



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, JUNE 25, 2019
7:00 PM
LAKE HOUSE IN CRYSTAL LAKE PARK
206 W PARK ST
URBANA, ILLINOIS 61801**

- I. Call to Order - Introductions**
- II. Public Comment**
- III. New Business**
 - A. Discussion of Crystal Lake Park re-development. UPD Planning staff. Small group tours of project area. Come prepared to walk the area, weather permitting.
- IV. Questions and Answers – Answer any questions as follow up from last month’s meeting**
- V. Reports**
 - A. UPDAC Chair – Flyer Distribution for Neighborhood Nights
 - B. Director’s Report
 - C. Board Representative
 - D. UPD Projects update
- VI. Approval of the Minutes of the May 28, 2019 meeting.**
- VII. UPDAC Member Comments and open discussion**
- VIII. Adjourn**

Upcoming meetings:

*July – no meeting
August 27, 2019 Lake House
September 24 – regular meeting
October 22 – regular meeting*

*****This month’s secretary is Tomas Delgado*****

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

May 28, 2019

Attending: UPDAC members: Kelly Boeger, Marianne Downey, Kay Holley, Heath Isome, Sue Kim, Ben Kaap, Melissa Logsdon, Jean Paley, Sarah Roper, Howard Schein, Travis Schiess, Amita Sinha, Tim Stephens.

Staff: Tim Bartlett, Corky Emberson, Derek Liebert, Andy Rousseau

UPD Commissioner: Not present

Guest Presenters: Kara Dudek, **UPD**

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

II. Public Comment: None

III. New Business:

First Presentation: Kara Dudek gave a presentation on Blair Park planning, at the corners of Pennsylvania Ave. and Vine St. It currently has 3 baseball diamonds, 7 tennis courts, and a small pavilion. UPDAC members went around the table and talked about their experiences and why they have visited Blair Park in the past. It was founded in 1944, when some thought Urbana would never grow south of Blair Park. J.C. Blair, the Father of the Illinois State Park System is the park's namesake. The playground is due for replacement in 2020 per UPD's playground replacement schedule. UPDAC members commented on current playground equipment at Blair Park and what they might like to see in the future. The general consensus was that the current equipment was lacking, and that UPD has a great opportunity to enhance what is already there or possibly fill other needs not currently filled by other parks in Urbana. Kara showed a draft park master plan and some precedent images they used for inspiration. Updated pavilion, teen-centered activities, and 8' wide multiuse paths were the major inspirations. UPD staff is hoping to get more funding through the Open Space Lands Acquisitions and Development Grant cycle, which granted money for Crystal Lake Park in the past. Upland Design Ltd has been contracted to assist with the park design. UPD staff showed a video of an electronic play device they are taking inspiration from for a future amenity at Blair Park. The UPDAC members were asked to create a list of amenities/features they would like to see in the future Blair Park that are Active, Multigenerational, Teen centered, and foster a positive park experience. Each UPDAC member was then asked to create a top 5 list from the larger list of amenities/features they would like to incorporate into Blair Park.

Second Presentation: Due to time, staff gave a small recap of Strategic Planning that was created last year.

IV. Q & A from last month: No comments

V. Reports:

UPDAC Chair--Melissa:

1. UPDAC still needs 5 more applicants to fill in seats on UPDAC. Contact Ellen for applications. Applications are typically best if received in June/July. Please refer any neighbors who might be interested.

Director--Tim:

Tim reported that passing on names of potential UPDAC members to UPD staff is important. He complimented the entire staff on their training before the summer busy season started. He and other members reported that the Downtown Get Down was a success. It is a growing event that will be held once a month. Larson Park was hit by the tornado Memorial Day weekend. Staff is still working on cleanup.

UPD Project Update:

Crystal Lake rehab is through 60% design. A Public meeting will be held at the lake house within about a month. Concrete should soon be poured for the pathway in Crystal Lake Park. Staff usually hired to help work on boathouse will be working in other areas of the park while the lake is low. Work starting in mid-July for improvements to the brownfield site at Perkins Road Park.

Board: None

VI. Approval of the April 23, 2019 minutes.

-- Heath Isome moved for approval,
Tim Stephens seconded.

Approved by all.

VII UPDAC Member Comments and discussion:

1. Congratulations given to UPD staff for coordinating the Meadowbrook community garden spaces.

VIII. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Minutes submitted by Travis Schiess