



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, NOVEMBER 15, 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 the Minutes of the October 25, 2022 Meeting

IV. New Business

- A. Health & Wellness Updates
- B. S.P.L.A.S.H Follow-up Discussion

V. Reports

- A. UPDAC Chair
- B. Board Representative
- C. Director's Report
- D. Capital Projects Report

Upcoming meetings:

December – no meeting
January 24, 2023
February 28, 2023
March 28, 2023

VI. UPDAC Member Comments and Open Discussion

VII. Adjourn

*****This month's secretary is Michael Stevenson*****

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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The meeting of the Urbana Park District Advisory Committee (UPDAC) was held Tuesday, October 25, 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
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

Corky Emberson, Superintendent of Recreation

Derek Liebert, Superintendent of Planning & Operations

Leslie Radice, Aquatics Manager

Janet Soesbe, Community Program Coordinator

Andy Rousseau, Project Manager

Kelsey Beccue, Development Manager

VIII. Call to Order – Welcome New Members and Introductions

UPDAC Chair, Ashley Withers, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

IX. Public Comment

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

X. Approval of the Minutes of the September 27, 2022 Meeting

Michael Stevenson made a motion with a second from Lori Choquette to approve the minutes of the September 27, 2022 UPDAC Meeting. A vote was taken, and the motion passed.

XI. New Business

C. Meadowbrook Park and Wandell Sculpture Garden 25th Anniversary

Janet Soesbe, Community Program Manager provided a pamphlet presentation on the celebration and programming for the Wandell Sculpture Garden 25th Anniversary.

- History of Wandell Sculpture Garden
- Overview of Park Districts planning of events and partners
 - Provided a schedule of upcoming events
- Purpose of Event
 - Call attention to the existing and new art and create programming each month “Jazz Walk to Jazz Walk” to get citizens outdoors.
- Ongoing Projects
 - Installation of two new pieces
 - Tim Bartlett, Executive Director provided overview of new artist and donor relationships needed for continue improvements and development of ownership of certain sculptures
 - Interactive Map: Citizens can use to engage with the art on walks or from home. Plans to incorporate in upcoming camps.
- Goals for Future
 - Tim Bartlett, Executive Director mentioned importance of UPD team visiting other gardens to learn new approaches and ideas. Recent takeaway is updating to signage to be accessible to all ages and abilities.
 - Janet discussed bringing Geocaches back to Meadowbrook, what geocaches were, purpose, etc.
 - Continue Active Aging week in the future with proactive planning with partners.

D. Urbana Indoor Aquatic Center Agreement Update

Leslie Radice, Aquatics Manager, provided an overview of current aquatics offerings and outlined future budget scenarios for continued partnership with Urbana School District to maintain certain programming efforts while reducing the deficit and cost.

- Tim Bartlett, Executive Director, provided history of partnership and creation of original center and decision making that has continued to impact the efficient of operating the center and limiting the ability to improve revenue; limited locker room space, no administrative area, limited pool deck, limited parking, etc.
- Leslie Radice provided definitions of the following programs and general overview of negotiation plan as the contract renewal approaching with school district as UPD does not own the facility but currently shares in capital and operational costs:
 - Lap Swim (used frequently by members)
 - Open Swim (open to public)
 - Swim Team Rentals (Mahomet and St. Thomas)
 - UPD Programs
 - PE Classes
 - UHS Swim Team
 - Private Rentals
 - Public Hour Rentals (occur during open swim times)

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

- What is current staffing standards for insurance?
- What happens when staff is low or call outs/no shows?
- What are the hours of lap swim vs. open swim?
- Pool temperature seems colder than surrounding pools?
- Swim lesson feedback on recent experiences
- What is the current participation rate looking like for walk-ins or PE Classes?
- What is the school boards approach in negotiations, why should they accept it?
- How do we get the community to know that UPD only manages the facility and doesn't own the building?
 - Recommendations to create a "Did you know?" Social Media Campaign
 - Recommendation for a community meeting

XII. Reports

E. UPDAC Chair

Reminder for next month's meeting is a week earlier due to holidays and no December meeting.

F. Board Representative

Mentioned upcoming board and UPD meetings.

G. Director's Report

Tim Bartlett, Executive Director, stated two potential new partners or programming ideas

- Siebel Center for Design - Design Thinking
 - Planning to take a tour soon.
- Attended a Bike Summit at I-Hotel and a takeaway from presenters was the idea of a Ciclovía “Takeover a street typically used by cars” for events to reclaim the space for a brief period and connect with residents a new way

H. Capital Projects Report

Derek Liebert, Superintendent of Planning and Operations provided the following updates:

- Nature Center’s Pavilion has had significant progress as concrete is poured and pillars are up including subgrating the parking lot in. Plumbing, Electrical, Masonry work is ongoing. This area is used for nature camps and general public use.
- Crystal Lake Park has ongoing tree replacement for trees that didn’t make after planting, reseeding of trouble areas and those impacted by recent projects.
- Gave general reminders of upcoming meetings for capital projects teams and upcoming budget discussions and 5 year planning which may be discussed in the coming months more in depth.

XIII. UPDAC Member Comments and Open Discussion

Various comments on timing of meetings and any issues please communicate.

XIV. Adjourn

Chair, Ashley Withers adjourned the meeting at 9:06 PM