

DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS
Full Board Meeting
Thursday, May 18, 2023 – 5:45 p.m.
Jennifer Putman Meeting Room
Brookens Administrative Center
1776 E. Washington St.
Urbana, IL 61801

Present: Carter, Cowart, Hanaur-Friedman, Ingram, Locke, Lokshin, Patterson, Peugh, Rodriguez, Rogers, Straub, Stohr, Taylor, Vanichtheeranont

1. Call to Order: 5:45: pm

2. Approval of the Agenda–

- a. Moved by INgram, second Locke, unanimous approval.

3. Approval of the Minutes from 2023.

- a. Moved by Lokshin, Rogers , unanimous approval

4. Public Participation–

- a. John Burgee– up for reappointment tonight, concerned about partisan complaints, has taken the required training
- b. Steve Summers-
 - i. Humane Society Building purchase– urges the purchase rather than lease. HS has not put forward a friendly lease option.
 - ii. Anonymous letter regarding AC. Hoping new AC director will be coming at the end of the meeting.
 - iii. Verizon–They may contact us regarding the towers on top of County Plaza. This was noticed April 2022, but they are resisting that they need to remove the array now. We need it to be off to work on the roof.

5. Announcements/Communications–

- a. Patterson–Several lawsuits over the opioid crisis. Kyle is forming a task force with stakeholders like CUPHD, MHB, Carle, etc.
- b.Stohr– Visit Champaign County will be renamed Experience Champaign-Urbana
- c.Taylor–It’s her birthday. Has issues with reading anonymous letters into public record.

6. Review and Discussion of the Full Board Agenda

- a. Facilities-

- i. XI. A.1) Naming County Plaza after Scott Bennett.
 - ii. (XI.A.2.) Buying HS Building– better suited for AC than the current AC is. Several departments want the current AC as storage space. Cost of building is \$400K
- b. ELUC-
 - i. (XI.B.1) Overriding the ZBA because the vote was close. The reason given was that one day the Village of Homer may want to expand in that direction. The landowner has the right to use their land. We need a simple majority.
- c. Areas of Responsibility-
 - i. (XII.A.1) Information and Technology Specialist Position for the Champaign County Clerk job description. We support this.
 - ii. (XII.B.1) JDC Money to house people out of county
 - iii. (XII. B.2) Moving costs for Public Defender hire
- d. New Business
 - i. (XIII.B.) Not following purchasing policy– AC went to Sams and forgot to submit a tax exempt form.
 - ii. (XIII.C) Early Education Center being named after Elizabeth Murphy– who worked for RPC for 45 years.
 - iii. (XIII.D) Updated software for the Circuit Clerk– very needed. Was installed before there was electronic filing
- e. Other Business
 - i. (XIV.A.1) Labor Committee–Contract with corrections
 - ii. (XIV.B) Auditor– Reassignment of Fund Number –very straightforward
- f. ARPA
 - i. Peugh– Park District– outlets and benches are coming, signs and murals are a priority.
 - ii. Animal Control – This is a big ask. Some concerns regarding how this will rollover in non-ARPA years. AC Director will be here to answer questions.

6. Next Caucus Meeting: June 13, 2023

7. Adjournment 6:27 pm