

UCAP Advisory Committee Minutes
Urbana City Building – 2nd Floor Conference Room
May 20, 2010

In Attendance:

Melvin Peebles	Alderman Robert Lewis
Willie Franklin	Vicki Mayes, Urbana Park District
Samuel Johnson	Mayor Laurel Prussing
Frankie Johnson	Lt. Bryant Seraphin
Barbara Lewis	

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

Vicki Mayes of the Urbana Park District advised preparations are being made for Jettie Rhodes day, June 26th, reporting there would be a talent contest. She also spoke about the TIF 3 projects involving King School and the Park District. They are hoping to develop a walking program; looking at putting pathways in King Park and working with the school district to develop a health and wellness program. Mayor Prussing mentioned a statue, the Martin Luther King Plaza sculpture. Vicki said it would be a significant sculpture that would be a welcoming gateway to the City of Urbana. Discussion followed.

Mayor Prussing discussed the City budget and taxes, advising there were no tax changes other than the Park District, which was done by referendum. Options for balancing the budget include raising fines/fees and the possibility of a city motor fuel tax to be used for street repair. She requested public input about the motor fuel tax. Discussion followed.

Alderman Lewis reported on the TIF 3 funding and making sure it is all allocated before it expires in a couple of years. Three road projects will be worked on this summer. In addition, there will be the renovation at King School this summer, making an adequate community space in the facility and an outdoor environmental classroom. Vicki Mayes added the connecting pathways around the park are also part of the TIF 3 funding. Discussion followed.

Lt. Seraphin advised, on behalf of the Chief, that the orders to focus efforts on loud music have already been issued. Lt. Seraphin then addressed questions/concerns from the attendees. Discussion followed.

Next meeting will be August 19, 2010.

Meeting adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:
Cassie Heldman