

UCAP ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES
King School Library
January 19, 2006

In Attendance:

Hayward Patterson	Faye Christmon
Virginia Patterson	Leonard Christmon
Samuel Johnson	James Hayes, Jr.
Frankie Johnson	John Cooper
Melvin Peeples	Pauline Walker
Todd Peck, Urbana Park District	
Mayor Laurel Prussing	
Alderman Robert Lewis	
Acting Chief Mike Bily	

Acting Chief Mike Bily called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m.

Todd Peck from the Urbana Park District reported that TIF funds will be used for King Park improvements. Some of these improvements include new pathways, resurfacing the tennis courts, installing horseshoe pits, installing a new metal roof and electrical outlets on the small pavilion and landscaping in areas of the park. These improvements should be completed by June 2006.

Mayor Prussing updated the committee members on Urbana's two new Task Forces - The Civilian Review Board and the Task Force on Neighborhood Safety. The Civilian Review Board will handle complaints from citizens about the Urbana Police Department. Several board members attended a conference recently in Florida to exchange ideas and gain valuable information from established Civilian Review Board members from other cities in the United States, as well as, Canada and England. The Task Force on Neighborhood Safety will hold open meetings in February 2006 to discuss neighborhood concerns, city ordinances and to review certain code enforcement issues. The mayor also reported that the City of Urbana is trying to buy the local water company because the quality of service has deteriorated since the most recent owners from Germany bought the company. Members of the Illinois legislature will be contacted, seeking their support for the purchase of the water company by the City.

James Hayes thanked Mayor Prussing, Urbana City Council members, and the Human Relations Board for the outstanding Martin Luther King Day program held at Holiday Inn in Urbana.

Alderman Lewis reported that a meeting was held at King School recently to try to resolve neighborhood parking issues. He also asked for input regarding any new businesses the residents would like to have in the vacant building where the Family Video Store was located.

Alderman Lewis shared a University of Illinois flyer he had received giving testing information for various trade positions. He also asked anyone interested in serving as a minority member on the Regional Planning Commission to contact him.

Acting Chief Bily addressed questions/concerns of committee members. Discussion followed.

Acting Chief Bily introduced himself to the committee members. He also shared crime statistics for the UCAP area for 2005 which were the lowest since 1999. Acting Chief Bily invited everyone to the First Thursday meeting to be held February 2, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. The topics of discussion will be "Search & Seizure" and the "METCAD Dispatching System". Acting Chief Bily gave a brief update on retired Chief Adair, reporting that he was keeping busy and thoroughly enjoying his time as a retiree.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:
Karen Lowery
Recording Secretary