions included to have personal testimony weaved into the presentation and comparing yourself to your main competition.

VII. Adjourn

Ashley Withers adjourned the meeting at 9:18 PM.