

UCAP ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES
King School Library
April 21, 2005

In Attendance:

Samuel Johnson
Frankie Johnson
Faye Christmon
James Hayes, Jr.
Pauline Walker
Ruby Underwood
Todd Peck
Assistant Chief Mike Bily

Assistant Chief Mike Bily called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.

Todd Peck from the Urbana Park District reported that Orthopedics Associates of Kankakee and the Centru Bank in Champaign are raising \$50,000 for playground equipment for King Park. Within the next week, bids and designs for the equipment and border will be submitted by four different distributors. There will be a neighborhood meeting on May 11, 2005 from 6:00 -8:00 p.m. at King School to present the designs to residents so they can vote for their choice. Residents in the community will be asked to volunteer to help assemble the playground equipment and the border around it. A postcard mailing will be done by the Park District to try to get as many volunteers as possible for the project. The projected build date is October 15, 2005.

Sam Johnson asked Todd Peck when the basketball court would be completed. Todd stated that a master plan for King Park is still being developed. He also stated that the Park District is aware of the desire of the community to have the basketball court. He will keep the committee informed regarding progress on the master plan at the monthly UCAP meetings.

Assistant Chief Bily announced that the Neighborhood Cleanup will be held on Saturday, May 14, 2005 with dropoff sites open from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Volunteers are needed.

James Hayes reported that new sidewalks and streets on Harvey Street will be started in 2007 instead of in 2005. The delay is due to escalating construction costs to finish the current project on Sunset Drive. Mr. Hayes also reported on projects in Ward 3 he hopes to see completed before his term ends on the Urbana City Council on May 2, 2005.

Ruby Underwood asked James Hayes if the City planned to put sidewalks on the 900 block of N. Romine since they were presently installing them on the 800 block of N. Romine. She had called the Public Works Department but had not received a reply. Assistant Chief Bily said he would check into the matter and have someone from public works return her call.

Assistant Chief Mike Bily reported on the recent shooting at 808 N. Lincoln. Arrests have been made in connection with that incident. He also reported that Urbana Police Department hopes to hire 4 new officers in the next few months. Assistant Chief Bily addressed questions/concerns from committee members. Discussion followed.

The date and place of the next UCAP Meeting has been changed due to a scheduling conflict. **The next UCAP Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 18, 2005** (instead of Thursday, May 19th) **at the City Building, 2nd floor conference room at the usual time.**

Meeting was adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Karen Lowery
UPD Secretary