

UCAP Advisory Committee Minutes
King School
November 15, 2012

In Attendance:

Melvin Peeples	Lashaunda Cunningham
Samuel Johnson	Andy Rousseau, Urbana Park District
Frankie Johnson	Bill Gray, Urbana Public Works
Hayward Patterson	Mayor Prussing
Virginia Patterson	Chief Pat Connolly
Scott Rhodes	Lt. Rich Surles
Barbara Lewis	

The meeting was called to order by Lt. Surles at 5:37 p.m.

Andy Rousseau of the Urbana Park District reported the pool construction is underway and still on schedule to open next summer. He advised that next week, on Thanksgiving Day, is the Turkey Trot event. They are expecting about a thousand people to participate in the free run/walk. He welcomed everyone to come out and enjoy the activities. He further reported they are looking into on-line registration for next year. Also, Tim Bartlett asked him to pass along that the King Park sculpture is currently being worked on and they are hoping for a ribbon cutting or unveiling at the Jettie Rhodes annual event next June.

Mayor Prussing continued the theme about art and discussed the city building sculpture that is now completed after 22 years in the making. Also, she reported they just broke ground for the beautification of the Boneyard Creek. There will be a park there that will extend down to the water. It has been in the works for several years with a lot of public input. This project should be completed in 2014 and very good for business. This is the water area where Urbana was founded in the early 1830s.

Bill Gray from Public Works attended this meeting to share a couple of projects going on in the UCAP area. There is a new street lighting project that's in the design phase. This neighborhood will get all their lights replaced. Residents should have received a letter with information about this project. The construction will start next spring and extend into summer and fall. Once a decision has been made about the contractor, another letter will be sent out to area residents to provide them contact information and further details about the work. Another big project is the

rebuilding of Matthews Street, details forthcoming. Both projects are being paid for with TIF and Capital Improvement Funds. Bill then fielded questions from the committee members.

Since Alderman Lewis was not present, Mayor Prussing discussed a proposed re-zoning to neighborhood business just north of the water company on Lincoln Avenue. She asked if members had any concerns about it or what their opinions were. Discussion followed.

Committee members then had further questions/concerns for Bill Gray of Public Works about street cleaning. At the request of a committee member, Bill described the new street lights, which will be LED. Mayor Prussing then added that the inventor of the LED is Nick Holonyak, who teaches at the University and lives in Urbana.

Lt. Surles provided crime charts to the committee and explained the data. Discussion followed.

Lt. Surles asked about and addressed concerns that were presented at the previous meeting. He then fielded new questions/concerns from committee members.

A list of names (originally provided by Dorothy Carter) was distributed to the committee members for their input on who would be good as new committee members. Chief Connolly asked that everyone review the list and provide him with recommendations of who he should contact and invite to UCAP. Members were also asked to note any errors in the list or people who have moved.

Meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:
Cassie Heldman