

UCAP Advisory Committee Minutes
Urbana City Building – 2nd Floor Conference Room
November 17, 2011

In Attendance:

Melvin Peeples	Tim Bartlett, Urbana Park District
Samuel Johnson	Mayor Laurel Prussing
Frankie Johnson	Alderman Robert Lewis
Lashaunda Cunningham	Chief Patrick Connolly
Barbara Lewis	

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

Tim Bartlett of the Urbana Park District reported Thanksgiving Day is the Turkey Trot and invited all to attend. He also spoke about the Youth Scholarship Fund and asked that members get the word out about the scholarship program. Information is also available on the website. Tim reported the pathway project through King Park is now complete. He advised that the City of Urbana is now working on the sculptural element to the park through the Public Arts Commission. Discussion followed.

Chief Connolly suggested everyone take a few minutes and review the minutes from the last meeting. He commented about the traffic issue in the Eads Street Subdivision and said that it was decided at the last Traffic Commission meeting to install a day care center sign to address the speeding issue. He asked for any changes or corrections to the minutes.

Mayor Prussing asked Tim Bartlett about the clearing of walkways during the winter, and he confirmed that it would be done. She then asked Mr. Johnson about his volunteer work of clearing the sidewalks for children walking to school, and Mayor Prussing invited Mr. Johnson to attend the council meeting on November 28th to explain how he organized the neighborhood sidewalk clearing program. She went on by discussing the snow removal ordinance and presenting it in small steps, starting with two business districts – one near the University and one in the Downtown area. She also mentioned the possibility of neighborhoods volunteering to organize and start a pilot program. Discussion followed.

Mayor Prussing then asked about any concerns members had about the Circle K at Lincoln/Bradley and the sale of hard liquor. Discussion followed.

Alderman Lewis reported about lighting issues at Austin/Hunter and the need for more lighting. He then informed members about Dunbar Court being demolished. Remaining families will be given vouchers/relocation funds. He provided new site plans for the members to view and said the developers are willing to come and meet with the City if there are any questions or concerns. Alderman Lewis said it would be a multiple housing area with a community building. Discussion followed.

Alderman Lewis also advised that starting the weekend following this meeting, there would be people going door-to-door to solicit for broadband in Ward 3. He explained the objective is to have the latest technology for internet to your house at a low cost to the consumer. Discussion followed.

Chief Connolly provided updates on police activity. He then fielded questions/concerns from committee members.

Chief Connolly finished up by asking for suggestions on how to go about recruiting new members for UCAP. He suggested getting a list of names and maybe he could then call or meet with the area residents to invite them to the next meeting. Discussion followed.

The next meeting will be February 16, 2012 at King School.

Meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:
Cassie Heldman