

UCAP ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES
King School Library
September 18, 2003

In Attendance:

Samuel Johnson	Helen Katz
Frankie Johnson	Jerry Moreland
Hayward Patterson	Leonard Christmon
Virginia Patterson	Faye Christmon
Loretha Harmon	James Hayes
Chester Guillory	Eddie Adair

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

Helen Katz and Jerry Moreland updated the committee on the “United to Eliminate Litter” project. The project is a community-wide effort to make people aware of the importance of keeping the neighborhood clean. Trash receptacles would be placed throughout the neighborhood for garbage, hopefully eliminating much of the litter. An educational program will also be offered to make residents aware of the importance of a clean neighborhood. There will be a UCAN meeting on October 16, 2003 at King School at 7:00 p.m. to get input from community members regarding the project.

James Hayes reported that he has received several loud noise complaints caused by groups of young people in the park at Goodwin and Fairview. It is not clear if the park belongs to the City of Urbana or the Urbana Park District. Chief Adair said he would try to find out who is responsible for the park. Mr. Hayes also reported that there are no closing hours posted at King Park. He also announced there are 200 job openings in Rantoul, Illinois at the new Meadowbrook Farms pork- processing plant. Applications will be available at the former Chanute Air Force Base.

Chief Adair distributed copies of the City of Urbana - Job Announcement packets for the position of police officer. Pertinent information about the position, testing dates and an application was included in the packet. He asked that committee members share this informational packet with anyone that might be interested in applying for the position. He also reported that there has been an increase in gang activity recently. Gang signs have been painted on homes and fights have erupted in several areas of Urbana-Champaign. A few arrests have been made. UPD will continue to monitor any gang activity in the city.

Chief Adair addressed questions/concerns from committee members. Discussion followed.

Respectfully submitted:
Karen Lowery, UPD Secretary