

**UCAP Advisory Committee Minutes**  
**King School**  
**May 15, 2014**

**In Attendance:**

Melvin Peeples	Mayor Prussing
Samuel Johnson	Libby Tyler – Community Development
Frankie Johnson	Bill Gray – Public Works
JoAnn Carter	Deputy Chief Sylvia Morgan - Police
Tim Bartlett – Park District	

The meeting was called to order by Deputy Chief Morgan at 5:37 p.m.

Tim Bartlett of the Urbana Park District reported this was his first meeting as Executive Director of the Park District (official start date May 1, 2014), adding he has been with the district for 22 years. He then provided an update about the Roots Walk, new musical event at Crystal Lake Park, scheduled for Friday, May 16, 2014. Tim then spoke about the opening of Crystal Lake Pool, which will be May 24, 2014 at 12:00 p.m. He then continued with information about Jettie Rhodes Day, which is planned for June 28, 2014. Tim then asked if the committee had any questions. There was a discussion about the new MLK Sculpture, with Tim advising the artist, Preston Jackson, will be providing the park district an interpretive statement about the piece.

Libby Tyler of Urbana Community Development reported the neighborhood cleanup for King School will be Saturday morning, May 17, 2014. She provided some information about Hamilton on the Park, saying they would be putting up a fence, preparing a security plan and hiring a different management firm. Libby reported community development has followed up on nuisance complaints in the neighborhood just north of Carle. She then provided updates on areas brought to her attention at previous meetings. Libby finished by discussing the plans for a large development on University Avenue, called Campus Circle.

Bill Gray, Public Works Director, provided a 2014 Construction Map to the attendees, highlighting the upcoming projects. He then reported on the parking restrictions on Mathews, limiting parking to 2 hours to avoid long-term parkers. He provided an update on Neighborhood Watch signs being installed and then discussed some traffic commission-related work done near Circle Academy. Bill continued by reporting on upcoming street work that has been awarded. He also discussed some concrete pavement patching scheduled for Fairview Avenue, east and west of Lincoln Avenue and also on Bradley Avenue, west of Lincoln Avenue. He then addressed the issue of no sidewalks on the south side of Hill Street even though there are sidewalks on the north side of Hill Street. He also spoke about North Busey up to Sunset, having no sidewalks on either side of the street. The sidewalk issues are part of future planning. Libby added these projects are part of the multi-year capital improvement plan, but it is going to take accumulation of a few years of allocations. Bill then discussed the sidewalk project on North

Cunningham that is funded by TIF. He then fielded questions/concerns from the attendees, to include raised pavement on Beech between Romine and Wright. Bill then added that they did have some money to patch on Beslin between Mathews and Church. Further discussion followed. Bill finished by reporting that there is now a storm water utility fee, which will provide revenue to enable more regular cleaning and televising of storm sewers. There were more concerns offered about potholes and street sweeping.

Mayor Prussing then spoke about property taxes, indicating that there was no increase for the City, but there were increases for other taxing districts. She then said the City has a problem in that the hospital properties used to pay taxes, and when they stopped paying tax that shifted the burden onto everybody else. Mayor Prussing further said that the City thinks this law that made the hospitals exempt is not constitutional in Illinois. She further elaborated on the hospital tax issue. Discussion followed. The Mayor then fielded questions about a medical school for the University, the gas-electric aggregation, and current lawsuits.

Deputy Chief Morgan provided updates on previous concerns. She then fielded more questions/concerns from the attendees.

Meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:  
Cassie Heldman