

UCAP ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES
Urbana City Building – 2nd Floor Conference Room
June 16, 2005

In Attendance:

Hayward Patterson
Virginia Patterson
Samuel Johnson
Frankie Johnson
James Hayes, Jr.
Leonard Christmon
Faye Christmon
Doina Costescu
Todd Peck
Laurel Prussing
Robert Lewis
Eddie Adair

Chief Adair called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m.

Mayor Prussing announced that the budget for fiscal year 2005- 2006 has been approved by the Urbana City Council. The new budget allows for the hiring of three additional police officers, a half-time building inspector and a janitor for the Urbana Free Library.

Todd Peck from the Urbana Park District brought pictures of the designs chosen for the new playground equipment and its anticipated placement at King Park. The new playground will have two sections. There will be a section for children 2-5 years old and a section for children 5-12 years old. He asked for volunteers to help assemble the equipment on Saturday, October 15, 2005. Orthopedics Associates of Kankakee and the Centru Bank in Champaign are funding the \$50,000 project. Each has donated \$5,000 and will raise the remaining \$40,000 needed through fund raising. WDWS has donated \$5,000 in advertising for the fund raising campaign.

Alderman Lewis reported on the park at the corner of Goodwin and Fairview which is owned by the City of Urbana. Neighbors have expressed concerns about late night activity in the park. Mr. Lewis reported that the engineering department and city administration will be looking into alternatives for that area. He will update the committee as recommendations are made.

James Hayes stated he felt more law enforcement in the form of community policing, as well as community involvement is needed to address the problems in the neighborhood parks. He

reported that the Urbana League is working on a program to get problematic youth in the community “back on the right track”.

Chief Adair reported that the IDOT Traffic Stop Report for 2004 has been completed and he has received the results of the data for UPD. The Governor’s office will release the results of all law enforcement agencies in Illinois on July 1, 2005. Chief Adair also reported that problem areas in the community are being investigated. The Chief addressed questions/concerns from committee members. Discussion followed.

Flyers were distributed for Jettie Rhodes Neighborhood Day 2005 to be held Saturday, June 25 from 12:00 - 5:00 p.m. at King Park.

There will be no UCAP meeting in July. The next meeting will be held August 18, 2005 at the City Building.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Karen Lowery
UPD Secretary