

**UCAP ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**Urbana City Building – Police Conference Room**  
**August 21, 2003**

**In Attendance:**

Samuel Johnson  
Frankie Johnson  
Hayward Patterson  
Virginia Patterson  
James Hayes, Jr.  
Leonard Christmon  
Faye Christmon  
Jerry Moreland  
Helen Katz  
Bob Grewe  
Eddie Adair

Chief Adair called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m.

Chief Adair reported that Task Force X will disband by September 1, 2003 due to financial problems. Urbana Police Department will have its own three-man task force in place by December 1, 2003.

James Hayes reported that “National Night Out” held in Champaign at West Side Park was very informative and well attended. Next year the event will be held in Urbana at Crystal Lake Park. He also reported that residents in the UCAP area have complained about groups of young people congregating in areas of the neighborhood such as the Video Store, Fairview/Goodwin, King Park, and King School property. Chief Adair said he will have the complaint looked into.

Chief Adair welcomed Jerry Moreland and Helen Katz to the meeting and encouraged them to attend future UCAP meetings.

The Chief reported on problems with the hip-hop dances at the Canopy Club in Urbana. On August 15, 2003, as the club began to close down, 200-300 patrons poured out of the club onto Goodwin Street with several fights erupting. The crowd was finally dispersed on the 1300 block of Tremont. It took police officers more than two hours to handle this disturbance. After talking to the Canopy Club owner, there will be no more hip-hop dances at the club. Chief Adair also reported on other instances in the community where large groups congregate resulting in fights and vandalism to property. The Chief also announced there have been many

complaints regarding criminal activity at Europe Inn Motel. Patrons of the motel have been evicted. Demolition has been scheduled for that establishment for several months.

Chief Adair invited everyone to attend the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Sweetcorn Festival in Urbana on August 22 & 23, 2003. Sweetcorn, musical entertainment, games, a car show and much more has been planned for this year's festival.

Samuel and Frankie Johnson will be attending the Citizens Police Academy beginning September 4 – November 20, 2003. It meets for two hours every Thursday for twelve weeks at the Police Training Institute.

Bob Grewe announced that the next Neighborhood Cleanup will be held October 18, 2003. Habitat for Humanity will be participating in the cleanup again this time. They will collect scrap metal, windows, etc., that are brought in during the cleanup to use in their projects. They will also be providing some of the refreshments. There will be more details about the cleanup in the "Neighborhood News" which will be sent out in the next few weeks.

Jerry Moreland invited everyone to attend the upcoming UCAN meeting on September 11, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. at King School. They will discuss buying garbage cans to dispense throughout public areas in the neighborhood to alleviate littering.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:  
Karen Lowery, UPD Secretary