

UCAP ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES
King School Library
October 20, 2005

In Attendance:

Hayward Patterson
Virginia Patterson
Samuel Johnson
Frankie Johnson
Melvin Peoples
Faye Christmon
Abraham Odeh
Adam Judeh
City Clerk Phyllis Clark
Mayor Laurel Prussing
Chief Eddie Adair

Chief Adair called the meeting to order at 5:38 p.m.

Adam Judeh and Abraham Odeh spoke to the committee regarding their proposal for a neighborhood grocery store to be located at 907 West Fairview Avenue in Urbana. Faye Christmon questioned the need for the sale of alcohol in the store. Frankie and Samuel Johnson also expressed opposition to selling beer and wine in the store. Discussion followed.

Mayor Prussing announced there would be an Urbana Planning Commission meeting held after the UCAP Meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Urbana City Building regarding the proposal for the neighborhood grocery store discussed by Mr. Judeh and Mr. Odeh and urged committee members and residents to attend. The Mayor also asked for a volunteer to serve on a city-wide committee to review landlord and tenant ordinances to promote safety in Urbana. Samuel Johnson volunteered to serve on the committee. An alternate will also be chosen to serve on the committee. Mayor Prussing reported that the King Park playground equipment installation held October 15, 2005 went well. Faye Christmon stated that many children in the neighborhood were enjoying the new equipment.

Chief Adair reported on crime statistics for the neighborhood during the last nine months. He reported a 10% decrease in crime in Beat #61, the UCAP area. Chief Adair gave an update on UPD personnel hiring, stating that since July 1, 2005, UPD has hired four new officers that have completed PTI and are now on patrol with a Field Training Officer. He also reported that one officer is attending PTI presently, one officer was sworn in today and will report to PTI for training on October 23rd, and three more applicants should be hired before January 30, 2006. The Chief stressed the importance of residents of the community attending the Planning Commission meeting following the UCAP meeting to express any concerns they may have about the proposed grocery store on Fairview.

City Clerk Phyllis Clark distributed flyers regarding the big.small.all.Champaign County project. It's a project to bring the people of Champaign County together to build a vision of the future. There will be two meetings held in Urbana for discussions and sharing of ideas to better the community. On November 1, 2005 there will be a meeting at the Urbana Middle School and on November 15, 2005 there will be a meeting held at King School. She also urged residents of the community to attend the Planning Commission meeting held at the City Building that evening.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:
Karen Lowery
Recording Secretary