



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, SEPTEMBER 4, 2018
6:30-8:00 PM
EXECUTIVE SESSION – 8:00 PM
PLANNING AND OPERATIONS FACILITY
1011 E. KERR AVENUE
URBANA, ILLINOIS 61802**

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

IV. Discussion

A. UPD Strategic Plan

1. Crystal Lake Park
2. Health and Wellness
3. Underrepresented Populations
4. Kickapoo Rail Trail

V. Comments from Commissioners

VI. Adjourn to Executive Session

VII. Reconvene Regular Board Meeting

VIII. Adjourn

Note: This 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.



Strategic Planning

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WHY STRATEGIC PLANNING?

- Last plan 2007
- set priorities to focus energy and district-wide resources on common initiatives
- synthesize existing UPD goals and budgets with public, stakeholder, staff, Board and UPDAC knowledge
- create measurable, achievable goals to work towards
- efficiently serve the public's needs
- optimize future potential
- reaffirm 5 Year Capital Plan

CURRENT UPD INITIATIVES

- Crystal Lake Rehabilitation
- Reaching underrepresented residents in Urbana
- KRT trailhead development at Weaver
- Health and wellness initiative and facility
- Other

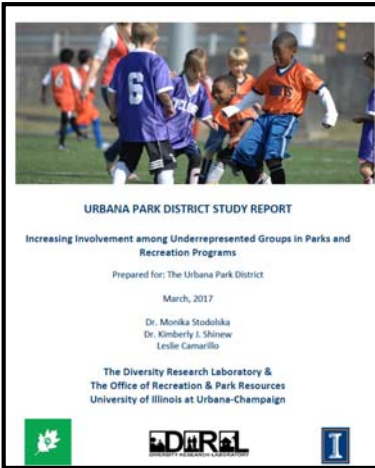


CRYSTAL LAKE REHABILITATION

- Crystal Lake Rehabilitation, Access and Management Plan
 - Water and sediment quality
 - Shoreline enhancement & habitat restoration
 - Public recreation
 - Lake House improvements

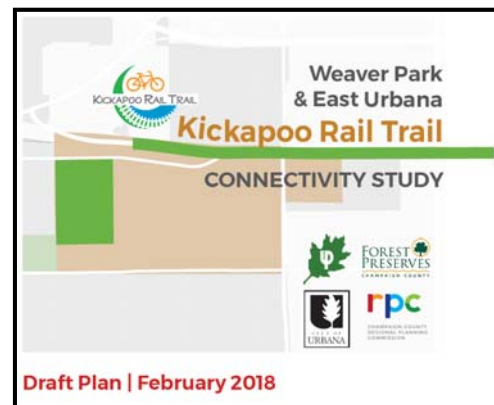


REACHING THE UNDERREPRESENTED



KICKAPOO RAIL TRAIL TRAILHEAD DEVELOPMENT AT WEAVER

- Weaver Park & East Urbana KRT Connectivity Study
 - Safe connections to trail
- Trailhead
 - Design and amenities
 - Encourage use of trail and healthy lifestyles



HEALTH AND WELLNESS INITIATIVE AND FACILITY

- Uncertainty with Brookens gymnasium
- Need for indoor recreation space
- Facilitate healthy lifestyles for residents
- Visits to other health and wellness centers
 - Attended by staff, Board and UPDAC members



- Health & Wellness Facility -

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM STATEMENT & NEEDS ASSESSMENT

BACKGROUND:

The Urbana Park District first entered into a lease agreement with Champaign County at the current Brookens Gym space in 1995, as a 5-year lease. This lease was then extended for a 20-year period, until June 1, 2021.

The current facility includes space for 6 staff offices, 2 workstations for interns and part-time employees, multipurpose room, 1 high school sized basketball court or 2 junior sized courts/2 volleyball courts, and 1 men's and 1 women's locker room. These spaces are in fair to poor condition and do not provide adequate programmable use for the current demand.

The District was notified in the summer of 2016 of a potential loss of the facility due to Champaign County's primary office location relocating, depending on a variety of factors. At this time and as a result of a district-wide space study, staff was already in a planning phase for refurbishing the current gym, office, and multi-purpose rooms. Staff was additionally reviewing current outdoor athletic field spaces throughout the District to develop plans for future field improvements and relocations. However, since the possible plans for County Office relocation were announced, the staff group re-focused efforts on the planning for a prospective new indoor Health and Wellness facility in addition to the analysis of outdoor spaces. This effort incorporated program space for both Athletics as well as Outreach and Wellness areas.

In the months that followed, three tours of Health and Wellness Facilities in the Chicago and Central Illinois regions were completed. These tours involved Staff, Board, and Urbana Park District Advisory Committee members. A number of programming amenities and design features were reviewed in the 11 total facilities. The preferred design styles, programmable spaces and community amenities are recorded in the following document.

NEXT STEPS AND TIMELINE

- www.urbanaparks.org/get-involved/strategic-planning/
- In-person outreach at events throughout summer
- Stakeholder meetings late summer
- Focus groups on specific topics
- Data and feedback synthesis in winter
- Completed Strategic Plan document Spring 2019
- Creation of goal-based task teams for implementation

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