



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, JANUARY 22, 2019
7:00 PM
PHILLIPS RECREATION CENTER
505 W. STOUGHTON
URBANA, ILLINOIS 61801**

- I. Call to Order - Introductions**
- II. Public Comment**
- III. New Business**
 - A. What's New at The Phillips Recreation Center; Updates to building and program offerings – Presentation by Urbana Park District Planning and Recreation Staff.
- 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 November 27, 2018 meeting.**
- VII. UPDAC Member Comments and open discussion**
- VIII. Adjourn**

Upcoming meetings:

***February 26, 2019
March 26, 2019
April 23, 2019
May 28, 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 Meeting Minutes

November 27, 2018

Attending: Kelly Boeger, Tomas Delgado, Marianne Downey, Jennifer Hardesty, Sue Kin, Ben Kaap, Melissa Logsdon, Jean Paley, Sarah Roper, Howard Schein, Travis Schiess, Tim Stephens, Tim Bartlett, Corky Emberson, Derek Liebert, Ellen Kirsanoff, Celeste Choate.

The meeting was called to order by Melissa Logsdon at 7:00 pm.

Tim Bartlett took a minute to introduce our guest, Celeste Choate, Executive Director of the Urbana Free Library. She is here today to provide the members with information about the Free Library's programs, activities, and the ways in which the library works cooperatively with the Urbana Park District.

Public Comment: There was none.

New Business: Celeste gave information on her background, and her tenure as Executive Director.

She began her presentation with some facts about the Urbana Free Library. The UFL has been in existence for 100 years, the building was built in 1918. It's called the Urbana Free Library because at the time of its establishment, libraries existed, but most of them were subscription libraries. That was very common to have to pay for access to the collection. The UFL was intended to be free to all residents of Urbana. The average number of items checked out and in circulation on any given day is 26,363. Here is a partial list of some of the items that are provided for check out by the UFL;

- Books, CD's, Movies
- 3-D Printing capability – 3 D Science Collection
- Hoopla, so users can stream multiple data at the same time
- Sewing Machines
- WiFi Hot Spots
- Guitars and Amps
- VHS to DVD Converters

Celeste also outlined some of the programs and services they provide;

- Teen Open Lab – offered 4 days a week 25-25 kids come in and have the opportunity to do a number of different activities while in the lab. Anything from playing music to watching videos, to doing homework or computer use.
- They hold the Archives for Champaign County
- They have all of Champaign's museum records that can be viewed and searched.
- Provide computers for use by the public

- Hold special events such as the Fairy Tale Ball, Summer Concerts, and reading time (read to a horse, read to a dog programs, etc.)

Cooperative programs UFL and UPD do together or work closely on;

- Little Free Library project. Located in the green space owned by the UFL on Green St, the LFL was designed and built by kids attending UPD's summer Construction Camp program. It was then given to the UFL, installed on the Green St. lot, and is operated by UFL. Books are regularly replaced in the LFL and it is used widely by the community.
- Worked together to apply for an Urbana Public Arts Grant to have Jay Sands perform for "All Around This World" special concerts for both UPD and UFL audiences. His performances were for children and occurred at both facilities, and reached a wider audience than if done by only one organization.
- Read Across America event – held annually in Lincoln Square Mall – this is a national program presented locally here in Urbana. The UPD staff plan and implement the event every year, with assistance for UFL staff and many community volunteers. It has great attendance each year and serves a wide audience
- UFL attends our Neighborhood Nights events and interacts with attendees
- UFL staff come to Play Dates in the Parks
- UFL comes to Strawberry Jam and Jettie Rhodes Day in King Park
- UFL plans reading events in the parks, encouraging families to bring out blankets and books and sit and read outdoors in UPD park settings

The presentation wrapped up with several questions from UPDAC members about a variety of activities that the library and park district do and how they can continue to plan and work together to serve our residents.

Q & A from last month? None

Reports:

Chair report – Melissa will be out for the January and February UPDAC meetings. She is looking for an UPDAC member to serve as interim Chair for those meetings.

Board Representative – None

Director – Tim reported on 51st Turkey Trot, we had over 2,000 people attend. The weather was great. On December 2nd there will be a new event held at Weaver Park – Cyclocross will use the park. This event will attract a younger group to participate with the UPD. 11/28 there will be an open house at the Lake House for public input into the proposed change to the road in Crystal Lake Park. If you would like to come out, please do. A new sculpture was installed in Leal Park. One is coming to AMBUCS Park soon, and Mare and Foal in front of the Phillips Recreation Center was relocated for repair and replaced by a new sculpture.

The minutes of the October 23, 2018 meeting were reviewed by all. There was a motion to approve the minutes by Howard Schein and second by Ban Kaap. Minutes were approved by all.

UPDAC members' comments and open discussion: None

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Ellen Kirsanoff