URBANA PARK DISTRICT

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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 27, 2026
6:00 PM
UPD Planning and Operations Facility
1011 E. Kerr
URBANA, IL 61802

I. **Call to Order – Welcome New Members and Introductions**

II. **Public Comment**
Any member of the public may make a brief statement at this time within the public participation rules of the Board.

III. **Approval of the Minutes**
A. September 22, 2026 Meeting

B. New Business
A. UPD Matrix Team Update

C. Reports
A. UPDAC Chair
B. Board Representative
C. Director's Report
D. Capital Projects Report

D. UPDAC Member Comments and Open Discussion

E. Adjourn

Upcoming meetings:

November 24, 2026
December – NO MEETING
January 26, 2027
February 23, 2027

*****This month's secretary is Nicole Haglund *****

Note: The Meeting Agenda and Supporting Materials are on the UPD website at https://www.urbanaparks.org/urbana-park-district-advisory-committee-updac.

URBANA PARK DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (UPDAC)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2026 @ 6:00 PM

MEADOWBROOK PARK INTERPRETIVE CENTER

2808 S. RACE ST., URBANA, IL 61802

I. Call to Order & Introductions

Eusebio Briseño called the meeting to order while making introductions at 6:02 pm.

II. Public Comment

There were no comments from members of the public.

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Nicole made a motion with a second by Sara to approve the August 26,

2026 UPDAC Meeting Minutes. All said “aye”, motion passed.

IV. New Business

A. Strategic Plan Update

Rachel Lenz presented the strategic planning update from the past year.

8 points were brought forward from the process and we are currently at point 5 - the park report card. The goal is to have a first draft of the capital projects prioritization of the next five years in November for approval in December

Three main takeaways from community feedback have been

- Affordable access
- Agency as a community resource
- Bold and innovative strategies

UPD will continue to engage with blue sky after the adoption of the plan with additional projects

- Teen programming is taking priority and efforts are underway to identify opportunities for the UPD to support existing teen programming in our community and collaborate for a bigger impact.
- Other initiatives including policy and partnership reviews and role clarity workshops

B. Year At-A-Glance: Programs and Events

Katie Bickers presented the year at a glance slideshow

- Mid-autumn festival collaboration with New American Welcome Center was a success
- September events included skate fest, meadow brook jazz walk, bat festival and candlelight serenade
- October includes teen hangout zone pumpkin themed, mocktails and makers night, pride fest, glow in the park rock hunt, first responders haunted trail
- November turkey trot and Sunday reset yoga, and whimsy for adults - fort building for adults
- December has winter solstice celebration, karaoke and tea, Phillips rec center's 30th birthday, candy house creations

V. Reports

A. UPDAC Chair

None

B. Board Representative

None

C. Director's Report

- Lots of time on strategic plan and update was included in presentation
- New recreational software management system:
    - We're in the process of building a new recreational software management platform - the current one is very antiquated, lots of complaints, so moving into SMART REC starting November 16 ahead of winter programming.
    - **There will be some open houses a few days before camp registration to ensure people can get help with the new system if needed**.
    - Data will be transferred to the new system so existing accounts with ongoing memberships should be transferred.

D. Capital Projects Report

- Sunnycrest tot lot is getting a refresh
- KRT pavilion in Weaver Park is mostly done, waiting on electricity
- Putting in a flood plan wetland
- Perkins road site is working on ADA parking and trail
- Weaver and prairie parks also wrapping up construction for soccer, accessible pathways
- Bridge at Busey woods to replace bids have come in and are being reviewed

VI. UPDAC Member Comments and Open Discussion

- A member shared concern about lack of trash cans at Weaver and prairie park trails and when picking up litter there is no area to put trash in.
- Another expressed concern about lack of indoor swim hours at the aquatic facility, lots of restrictions.
    - UPD is in the process of negotiating with the school district on how to use the facility. Difficult to cover staffing costs when the pool is open but no one is coming, so there has been a focus on parties and rentals but there is interest in getting more public time.

E. Adjourn

Called to adjourn at 7:33