

**UCAP ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**Urbana City Building – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room**  
**February 19, 2009**

**In Attendance:**

Melvin Peeples  
Samuel Johnson  
Frankie Johnson  
Barbara Lewis  
Tim Bartlett, Urbana Park District  
Mayor Laurel Prussing  
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 approximately 100 people attended the Park District Neighborhood Meeting on Tuesday, February 17, 2009 to promote the planning efforts for a new swimming pool. The existing pool at Crystal Lake Park is closed due to safety concerns. He also reported that the Urbana Park District will ask Urbana voters for a 15 cent tax increase on the April 7, 2009 ballot which, if approved, will not provide financing for the construction of a new pool but only maintain the parks and programs at their present level.

Mayor Prussing reported that the “Walking School Bus” program should start next school year in the King School Area. The Mayor also asked for names of residents in the area who would be willing to clear sidewalks during the winter months for the walking routes. She also reported that on Tuesday, February 24, 2009, there will be a Neighborhood Safety Task Force Meeting to discuss a Chronic Criminal Nuisance Ordinance to address problems with criminal activity at properties in the community.

Chief Bily reported that crime in the UCAP area was down for 2008. City-wide crime was also down by 11.25%. Statistics have shown a decline in crimes in Urbana during the last three years. Chief Bily stated that as warmer temperatures arrive, the possibility of criminal activity will likely increase. Chief Bily addressed questions/concerns from committee members. Discussion followed.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:  
Karen Lowery  
Recording Secretary