

UCAP Advisory Committee Minutes
Urbana City Building
August 17, 2017

In Attendance:

Sam Johnson	JoAnn Carter	John Schneider, Community Development
Frankie Johnson	Bill Gray, Public Works	Mayor Diane Marlin
Clara Bright	Andy Rousseau, Pk. Dist.	Chief Sylvia Morgan

Chief Sylvia Morgan called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

Bill Gray with Public Works provided updates on projects to include the resurfacing of Lincoln Avenue by Urbana Gardens and the completion of Lincoln Avenue from I-74 to Olympian Road. He then reported on upcoming projects and discussed the striping on Bradley Avenue as well as the bike lanes, which are complete. Bill further discussed future projects to address more bike paths, updated bus stops, and multi-use paths on Cunningham Avenue. He reported representatives from the Engineering Department met with people from Mt. Olive and Leak and Sons about parking on Bradley Avenue; Leak and Sons offered to share their parking lot with the church. He continued by discussing ongoing pavement striping, storm sewer cleaning and televising, and sewer lining projects. Bill then fielded questions. Discussion followed.

Andy Rousseau from the Park District began by reporting on the success of Jettie Rhodes Day, with about 1,000 people attending. He continued by discussing the tennis courts survey results and planning the improvements in the 2018 Capital Budget. Andy then discussed the blue/green algae bloom (which is actually duckweed) in Crystal Lake, stating the toxin level was so low it was not a threat to public safety. He then reported that boating in Crystal Lake is closed for the remainder of the season due to low water levels. Andy finished by speaking about the inflatable movie screens being used at the different parks.

John Schneider from Community Development reported a demolition permit was issued for the Illinois American Water site, which will be clear and ready for new development. Two new permits were issued for two Habitat for Humanity homes on West Church. He spoke about the Highland Green housing units and reported that Panda Express will be opening in a few days. John then reported that Lorrie Pearson from Community Development would be holding a neighborhood meeting to get suggestions for the Illinois American Water site. John finished by answering questions and discussion followed.

Mayor Marlin began by introducing herself. She provided an update on her first 100 days: budget, rebuilding reserves, preserving pensions, the search for a city administrator, negotiating labor contracts, new financial software, new housing software, staffing changes, and an emphasis on economic development. Mayor Marlin agrees there is a need for family restaurants on Lincoln Avenue and Philo Road. She then spoke about the new monthly City newsletter. Mayor Marlin fielded questions and discussion followed.

Chief Morgan provided an update on the police department, including information on staffing and the shooting summary. She then fielded questions/concerns.

Meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.