



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, **SEPTEMBER 18, 2018**
7:00 PM
PLANNING AND OPERATIONS FACILITY
1011 KERR AVE.
URBANA, ILLINOIS 61802**

- I. Call to Order - Introductions**
- II. Public Comment**
- III. New Business**
 - A. Update to Recreation Action Plan and questionnaire responses for summer 2018
- IV. Questions and Answers – Answer any questions as follow up from last month’s meeting**
- V. Reports**
 - A. UPDAC Chair
 - B. Director
 - C. Board Representative
 - D. UPDAC Committees – no reports
- VI. Approval of the Minutes of the August 28, 2018 meeting.**
- VII. UPDAC Member Comments and open discussion**
- VIII. Adjourn**

Upcoming meetings:

*October 23, 2018
November 27, 2018
December – no meeting
January 22, 2019
February 26, 2019*

*****This month’s secretary is Ellen Kirsanoff*****

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.

URBANA PARK DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY AUGUST 28, 2018
6:00 PM
MEADOWBROOK INTERPRETIVE CENTER 2808 S. RACE ST.
URBANA, ILLINOIS 61801

A meeting of the Urbana Park District Advisory Committee was held Tuesday August 28, 2018, at the Meadowbrook Interpretive Center 2808 S. Race St., Urbana, IL at 6:00 pm. The notice and agenda of the meeting were posted at the park district and at the location of the meeting. Copies of the notice and agenda were received by each volunteer of the committee prior to the meeting.

[Minutes of the August 28, 2018 UPDAC meeting](#)

Attending: Kelly Boeger, Tomas Delgado, Heath Isome, Sue Kim, Ben Kaap, Vanessa Lane, Melissa Logsdon, Jean Paley, Sarah Roper, Howard Schein, Travis Schiess, Tim Stephens, Andy Wszalek, Tim Bartlett, Corky Emberson, Derek Liebert, Ellen Kirsanoff

The meeting was called to order by Ellen Kirsanoff and Chair Melissa Logsdon.

There was no public comment.

New Business: New attendees joining the advisory committee introduced to the group. An introductory recap and overview of the developments were discussed: in depth programming, addressing financial issues, continued progress in meeting the needs of the underserved/underrepresented in our community, progress and planning to address the community population and programming roles for the rest of the year.

- Crystal Lake- UPD planning primary focus for improvements, future planning.
- Initiatives to meet the underserved.
- KRT- Kickapoo Rail Trail
- Leased Facility-Planning efforts and community input
- Present action plan
- Result of survey
- Data from last winter
- Results of summer changes, small steps and their impact on the community
- Q & A
- Staff excited with results
- Working with Carle in future efforts to expand KRT to downtown
- Through future planning, multiple projects continue at all times.
- Plans, goals, studies were submitted/presented to state conference, happy to announce this was accepted with many partners excited

Reports:

Ellen Kirsanoff: September's UPDAC meeting will be moved up one week to Tuesday, September 18, 2018. The next meeting will take place at the Planning and Operations Facility at 1011 E. Kerr Avenue Urbana, IL 61802

Upcoming Events: Jazz Walk event is September 7, 2018

Invites mailed/distributed at the meeting as well to spread the work about the upcoming event at Meadowbrook Park. This will be hosted by the Parks Foundation. A pre-social will be held at the Meadowbrook Interpretive Center from 4-530p, just prior to the jazz walk. Please feel free to join for this fun get together to meet other supporters of the Urbana Park District.

Director/Tim Bartlett address the critical work ahead for the calendar year:

- Programs minding attention to delivery from the results of the study groups on assessing community needs as the focus, 3-4 month preplan, Strategic Planning
- Crystal Lake is 100 years old, restoring the history, provide tlc, and move forward in planning to reinvent this park.
- Carle taxes and the impact on the community, on UPD and on the schools, partnering to improve these public spaces. Discussions hold an end in sight, success story to move forward together
- Vermillion County- future options in connecting KRT to Danville, IL as well as trail plans for parks
- Activities to build connections, encourage usage of public spaces for all, supporting activities that are inclusive and mindful to reach underrepresented groups
- Teens- addressing health and wellness to meet the needs of the older youth in our community, UPD indoor recreational facility, help support the schools, provide spaces for them to go.
- Brookens Gym- had 100,000 visitors so there is certainly a need to provide community spaces
- Donations, Gifts, Grants with assistance from the Parks Foundation over the past 10 years Finding resources within the community is important as many funds are no longer in the state system. Pillars of this year's fundraising efforts will be announced to the community at Jazz Fest. First stage-non-public to raise \$1 million, Second stage- raise \$2 million through public. These funds assist with scholarships, maintenance of all parks. An Endowment helps to provide funds for upgrades to public spaces, for programs, to help grow capital development long term.
- "Smart Growth" draws people to Urbana, exciting plans provide more attractive, usable public spaces.
- Bond issue: poll community needs to see where their tax dollars are going. Goal is to provide a healthy community for all ages. What attracts community members is dependent on a household with or without children. Regardless, schools and parks add value to a community. Without pursuit of developments, we risk losing families.
- Recently- Enterprise Jones offering tax benefits in Urbana to entice developers over next 5 years.

Board Representative report –none

Minutes of the June meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve by Jean Paley, second by Heath Isome. Approved by all. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Minutes by Vanessa Lane