

**URBANA PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES – BOARD STUDY SESSION
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 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, October 4, 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;
Corky Emberson, Superintendent of Recreation;
Derek Liebert, Superintendent of Planning and Operations;
Leslie Radice, Aquatics Manager;
Allison Jones served as Recorder.

I. Call to Order

President Walker called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM.

A. Remote Attendance

There was no remote attendance requested.

II. Accept Agenda

COMMISSIONER DELCOMYN 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. UIAC Review

Director Bartlett provided background on the UIAC management process, including members of the Management Team, history of the facility and design, impacts of 2006 fire, review of contracts for operations, operating costs and spending, staffing issues, attendance numbers, capital concerns, revenue generating programs, and potential management scenarios. He noted that the next steps in moving forward would be to identify goals of the process, including balancing capital costs, shared management, and operation details. Commissioner Delcomyn provided additional information from the last UIAC Management Team meeting, including an analysis of the staff dynamics, changing programming, and positive feedback from their Board member.

Board and staff discussed Board and staff dynamics, politics, different size and breadth of the two organizations, programming impacts, and options for potential savings. They reviewed different scenarios for day-to-day operations and program offerings. They also discussed capital spending and needs. Board and staff continued to discuss details of the process, UPD's needs, and how best to move forward with what is best for both organizations and the community.

B. Levy Review

Director Bartlett reviewed the process for determining UPD's property tax levy for 2022. The Board will need to decide the appropriate levy rate. He noted that items to consider when determining the rate including hospital taxing issues, any expiring TIF districts, and any additional property coming on the tax rolls. Director Bartlett noted that staff have prepared 30%, 25%, and 20% levy options. The Board expressed interest in 28%. Staff noted the Board will vote on this issue in December.

V. Comments from Commissioners

President Walker inquired about the upcoming elections and petition information. He noted that there is at least 1 person interested in the UPD Board position opening. Commissioner Delcomyn stated she has spoken to several people possibly interested in running as well.

President Walker inquired about a possible ARPA funding update, and staff noted that they will be meeting with Regional Planning Commissioner in the next few days and the City of Urbana has stated they will announce awards in January.

Commissioner Stratton commented on the current UPDAC class and their enthusiasm for projects and work.

VI. Adjourn

President Walker adjourned the meeting at 8:41 PM.

Michael W. Walker, President

Timothy A. Bartlett, Secretary

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Date Approved: November 8, 2022