

UCAP ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES
King School Library
March 18, 2004

In Attendance:

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

The meeting was called to order by Chief Adair at 5:40 p.m.

Urbana Park District Director Robin Hall announced that Jettie Rhodes Day will be held June 26, 2004 from 12:00 – 5:00 p.m. at King Park. The Park District will be asking the City of Urbana to help co-sponsor the event. He also thanked everyone who wrote letters to Governor Blagojevich regarding the \$150,000 King Park Grant that was awarded but not yet distributed by the State of Illinois. The money will be used in part to put a statue of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at the corner of Wascher and Lincoln. Robin stated that since he will be retiring April 15, 2004, this would be his last meeting as a Park District employee and thanked everyone for their support and friendship. His replacement, Vicki Mayes, will be attending the UCAP meetings in the future.

James Hayes reported that he had attended a ribbon cutting ceremony for Tang Dynasty, a new restaurant in Lincoln Square, earlier in the day. He also reported that the park located at Dublin and Goodwin belongs to the City of Urbana not the Urbana Park District. Mr. Hayes stated that neighborhood youth have been congregating in the park creating a disturbance and asked that residents notify the police department if they witness any troublesome behavior in the park. He also reported on several projects in the community he would like to see completed before his term on the Urbana City Council ends in 2005. He asked for input from residents in the community.

Chief Adair distributed copies of the 2003 UCAP Crime memorandum showing a 15% decrease in crime for the year. He thanked residents in the neighborhood for their help and urged anyone observing suspicious activity in the area to call and report it

immediately. The Chief also reported on numerous arrests in Southeast Urbana by the new Street Crime Unit. They have been concentrating their efforts in that area since there has been a sharp increase in crime recently.

Committee members discussed neighborhood concerns. Discussion followed.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Karen Lowery

UPD Secretary