

**UCAP ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**King School Library**  
**November 17, 2005**

**In Attendance:**

Hayward Patterson  
Virginia Patterson  
Samuel Johnson  
Frankie Johnson  
Melvin Peoples  
Faye Christmon  
Leonard Christmon  
Park District Director Vicki Mayes  
Alderman Robert Lewis  
Chief Eddie Adair

Chief Adair called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

Urbana Park District Director Vicki Mayes brought a copy of The News-Gazette with a full page listing of the sponsors and volunteers who helped with the installation of new playground equipment at King Park on October 15, 2005. King Park improvements should be completed by the summer of 2006, however, the basketball courts will not be completed for two or three years and the Statue of Martin Luther King, in all likelihood, will not be added to the park for five years. The Park Board will be conducting consultant interviews on November 29, 2005 and should make their selection by December 13, 2005. The consultant will provide direction for a strategic plan for all Urbana parks in the future. Director Mayes also announced that the Urbana Park District will be celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in the year 2007.

Alderman Lewis thanked everyone for the petition drive conducted in the neighborhood and for attending the Urbana Planning Commission meeting on October 20, 2005 opposing the sale of alcohol at a proposed neighborhood grocery store at 907 West Fairview. Their efforts resulted in the Commission denying a liquor license to the owner. He also reported that the Urbana City Council has been working on a series of elements that they feel is very important in the next four years. Public Safety is on the top of the list along with revising some of the City of Urbana policies and ordinances. He also urged everyone to attend the First Thursday meetings and the big.small.all.Champaign County meetings.

Chief Adair reported that the Urbana Police Department has increased the number of officers it employs to 51. Two more officers will be hired before January 1, 2006 bringing the total to 53. He stated that as a result of the new hires, the Street Crime Unit should be back in operation in January 2006. He also urged everyone to attend the First Thursday meeting to be held at the City of Urbana Council Chambers on December 1, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. Topics to be discussed will be "Traffic Stop Etiquette" and "Recruitment, Selection and Training of Police Officers".

Chief Adair extended an invitation to everyone to his retirement reception on December 8, 2005 in Council Chambers from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. His retirement from the Department will be effective December 31, 2005.

There will be no UCAP meeting in December. The next meeting will be held January 19, 2006 at King School.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:  
Karen Lowery  
Recording Secretary