

**URBANA PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
 MINUTES – BOARD STUDY SESSION
 TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2018
 6:30 PM-8:00 PM
 EXECUTIVE SESSION 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, September 4, 2018 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 Nancy Delcomyn	X	
Commissioner Lashaunda Cunningham	X	
Commissioner Roger Digges	X	
Commissioner Meredith Blumthal	X	

Also present were Tim Bartlett, Executive Director;
 Derek Liebert, Planning and Operations Superintendent;
 Corky Emberson, Recreation Superintendent;
 Caty Roland, Business Manager;
 Andy Rousseau, Project Manager;
 Allison Jones served as Recorder.

I. Call to Order

A. Remote Attendance

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

II. Accept Agenda

COMMISSIONER CUNNINGHAM MADE A MOTION WITH A SECOND BY COMMISSIONER DELCOMYN TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. ALL SAID "AYE," MOTION CARRIED.

III. Public Comment

There were no comments from members of the public.

IV. Discussion

A. UPD Strategic Plan

Director Bartlett reviewed recent Strategic Planning efforts, including the four main planning areas of focus: Crystal Lake Park, Health and Wellness, Underrepresented Populations, and the Kickapoo Rail Trail. He also reviewed the timeline and collaborators for the Strategic Plan.

1. Crystal Lake Park

Derek Liebert reviewed the concept plan for Crystal Lake Park, which includes naturalizing the lake edge, managing geese, keeping significant trees and maintaining bird/wildlife habitat, improved access, trails, improving water quality, erosion control, and removing invasive species. Andy Rousseau discussed the budget for the project and funding sources, including grants, donations, and the Capital Projects budget. Staff also discussed donor recognition, the one-way study, and improvements along the Park & Broadway intersection.

2. Health and Wellness

Director Bartlett presented an update on the development options being considered for a multi-agency development in downtown Urbana. He noted the collaborating agencies are currently working on a Program Statement with more information to come.

3. Underrepresented Populations

Corky Emberson provided updates on the efforts to serve underrepresented populations, including outreach questionnaires, a multitude of successful summer programs, and upcoming programs throughout the fall. He noted the programs and processes are being constantly evaluated and will have some dedicated funding in the future. He emphasized that emotional connection with communities are essential to breaking down barriers, as well as non-traditional delivery of services.

4. Kickapoo Rail Trail

Staff presented updates on the Kickapoo Rail Trail developments, including work at the Weaver Park trailhead and work on connections between the trail portions. Staff discussed public input through community meetings, future trailhead updates and connections, and collaborators throughout the process.

V. Comments from Commissioners

There were no further comments from Commissioners.

VI. Adjourn to Executive Session

COMMISSIONER DELCOMYN MADE A MOTION WITH A SECOND BY COMMISSIONER BLUMTHAL IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 2, PART 'C', EXCEPTION #5 OF THE ILLINOIS OPEN MEETINGS ACT TO ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING THE PURCHASE OR LEASE OF REAL PROPERTY TO BE USED BY THE PUBLIC BODY. A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN, MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 8:11 pm.

COMMISSIONER DELCOMYN MADE A MOTION WITH A SECOND BY COMMISSIONER DIGGES TO ADJOURN THE EXECUTIVE SESSION. A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN, MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Board closed the Executive Session at 8:27 pm.

VII. Reconvene Regular Board Meeting

President Walker reconvened the regular meeting at 8:28 pm.

VIII. Adjourn

President Walker adjourned the meeting at 8:29 pm.

Michael W. Walker, President

Timothy A. Bartlett, Secretary

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Date Approved: October 9, 2018