

UCAP ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES
Urbana City Building – 2nd Floor Conference Room
August 16, 2007

In Attendance:

Melvin Peeples
Virginia Patterson
Hayward Patterson
Dorothy Carter
Barbara Lewis
Robert Lewis
Chief Mike Bily

The meeting was called to order by Chief Bily at 5:40 p.m.

Alderman Lewis reported that he had met with Urbana Community Development personnel in July about several issues including the mini-park located at Fairview and Goodwin. Bids are going out in hopes that one of the local organizations, such as Habitat for Humanity, will build a house on that property. Community Development is also compiling a list identifying rundown homes in the community which may need financial assistance to make repairs. He has also met with UCAP, UCAN and Adopt a Park committees to discuss a community center. Mr. Lewis plans to talk to the Urbana School District too regarding the center. He stated that a collaborative effort by all of the community groups is needed to receive a federal grant to build the center. He also reported on the Carle expansion. He encouraged everyone to educate themselves on the expansion proposal and to ask questions if they have concerns. The expansion issue will come before the City Council again in the coming months.

Chief Bily reported on the 2006 Traffic Stop Study results. He explained that Illinois law mandates that certain information be collected on all traffic stops by every law enforcement agency in the State of Illinois. The purpose of the mandate is to determine whether police officers in any community are stopping people based on race. Chief Bily stated that he will be reporting the results of the study to the Urbana City Council on September 10, 2007.

Chief Bily addressed concerns and questions of committee members. Problems concerning vehicles parked on the grass in King Park while unloading and the desire to hold “National Night Out” in Urbana in 2008, were among the topics discussed.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:
Karen Lowery
Recording Secretary