UCAP ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES Urbana City Building – 2nd Floor Conference Room March 15, 2007

In Attendance: Melvin Peeples Virginia Patterson Hayward Patterson Samuel Johnson

Tim Bartlett Mayor Laurel Prussing Alderman Robert Lewis Chief Mike Bily

The meeting was called to order by Chief Bily at 5:35 p.m.

Tim Bartlett, Urbana Park District Superintendent of Planning & Operations, reported that plans are being made for Jettie Rhodes Day scheduled for June 23, 2007. Tim also invited everyone to attend the Urbana Park District's 100th Anniversary celebration to be held October 9-14, 2007 at Crystal Lake Park. There will be entertainment, food, fireworks and many other activities during the six day celebration. He reported that the Crystal Lake Park master plan is near completion and invited everyone to attend the unveiling of the plans and join the community celebration. Tim also discussed plans for Urbana parks in the future and answered questions from members.

Alderman Lewis gave a brief report on the Harvey Street project. He also reported people congregating on Beslin, Hill and Church Street, blocking traffic at times.

Chief Bily reported on recent arrests in the UCAP area. He also stated that with the return of warm weather, it is likely loud stereos and congregating will again become a problem. He encouraged residents to report concerns to the police department.

Mayor Prussing announced the hiring of Todd Rent to fill the position of Human Relations Director for the City of Urbana. The Mayor asked members about snow packed sidewalks in the neighborhood after the blizzard in February 2007. Samuel Johnson suggested that the city purchase equipment, specifically Bobcats, to be operated by neighborhood volunteers to clear the sidewalks. The Mayor also reported that Carle will be holding a meeting in late March 2007 to continue discussion of their expansion plans.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Karen Lowery Recording Secretary