

UCAP ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES
Urbana City Building
Police Conference Room
March 21, 2002

In Attendance:

Samuel Johnson
Frankie Johnson
Hayward Patterson
Virginia Patterson
James Hayes, Jr.
Chester Guillory
Pauline Walker
John Cooper
Randy Burgett
Robin Hall
Chief Eddie Adair

Chief Adair called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.

Randy Burgett from Community Development distributed a memo summarizing the October 13, 2001 Fall Neighborhood Cleanup and discussed results of the survey taken during the cleanup event. The Spring Neighborhood Cleanup is scheduled for May 4, 2002. He circulated a sign-up sheet for volunteers and thanked UCAP members for their continued support. Randy also announced that public hearings will be held April 2, 2002 at 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. at the Urbana City Building to review the Annual Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2002-2003. He encouraged committee members to attend the hearings to provide input regarding future cleanups.

Robin Hall from the Urbana Park District reported that designs are being drawn up for improvements to be made at King Park. He also reported that Bruce Walden, Chief Administrative Officer for the City of Urbana has requested funding from the State of Illinois to help finance the improvements and will be seeking the assistance of State Representative Tom Berns to help in this endeavor. Robin also reported that another "Jettie Rhodes Day" is being planned for sometime in June 2002.

James Hayes thanked citizens of the neighborhood for working with the Urbana Park District regarding King Park improvements. He also encouraged them to make Urbana School District aware of their concerns about King School and to be informed about any future plans the school board may be considering for the district.

The City of Urbana budget process began February 4, 2002. Chief Adair is requesting the hiring of one additional police officer for fiscal year 2002/03. He asked that committee members, council members, and residents support his request.

Chief Adair reported that after 28 years of service with the Urbana Police Department, Assistant Chief Tim Fitzpatrick will be retiring on July 5, 2002. The Chief will be holding interviews to fill that position in April.

Chief Adair announced that parking enforcement is now handling all nuisance vehicle complaints. This change went into effect as of March 18, 2002.

Chief Adair addressed questions/concerns from committee members. Discussion followed.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:
Karen Lowery
UPD Secretary