

**UCAP Advisory Committee Minutes**  
**Urbana City Building – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room**  
**November 19, 2009**

**In Attendance:**

Melvin Peeples  
Willie B. Franklin  
Samuel Johnson  
Frankie Johnson  
Barbara Lewis  
Alderman Robert Lewis  
Tim Bartlett, Urbana Park District  
Mayor Laurel Prussing  
Chief of Staff Mike Monson  
Assistant Chief of Police Pat Connolly

The meeting was called to order by ACOP Connolly at 5:35 p.m.

ACOP Connolly requested everyone introduce himself/herself as there were new attendees. ACOP Connolly urged members to bring new attendees.

Tim Bartlett of the Urbana Park District said everyone was welcome to attend the preliminary planning meeting for the aquatic center, which was to be held at 7 p.m. at the Civic Center. Bartlett then provided an update regarding the Martin Luther King sculpture to be placed in King Park. He also discussed the meeting with the school district about improvements and issues with sharing of the parking lot. Alderson Lewis was able to provide more information about improving security to discourage improper access to school property, which is still in the works. Bartlett encouraged all to check for updates on the website: [www.urbanaparks.org](http://www.urbanaparks.org).

Mayor Prussing briefly discussed the Neighborhood Safety Task Force and how important it is to work with neighborhood organizations, like UCAP, in solving problems. She then discussed the possibility of community centers and their uses, welcoming suggestions from attendees. Discussion followed regarding a grant the County (through Mental Health) will be receiving for community services. Mike Monson advised there will be a presentation on November 20, 2009 at the Public Health District building on Kenyon Road in Champaign, from 1-3 p.m. and then 5-7 p.m. Mayor Prussing requested supporters of the newly proposed Chronic Nuisance ordinance be present at Council meetings. She then fielded questions/comments by attendees.

Alderman Lewis spoke about the nuisance ordinance and community concerns/support. He also spoke about the impact Carle changing their status to not-for-profit would have on the city revenues. Alderman Lewis offered options to the situation. He then advised the Police Review Board quarterly report is out and available on the website. Alderman Lewis briefly discussed school funds being available and the possibility of using school facilities for community centers. He concluded by advising everyone to be in touch with the officers and let them know if anything pops up.

Mike Monson reported some of the taxing body representatives will be meeting Monday at the school district regarding Carle's status and possible negotiating stances. He also discussed the Chronic Criminal Nuisance ordinance and welcomed suggestions from attendees.

ACOP Connolly fielded issues from attendees. Discussion followed.

It was then decided the next meeting will be held in February.

Meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:  
Cassie Heldman