

UCAP Advisory Committee Minutes
Urbana City Building – 2nd Floor Conference Room
February 18, 2010

In Attendance:

Melvin Peebles
Samuel Johnson
Frankie Johnson
Barbara Lewis
Alderman Robert Lewis
Tim Bartlett, Urbana Park District
Corky Emberson, Urbana Park District
Chief Michael Bily

The meeting was called to order by Chief Bily at 5:34 p.m.

Tim Bartlett of the Urbana Park District introduced Corky Emberson, Superintendent of Recreation, who replaced Dan Gible. He further advised Corky would be contacting people regarding Jettie Rhodes Day, which is scheduled for June 26, 2010. Second, Tim Bartlett advised that the Park District staff is working with City staff, specifically Public Works and the Planning Department on the TIF 3, which will retire in about three years. The Park District is looking into improving path systems in the parks and safer routes to school, along with tree improvement in the parks. Also, the Park District will be working with the Arts Commission to see if they can make a request that could possibly go towards the sculpture project. Lastly, Tim advised there is an open house at the Phillips Center tonight from 7-9 p.m. This is an opportunity to look at design works by potential firms for Crystal Lake Pool. The designs will also be posted on the website, www.urbanaparks.org.

Corky Emberson of the Urbana Park District wanted to know if everyone was aware of the pool project and then continued by explaining the process and community involvement.

Barbara Lewis asked about how the meetings and open houses for the Park District were announced to the public, and she suggested they use the marquee on Springfield.

Alderman Lewis discussed the TIF funding for the King Park area and meeting with architects regarding expansion/redesign of King School. He further described the improvements for the school, including how the funding will be applied. The school will be a state of the art facility. In addition, Alderman Lewis discussed the completion of the construction work on Goodwin Avenue and the new pavement in front of the hospital. He further stated the primary area was to take care of the road on Church Street and Mathews to Dublin.

Mr. Johnson brought up the issue of sidewalk cleaning, and said it was a good idea to have property owners clean up the sidewalk in front of their own homes.

Chief Bily advised the year-end statistics were being completed for 2009 and overall crime is down 8%.

Alderman Lewis mentioned the fact that Housing Authority is looking at Dunbar Court and possible expansion. He also mentioned the fact that a new school for Unit 4 will be going up across the street from there.

Chief Bily then addressed questions/concerns from the attendees. Discussion followed.

Next meeting will be May 20, 2010.

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:
Cassie Heldman