

UCAP ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES
King School Library
February 19, 2004

In Attendance:

Samuel Johnson
Frankie Johnson
Virginia Patterson
Chester Guillory
Faye Christmon
James Hayes, Jr.
Eddie Adair

The meeting was called to order by Chief Adair at 5:38 p.m.

Chief Adair announced that Robin Hall, Urbana Park District Director, would be retiring April 1, 2004. He encouraged committee members to visit with the new director to discuss ongoing projects in the neighborhood.

Mr. Hayes received a letter from Mabel Thomas, Neighborhood Services Coordinator for the City of Champaign, regarding National Night Out. She suggested holding the event on Saturday instead of the first Tuesday in August to increase participation from residents in both cities. The event is observed by Champaign and Urbana at West Side Park. Chief Adair encouraged Urbana residents to attend since it is a joint effort between the cities.

Mr. Hayes reported that Walmart plans are progressing and negotiations with the Illinois American Water Company are under way. He also reported that budget meetings have begun and will be completed by the end of May 2004.

Mr. Hayes announced that he would not run for City Council in 2005. He urged committee members and residents to find someone who would like to represent Ward 3 to run in the 2005 election.

Chief Adair advised committee members that the annual report for UPD is being prepared and crime statistics are being compiled. The report will show a 10% reduction in crime in the UCAP area. He also reported that he would be asking for an additional police officer, at a cost of \$65,000, and new technological equipment, at a cost of \$45,000, for the department in the new budget. The Chief reported on recent arrests in the area by the Street Crime Unit.

Committee members discussed neighborhood concerns. Chief Adair addressed the concerns/questions. Discussion followed.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:
Karen Lowery
UPD Secretary