

UCAP ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES
Urbana City Building – 2nd Floor Conference Room
May 18, 2005

In Attendance:

Samuel Johnson
Frankie Johnson
James Hayes, Jr.
Leonard Christmon
Pauline Walker
Robert Lewis
Eddie Adair

Chief Adair called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m. He welcomed newly elected Ward 3 Alderman Robert Lewis to the meeting and invited him to attend monthly UCAP meetings in the future.

Frankie Johnson asked if anyone had attended the Urbana Park District meeting on May 11, 2005 at King School to view designs for the new playground equipment planned for King Park. Leonard Christmon did attend and reported that models of playground equipment were available to observe and vote on.

Chief Adair and Alderman Lewis addressed questions from committee members concerning new streets and sidewalks, street basketball, unsightly vehicles in the neighborhood and other concerns. Discussion followed.

Chief Adair reported that the tentative budget for FY 2005-06 is expected to allow for at least two new police officers to be hired. The Chief stated that to keep up with the growth of the City, there will need to be two officers added for the next three budget years bringing the total to six additional officers to add to the current compliment of 50 officers. Chief Adair also stated that the Police Department may also need to hire additional Police Service Representatives in the next few years to handle the increasing number of calls for service.

James Hayes reported that he attended the Spring Neighborhood Cleanup on May 14, 2005. There were very few volunteers for the cleanup, so residents bringing junk and debris had to unload the trucks themselves. He suggested that a neighborhood collection be taken to purchase food for the Fall Neighborhood Cleanup to provide lunch for volunteers.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Karen Lowery, UPD Secretary