

UCAP ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES
Urbana City Building – 2nd Floor Conference Room
May 17, 2007

In Attendance:

Melvin Peeples
Virginia Patterson
Hayward Patterson
Samuel Johnson
James Hayes, Jr.
Park District Director Vicki Mayes
Mayor Laurel Prussing
Alderman Robert Lewis
ACOP Patrick Connolly

The meeting was called to order by Assistant Chief Pat Connolly at 5:35 p.m.

Urbana Park District Director Vicki Mayes distributed flyers for the 3rd Annual National Backyard Games Week to be held May 22–24, 2007 at Meadowbrook, King, and Victory Parks. She also announced that recreation staff will be visiting the parks in Urbana to talk with kids to get ideas of what activities they would like to see offered.

Alderman Lewis reported that numerous neighborhood residents have signed a petition and presented it to the Urbana City Council in support of eliminating the mini-park located at Fairview and Goodwin Avenue. The residents and the Urbana School District are very concerned about the recent shooting in that area, as well as the number of young adults loitering, littering, and creating a disturbance in the mini-park. Alderman Lewis has asked Community Development to explore other uses for the area. James Hayes suggested that perhaps the University of Illinois could conduct a survey to get input from the residents revealing what they would like to see happen on that site. Samuel Johnson asked if cameras, which were discussed previously, were going to be installed at the corner of Fairview and Goodwin to monitor the activity there.

Samuel Johnson requested signs be posted at King Park indicating the hours people are allowed to be in the park.

ACOP Connolly addressed questions/concerns of committee members.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:
Karen Lowery, Recording Secretary