



*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, NOVEMBER 27, 2018  
7:00 PM  
PLANNING AND OPERATIONS FACILITY  
1011 E. KERR AVENUE  
URBANA, ILLINOIS 61802**

- I. Call to Order - Introductions**
- II. Public Comment**
- III. New Business**
  - A. The Urbana Free Library and Cooperative Programs with the Park District – Presentation by Celeste Chaote, UFL Executive Director
- 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 October 23, 2018 meeting.**
- VII. UPDAC Member Comments and open discussion**
- VIII. Adjourn**

***Upcoming meetings:***

*December – no meeting  
January 22, 2019  
February 26, 2019  
March 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.

# UPDAC Minutes

## October 23, 2018

**Attending: UPDAC members:** Tomas Delgado, Kay Holley, Heath Isome, Ben Kaap, Vanessa Lane, Melissa Logsdon, Jean Paley, Sarah Roper, Howard Schein, Tim Stephens, Andy Wszalek. **Staff:** Tim Bartlett, Derek Liebert, Ellen Kirsanoff. **UPD Commissioner:** Nancy Delcomyn. **Guest Presenters:** Rob Dalhaus III and Terry Andrews (CU at Home).

**Call To Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7 pm by Melissa Logsdon

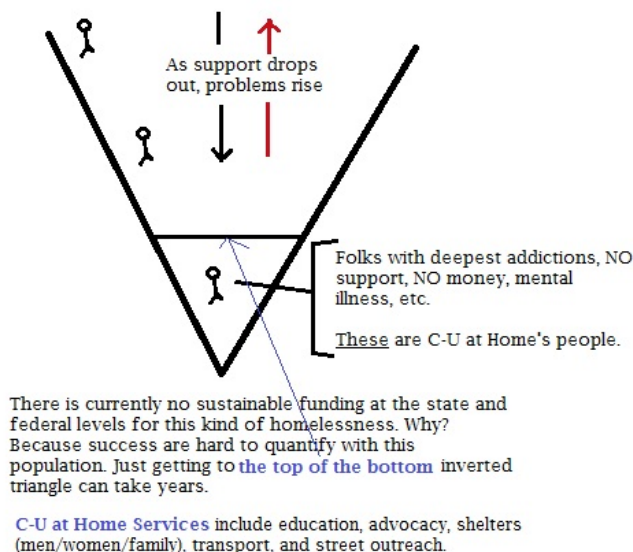
**Public Comment:** none

### New Business:

Tim introduced two guests from C-U at Home to speak about Homelessness in the Park: Rob Dalhaus and Terry Andrews:

1. **Rob** asked the group to brainstorm about reactions first to the word “Homeless” and then to the word “Friend.” Discussion revealed a tendency to negative stereotypes (e.g., sad, trauma, addiction, lonely, outcast, drugs) for “Homeless,” and positive stereotypes (e.g., safe, trust, home, happy, help, community). He explained that the CU at Home philosophy is that Homeless=Friends who are on the street.”

Rob introduced the idea of the “Vulnerability V.”



2. **Terry** discussed the work he does—Housing Outreach, Transportation, and Street Outreach. Discussed the fact that many homeless like to camp in C-U Parks, because they feel that they are safer

there. He said that the biggest thing the homeless want is to be treated as members of society—to have CONTACT with others. We need to let them know someone cares. Urged us to call C-U at Home if a homeless person in the parks needs help and support.

3. **Rob** then discussed some new C-U at Home programs: “C-U at Work”—in partnership with Champaign Township—paid day work for homeless. Also a new Men’s facility at the old Times Center facility. Also, Men’s Shelter will start hours in November, 8:30 am-7:30 pm. Rob pointed out the comparative costs factor: Cost per person per night: Jail: high, ER: \$500-1000, Shelter: \$20.

4. The guys put in a plug for this year’s ONE WINTER NIGHT fundraiser—hoping to raise 2/3 of their budget, or \$250,000. Also made suggestions for how to handle interactions with homeless in the parks (or elsewhere)—1. Get their name, so you can Call C-U at Home 2. Have a conversation with them, 3. Bring them a meal, or give them a gift card, or take them for a meal. Advocated spending time with homeless people, perhaps by going to the Drop In Center. **“It all Starts with a Conversation.”**

**Q & A from last month:** NONE

**Reports:**

**Chair--Melissa:** None

**Director--Tim:** 1. Tim asserted that UPD wants to foster a more compassionate approach to homeless people in the parks. Mentioned UPD becoming involved in C-U at Work. 2. He also reported on the Indianapolis conference that he and some staff attended. Common themes there: trials, connectivity and partnership. Derek added--the relationship between Parks and Rec and Community health.

**Board--Nancy:** UPD is in good financial state

**Director (and staff) cont.:** Tim discussed the issues surrounding setting the tax levy. Watch for the “black box” in the N-G. 25 % for this year.

UPD won two awards recently: The Governor’s Home Town Award for the Nature Play Scape and a Green Award for sustainability practices and green resources.

**UPDAC committees:** None

**Approval of the October 18, 2018 minutes.**

Howard Schein moved for approval,

Jean Paley seconded. Approved by all.

**The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.**

**Minutes submitted by Kay Holley**