

UCAP Advisory Committee Minutes
Urbana City Building – 2nd Floor Conference Room
May 19, 2011

In Attendance:

Melvin Peebles	Dorothy Carter
Samuel Johnson	Mayor Laurel Prussing
Frankie Johnson	Alderman Robert Lewis
Hayward Patterson	Corky Emberson, Urbana Park District
Virginia Patterson	Lt. Richard Surles

The meeting was called to order by Lt. Surles at 5:35 p.m.

Corky Emberson of the Urbana Park District provided an update on the pool, reporting that the pool referendum passed. He gave a brief rundown of the next few steps in the process, advising the pool is expected to open the summer of 2013. He reminded everyone that Jettie Rhodes' Day is June 25th. Corky reported there was an Arbor Day event at King Park. Five trees were planted, and Mike Brunk spoke with the children. He then provided a map for King Park, advising they are gearing up to work on the trails. Discussion followed. Corky then reported the Neighborhood Night event at King Park will be July 27th. He passed out cards with information about Neighborhood Nights and the Strawberry Jam event to be held in June. Corky fielded questions. He said he would like to know if members would be interested in holding the next UCAP meeting at King School, and it was decided he would try to make the arrangements. *(He was unable to make these arrangements, so the August meeting will be held at the City Building.)*

Mayor Prussing brought up clearing sidewalks of snow and the fact that the City is trying to pass an ordinance on mandatory snow removal on sidewalks. Discussion followed. Mayor Prussing then discussed alcohol sales, stating that a limit would be set on how many licenses could be issued. If someone wants a liquor license above the limit, a public hearing would have to be held. Discussion followed.

Alderman Lewis said King School is doing real well. He advised the City budget is out, and it is basically the same as last year. He reported the new census data is available; Urbana - 41,250. He then said Mo' Betta Music will be performing at Jettie Rhodes' Day. Alderman Lewis reported Community Development needs additional people on the board and anyone who is interested should let him know. Discussion followed. Alderman Lewis then asked Corky if the Park District would be interested in having a permeable material laid in order to provide better drainage in King Park. Corky advised he would bring it up. Discussion followed.

Lt. Surles advised the police department has been running special details in the King Park area and in southeast Urbana (Beats 64 and 65). He advised the activity that seems to be standing out is a few burglaries to motor vehicles and residential burglaries along the North Lincoln corridor. Lt. Surles then fielded questions/concerns from the committee members. Lt. Surles then advised Chief Connolly is looking for additional UCAP members. He also talked about the Neighborhood Watch program. More discussion followed.

The next meeting will be August 18, 2011.

Meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:
Cassie Heldman