

UCAP Advisory Committee Minutes
King School
August 20, 2015

In Attendance:

Haywood Patterson
Virginia Patterson
Sam Johnson
Frankie Johnson
Melvin Peeples
JoAnn Carter
Mary Brooks

Corky Emberson, Park District
Bill Gray, Public Works
Libby Tyler, Community Development
Aaron Ammons, City Council
Lt. Rich Surles

The meeting was called to order by Lt. Rich Surles at 5:35 p.m.

Corky Emberson of the Urbana Park District began by mentioning that the administrative office of the park district will be moving to Kerr for a couple of weeks for repairs starting mid-September. He then talked about the Broadway Trail, which should be completed early November, starting at Stebbins Street and leading to the pool. Also, part of the master plan for Crystal Lake Park includes the lake and an engineering team has been assembled to provide concept designs for the lake. These designs will be looking at the lake edges, water quality, access to trails, recreational needs, fishing piers, and look-out areas. Discussion followed. Corky then talked about the free special events happening at the parks. Discussion followed. Corky provided updates on Crystal Lake Park/Pool and the Community Coalition summer camps. He then fielded questions.

Bill Gray of Public Works spoke about some current and upcoming projects to include the Broadway Avenue construction, patch work on Bradley Avenue and Beslin Street, Ash tree removals due to disease, storm sewer cleaning and televising, and a safety study to be done by IDOT on University Avenue, from Wright Street to Cunningham Avenue. Bill fielded questions and concerns as they were presented.

Libby Tyler of Community Development briefly mentioned the C-U at Home project on Mathews, advising Aaron Ammons would provide more details. She then said that there were three city properties on the agenda for Monday night in order to sell/transfer them to Habitat for Humanity, 5 Hill Court, 1310 W Hill Street and 1306 ½ W Dublin. Libby followed by speaking about Leek and Sons on Bradley submitting a site plan and preparing to build. She then spoke about Advantage Property (Howard Wakeland) buying up property and trying to re-zone the properties for business. Libby fielded questions and concerns as they were presented.

Aaron Ammons started by saying he was going to get more involved and find out what the neighborhood members want/need. He would like to set up a social or town hall meeting to include University officials, the mayor, and Carle representatives, in order to learn the plans

about the medical school and any future expansions. Aaron also spoke about the Wakeland development. He advised that volunteers were still needed for the Sweet Corn Festival. He then spoke about the Wellness Rocks Health Fair to be held at Booker T. Washington on September 18, 2015. Aaron followed by asking attendees their opinions about digital billboards. He finished by providing details about the C-U at Home project called "Esther's Place" at 703 N Mathews. Aaron fielded questions and concerns as they were presented.

Lt. Surles announced that administration within the police department will be rotating in the next three to four weeks, advising the lieutenants will be receiving new assignments and a different lieutenant will be attending the UCAP meetings in the near future.

Public input occurred with Lt. Surles addressing questions and concerns.

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:
Cassie Heldman