



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 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD STUDY SESSION
TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2023
6:30 PM
PLANNING AND OPERATIONS FACILITY
1011 E. KERR AVENUE
URBANA, ILLINOIS 61802**

Mask usage and social distancing where possible is encouraged.

Board Study Sessions are designed for the Board to study, review and discuss specific topics. Actions are not typically taken during a Study Session, unless specifically noted on the agenda.

I. Call to Order

A. Remote Attendance

The Board may authorize, by a voice vote of the physically present board members, any Commissioner wishing to attend remotely, pursuant to the UPD Remote Attendance Policy (Ord 2017-03).

II. Accept Agenda

III. Public Comment

Any member of the public may make a brief statement at this time within the public participation rules of the Board.

IV. Discussion

A. Joint Discussion with Urbana Parks Foundation

1. UPF Information for UPD Board

- Overview of UPF Organization
- UPF Events Planning
- UPF Financial Status
- UPF Fundraising Status
- UPF Recruitment Status
- UPF Marketing Status

2. UPD Information for UPF Board

- Report from UPD Board President, Michael Walker
- Health & Wellness Initiative Update
- Capital Projects Updates

- d. Priority Projects List
- e. Other Information
- 3. Strategies for UPD and UPF to Support Priority Projects

V. Comments from Commissioners

VI. Adjourn

Meeting Agenda and its 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.

URBANA PARKS FOUNDATION PRIORITY PROJECTS FOR 2023

December 13, 2022

UPD Strategic Plan Pillars



Health & Wellness reinforces the Urbana Park District's commitment to providing parks, programs, facilities, and events that promote all dimensions of wellness. This includes investigation of new indoor and self-guided opportunities for all ages and abilities.



You Belong Here promotes the creation of welcoming and supportive park and recreation experiences for everyone, while encouraging an inclusive and responsive staff culture. This celebrates inclusion regardless of age, ethnicity, culture, income, ability, lifestyle, interests—everyone and anyone belongs here!



Placemaking features the design and creation of vibrant and engaging spaces that inspire health and recreation. Placemaking strives to incorporate universal and multigenerational design, sustainable and environmentally responsible initiatives, resilient and future-oriented plans, and safe, welcoming places, which the public participates in creating.



Trails & Connectivity highlights the establishment of multiuse paths within parks for transportation and recreation, while creating park-wide, neighborhood, community, and regional connections. This supports active lifestyles and safe transportation for those walking, biking, jogging, and rolling in the community, while also stimulating local tourism and economy.



Health and Wellness

Expand and improve upon indoor Health & Wellness space for the community:

- The dire need of improved indoor health and wellness space in Urbana became evident through strategic plan process.
- The vision of this potential space incorporates a variety of opportunities in fitness, wellness, and athletics to promote and improve the overall well-being of community members, while providing indoor, on your own time opportunities.
- UPF has already raised funds in excess of \$1,800,000 towards this project
- The next effort will be towards seeking corporate sponsorships in anticipation of a 2024 opening.
- Goal: sponsorship totaling \$20,000

In Urbana, there is a need for an indoor space to “drop in” and recreate or exercise on your own time.



An indoor walking path has been one of the most requested amenities for a health and wellness facility.



Placemaking

Meadowbrook Park Playground

- Meadowbrook Playground replacement is in the planning phases and is scheduled for removal in late fall of 2022 and replacement in 2023. UPD has a project budget of \$1.2 million including donations and grants
- Goal: Donations totaling \$100,000

Blair Park

- Most masterplan updates complete or near complete.
- The UPF raised approximately \$138,000 in support of the Tennis Court Updates
- Goal:
 - \$535,000 pavilion rehab construction

Public Art

- The Strategic Plan 2020 calls for including public art at all parks and facilities, of varying types, medium, and permanence, from peace posts to fine art
- Goal: up to \$50,000



After 25 years of service,
Meadowbrook Playground is scheduled for replacement in 2023.



You Belong Here

Youth Scholarships

- Provide Urbana youths access to recreation programs offered by the Urbana Park District based on financial need.
- Current budgeting for Youth Scholarships is limited and based on current Recreation Fund.
- Support in funding would assist and allow the UPD to continue offering “program access to all”.
- **Goal: \$20,000**



Camps and recreation opportunities provide invaluable learning and socializing opportunities for youth.



Scholarships bring together youth from across Urbana to promote the importance of recreation, well-being and community.



Trails & Connectivity

Crystal Lake Park

- Two trail projects have been completed through ITEP grant applications but additional unfunded projects and phases remain
- **Goals:**
- **Turkey Trot Path cost of construction, \$500,000**
- **West Woods Loop Path cost of construction, \$400,000**



With the completion of the Park Street and Broadway path projects the focus turns to internal paths per the Crystal Lake Rehab and Access Plan