

**UCAP Advisory Committee Minutes**  
**King School Library**  
**August 16, 2012**

**In Attendance:**

Melvin Peeples	Scott Rhodes
Samuel Johnson	Lashaunda Cunningham
Frankie Johnson	Corky Emberson, Urbana Park District
Renee Renfro	Mayor Laurel Prussing
Gloria Hendricks	Chief Pat Connolly

The meeting was called to order by Chief Connolly at 5:36 p.m.

Corky Emberson of the Urbana Park District discussed events that occurred during the summer. Jettie Rhodes' Day had a great turn out, estimating about 1200 attendees. It was a great event, and the committee will be meeting again shortly for next year's event. Also, there was the bench that was dedicated and the official opening of the pathway system. He mentioned the vandalism that was reported during the last meeting and advised it was improving. (Chief Connolly advised we must all still be vigilant.) Corky advised the neighborhood night a couple of weeks ago had a good turnout and was a great opportunity to reach out to the community. Due to extreme heat, one event was rescheduled for next Wednesday night, August 22<sup>nd</sup>, at Crestview Park, 6:30-8:00 p.m. Corky then reported the sculpture for King Park agreements are going forward. Very soon the designer will be in touch with community groups to get an idea of what the community is looking for in the sculpture. He also provided an update on the pool. The demolition is complete. The bidding process for general contractor is done, and they are currently in the process of working on legal documents with the general contractor. They are still waiting on a health permit and hopefully will get it in the next couple of weeks. At the very latest, work should start at the beginning of September with a target open date of June 1, 2013. The bids came in higher than expected, but all the amenities are included. The only thing that is tentative right now is the climbing wall, which should be added in future years. Corky then fielded questions from the attendees.

Mayor Prussing reported she attended a problem properties meeting today, and they need to find the owners of 1207 and 1208 West Eads. She asked if anyone knew who owned those properties. A brief discussion followed. Mayor Prussing then offered to answer questions, and someone asked about the energy rate. She reported there is a company sending out mailings and going door-to-door promising lower rates than Ameren. Mayor Prussing said that company is

not offering a rate lower than the City's rate with Ameren. She further advised she requested Mike Monson prepare a press release about this subject. Discussion followed.

Chief Connolly reported UC2B has been soliciting door-to-door. The problem is that now we're getting complaints that another scam artist is going around claiming to be with UC2B and asking for information, including credit card numbers. Chief Connolly urged everyone to never give out your credit card information, date of birth or social security number, especially when contacted by someone door-to-door. Anytime you have a question, call the police. Discussion followed.

Chief Connolly then fielded questions and concerns on behalf of Alderman Lewis. Many issues were related to street maintenance, so Chief Connolly offered to invite someone from public works to the next meeting.

Chief Connolly continued by giving updates about previous police concerns. He also fielded new questions/concerns from the committee members.

Meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:  
Cassie Heldman