

March 2012 – Mayor’s Report

Here are the meetings I attended. Please let me know if you have further questions.

February 16th –Attended the Old Capitol Sertoma Club Luncheon.

February 21st - Attended the Bike to Work Week Meeting- Assisting with Bike to Work Breakfast in UH

February 22nd-Attended the E911 Board Meeting- I will serve on the Fire Mutual Aid Committee.

February 22nd- Attended the Emergency Management Meeting

February 23rd- Attended the MPO-Climate Action Taskforce Meeting- Toured Eastside Recycling Center- Located at 2401 Scott Boulevard. Grand Opening planned on Earth Day- Sunday, April 22nd .

March 9th- Attended the E911 Board Meeting

The next MPO Urbanized Area Policy Board Meeting will be March 28th at Coralville City Hall at 4:30pm.

Iowa City Animal Shelter Update for Council Reconsideration

After the University Heights Feb. 14th city council meeting, I contacted Tom Markus, IC Administrator to let him know UH city council had decided to opt out of the current proposal for the IC Animal Shelter.

I followed up with Tom Markus on Friday, March 9 with two questions. **1) When will the current animal shelter quit taking animals from University Heights? 2) Is it possible that Iowa City will come back to UH with another proposal?** Below is the response from Mr. Markus’s office staff, Mr. Simon Andrew.

In response to your questions about the animal shelter:

1. The date that services will end for communities not participating in the new shelter is yet to be determined. We will know more soon when our Council and other local jurisdictions have finalized decisions and agreements. I’m sorry that I do not have a more concrete answer as of yet. You will certainly be informed when this decision is made.
2. We will not be revisiting jurisdictions that have ‘opted-out’ with new proposals. Attached is the letter of intent Coralville has submitted - it includes a stipulation for a minimum capital fundraising effort. The exact terms of the letter have not been agreed to, as our Council will be discussing the matter at their 3/20 work session. University Heights may still submit a similar letter of intent by Friday, 3/16 in advance of this work session; however, a substantially new proposal will not be made to neighboring jurisdictions.

Thank you for your questions and for your timely response to the January animal shelter presentation. While University Heights may choose not participate in this particular project, we look forward to a strong working relationship on other issues going forward.

Below is a copy of City of Coralville's response letter to Tom Markus that Mr. Andrew states, "that University Heights may still submit a similar letter of intent by Friday, 3/16 in advance of this work session; however, a substantially new proposal will not be made to neighboring jurisdictions."

Dear Tom:

Thank you for your recent communication regarding the new Iowa City Animal Shelter. We appreciate your efforts to create and operate a facility that can be used by multiple jurisdictions in Johnson County.

Mayor Fausett, the City Council, several staff members, and I have discussed the proposal for the new shelter and are interested in pursuing it further. We would like to participate based on the assumption that the Friends of the Animal Center Foundation will raise a minimum of \$1 million and our capital contribution will be no more than \$163,306 regardless of the level of participation of other entities; we also respectfully request that any benefit of reduced costs be shared proportionately among those participating.

Our interest is also based on the proposed operating cost share of \$68,519. We have appreciated the Shelter's efforts to accommodate the interests of various governments and organizations while working to control costs; we would ask that the existing operational policies be reviewed as a part of our renewed partnership.

We look forward to working with you and your staff as this project moves forward and congratulate you on reaching this milestone in your flood recovery.

Sincerely,

Kelly Hayworth

City Administrator