



*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, OCTOBER 23, 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. Homeless Issues in Urbana Parks – Presentation by C-U At Home
- 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 September 18, 2018 meeting**
- VII. UPDAC Member Comments and open discussion**
- VIII. Adjourn**

***Upcoming meetings:***

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

**\*\*\*This month’s secretary is Kay Holley\*\*\***

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.

# UPDAC Minutes

## September 18, 2018

Attending: Kelly Boeger, Jennifer Hardesty, Kay Holley, Heath Isome, Ben Kaap, Jean Paley, Sarah Roper, Travis Schiess, Tim Stephens, Nancy Delcomyn, Tim Bartlett, Corky Emberson, Ellen Kirsanoff, Elsie Hedgspeth, Racheal Weiland, Judy Miller, Janet Soesbe, Andy Rousseau.

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm by Ellen Kirsanoff, standing in for Chair Melissa Logsdon.

Public Comment: none

New Business: Update to Recreation Action Plan – Elsie Hedgspeth and Racheal Weiland

Elsie briefly reviewed the results of the initial Underserved study that was done several years ago. They outlined the planning process initiated by Recreation staff in response to the survey findings, the goals and objectives set, and the programs planned to meet those goals. The main focus of events so far has been summer of 2018. The presentation highlighted a number of the events presented and the participation numbers and outcomes. Here is a list of events completed for the outreach efforts:

- Over 400 questionnaires completed by 8/15/18
- All Around This World Multicultural Events
- Special Aquatic Event – Community Palooza
- Play Days in the Parks
- Bike Events
- Lierman Ave Action Committee Events

Total attendance for these special events was 2,046 people.

Events and Activities are planned beyond the summer and into 2019 to increase the participation of underserved groups, and to reach even more of our community that we have not reached out to as of today.

Racheal reviewed the results/responses to the questionnaire that we widely distributed this summer. Questions were designed to give insight into reasons why participation by groups is low or non-existent.

- Do you use Urbana Parks? Meadowbrook and Crystal Lake were the most visited.
- What barriers keep you from participating in park programs? Lack of time was the greatest factor and timing of program offerings where the reasons most often mentioned.
- What could the UPD do or offer to get you to utilize programs and events more? More free offerings or indoor places for kids to use in the wintertime.

- What would an improved Crystal Lake park look like to you? More paths, more walking/biking, restrooms, water quality, and less geese!

#### Q & A;

- How did we get the word out about these activities and events? Flyers around the neighborhoods, program guide, social media, and all the usual channels we use to promote all activities. Flyers in the neighborhoods seemed to have a good impact on the attendance.
- How did we get partners to help us plan these activities? We worked with the Community Coalition and the Lierman Ave. Neighborhood Association.
- Impressive follow through based on the survey. Keep up the good work
- How much were the police involved with planning and presenting these programs? Do police have to come in uniform? Officers come to events as much as possible, one officer especially enjoyed working these events and scheduled herself to be there. Yes, they do have to attend in uniform.

#### Reports:

Chair – no report, Ellen did mention that staff would appreciate hearing from UPDAC members if they have particular areas/topics of interest they should let staff know and staff will work on including that information into the schedule of meetings.

Director – Tim highlighted trail planning that is happening around the community. What trail development can mean for the community and what the UPD is doing to include that into our planning. In addition, making all our parks as accessible as possible. There was a question about CLP and how soon the water quality will improve. Tim and Andy discussed briefly how the work will be phased in during the overall redevelopment project and what the timeline may look like.

Board Representative – no report

UPDAC committees – no report

Approval of the August 28, 2018 minutes. Jean moved for approval, Jen seconded. Approved by all.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Submitted by Ellen Kirsanoff