

UCAP ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES
King School Gymnasium
May 16, 2002

In Attendance:

Samuel Johnson
Frankie Johnson
Hayward Patterson
Virginia Patterson
Loretha Harmon
Pauline Walker
Dorothy Carter
Robin Hall
Janet Soesbe
Joe Potts
Tim Bartlett
Lt. Jim Page

The meeting was called to order at 5:38 p.m.

Lt. Jim Page was introduced to the committee as Urbana Police Department's new Assistant Chief of Police. His appointment will become official as of July 1, 2002 after city council approval. Lt. Page then gave a brief summary of his history with the Urbana Police Department and gave committee members his business card in case they needed to contact him.

Samuel Johnson reported that the May 4, 2002 Neighborhood Cleanup went well. He also reported that things had been relatively quiet in the neighborhood. Lt. Page addressed questions from Samuel and other committee members regarding the shooting on May 3, 2002 on Eads.

Robin Hall introduced Janet Soesbe, Program Supervisor with the Urbana Park District. Janet will be coordinating "Jettie Rhodes Day" to be held June 29, 2002 at noon at King Park. She will also be working on special events such as the family Neighborhood Nights.

Robin Hall discussed the \$110,000 grant money the park district has been awarded. Originally the money was to be used for a pony league field, but because of problems with acquiring the land for the field, Robin has talked to Congressman Tim Johnson and State Representative Tom Berns about using that grant money for the King Park project. He is awaiting a decision by the State in regards to this matter.

Tim Bartlett from the Urbana Park District provided a detailed diagram of the master plan for site improvements at King Park, as well as preliminary cost estimates for the improvements. Discussion followed. The decision was made to build a pavilion with restrooms off Harvey Street. Park District staff will attend the June UCAP meeting to discuss this project further and provide an update to committee members. Plans for "Jettie Rhodes Day" were also discussed.

Lt. Page reported that UPD has received anti-drug money in the amount of \$12,000 from the Housing Authority for police patrol this year and will receive \$18,000 next year. Lt. Page announced that Matt Hale will be at the Champaign Public Library on June 8, 2002 and urged everyone not to attend. Lt. Page also reported that two Urbana Police Department officers have been activated for military duty recently.

The location of the next UCAP meeting will be determined and included on the next agenda since King School will be closed for the summer.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:
Karen Lowery
UPD Secretary