<u>Discussion: Creation of a Multi-Use Community Center in Southeast Urbana</u>

This will be a simple overview, followed by the announcement of a public input meeting to better gauge interest level and commitment levels. I would like to start a discussion on possible ways of achieving such a goal.

Based on two neighborhood meetings in Southeast Urbana, and a survey of residents in the East Washington/South Lierman Avenue neighborhood, including residents of Scottswood Manor Apartments, I am proposing the creation of a local multi-use **Community Center** in Southeast Urbana to serve the needs of this community.

Issues to consider:

- Ongoing Police calls relating to misbehavior activities by young adults
- Strong desire from residents to provide youth with safe, supervised activities
- Opportunity to identify services and support to meet neighborhood/area needs
- Co-partner with schools, the university, and non-profit organizations to provide creative solutions
- City owned building within walking distance of low income neighborhoods which could be designated for such use

Public input is sought concerning the creation of a Community Center serving residents of Urbana. Everyone is encouraged to attend a public hearing to be held:

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2009 7:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M. URBANA CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS 400 S. VINE STREET URBANA, IL 61801

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