

UCAP ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES
King School Library
February 17, 2005

In Attendance:

Hayward Patterson
Virginia Patterson
Samuel Johnson
Frankie Johnson
Leonard Christmon
Faye Christmon
James Hayes, Jr.
Todd Peck
Eddie Adair

Chief Eddie Adair called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

Chief Adair announced that he will be out of town and King School is not available for the next UCAP meeting scheduled for March 17, 2005. The committee decided to cancel the March meeting. The next UCAP meeting will be held on April 21, 2005 at King School Library.

James Hayes asked the Chief to find out the date of the next Neighborhood Cleanup and include the information in the minutes. Randy Burgett from Community Development was contacted and confirmed the date of May 14, 2005 for the cleanup.

Mr. Hayes reported that the Circle K service station and sandwich shop on Lincoln and Bradley is now open. He also reported that the hedge on the north side of Eads between Goodwin and Lincoln will be removed for safety reasons. The City will also be removing the underbrush from a narrow strip of land between the fence lines on the north side of University Commons. After the cleaning at University Commons is complete, the land will be given to the property owners to maintain. Samuel Johnson asked Mr. Hayes what the time frame was to complete the street and sidewalks on the 800 block of Harvey Street. Chief Adair stated that he would talk to the Mayor about the timeline for the project and have Mayor Satterthwaite's office contact Mr. Johnson with the information.

Todd Peck from the Urbana Park District reported that Governor Blagojevich has not released the grant money promised for the shelter that was built at King Park. He asked that committee members contact State Representative Naomi Jakobsson about the release of those funds. He also reported that Orthopedics Associates of Kankakee and the Centru

Bank in Champaign are discussing the possibility of jointly funding a new playground at King Park. Hopefully plans will be completed and a design for the park will be in place and ready for presentation in June at the annual Jettie Rhodes Day. Todd answered questions from committee members regarding additional projects that have previously been discussed for the park.

Chief Adair reported that extra patrol has been assigned to southeast Urbana specifically in the area of Sunnycrest II and Woodstone apartments to assure public safety in that area. He also reported that University Commons has hired full-time security guards since there has been an increase in drug activity, theft and domestic calls. The Street Crime Unit has made several drug related arrests in southeast Urbana and Lakeside Terrace. Chief Adair urged everyone to vote on February 22, 2005 at the City Primary election. Frankie Johnson asked the Chief about the use of taser's. Chief Adair discussed some of the reasons taser's are used and the benefits, as well as the dangers associated with their use.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:
Karen Lowery
UPD Secretary