

Champaign County Circuit Court

CHANCERY

No. 75-C-40

2M-11-73

	ATTORNEYS	PARTIES	ACTION
		Henry Matthews vs Champaign Park District, a municipal Corporation	Injunction
	109/250		Filed: May 1, 1975

	DATE	JUDGE	DOCKET ENTRIES

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
CHAMPAIGN COUNTY, ILLINOIS

HENRY-MATTHEWS

~~_____~~ Pro Se
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in Champaign, Illinois,

Plaintiffs,

v.

CHAMPAIGN PARK DISTRICT, a
municipal Corporation,

Defendant.

IN CHANCERY 75-C- 409

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Betty J. Mathews

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
CHAMPAIGN COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ON THESE REFILE
RE: THIS ORIGINALLY
INJUNCTION
RESIDENTS AND UNEMPLOYED

COMES NOW the Plaintiff, ~~_____~~,

a community association in Champaign, Illinois, by its authorized agent,
HENRY MATTHEWS, and states that ~~_____~~ ^{HE HAVE} been continuously engaged
in working for the rights of homeowners, residents and other municipal
inhabitants to seek to prevent the denial of the rights of residents by
public and private means through the open meetings, private meetings and
city council meetings to provide decent, suitable housing for the needs
of the community and in conformation with city, state and federal guidelines
in the community of Champaign and to create a healthful environment for
all residents who live, work and participate in the community:

1. That such Association has been in existence for approximately
seven years and as such during all of such time has participated in various
community and municipal projects as interested residents in the community.

2. The Plaintiff as a citizen in the community of Champaign, has an
interest in the use of the public properties, funds and goals for the benefit
of all the people of the City of Champaign.

3. That it has been brought to the attention of your undersigned
organization that the Champaign Park District has or is about to undertake
the project which is in violation of the goodwill of the community and the
goals established by all members of the community including the Champaign
Park District. ^{CPD CHGO AS BEING INVOLVED IN THE PROJECT}

4. That the Park District has led the residents of the City of Champaign
to believe that the project known as "Douglass Center" (new building) which will

provide a library and place for Senior Citizens for the black community would be built as a priority item.

5. Notwithstanding, the promises and pledges made to the community and to the residents of the City of Champaign, the Champaign Park District has nonetheless willfully and with intent to deceive eliminated the project from the immediate construction or development by so substantially changing the nature and the extent of the project that the work now proposed to be done is ludicrous and is a sham.

6. That the Champaign Park District ought to be restrained from commencing the project as is now outlined and should be directed to review all of the remaining projects left among the projects already approved in the City of Champaign to reestablish priorities so that the full project as previously represented to the public can and shall be completed.

7. That if this injunction is not granted, it will be extremely difficult to assure that the community will have harmony, tranquility and the kind of facilities for the aged and the young people of the community as has been promised and has been pledged by the Champaign Park District and all of th residents of the City of Champaign.

8. Further, that the City of Champaign has on this day sworn in a new Chief of Police, who because of his race, may be involved in a community problem that will cause his effectiveness to be jeopardized on the very first day of his job.

9. That if the court grants this injunction for temporary relief to direct that the Champaign Park District refrain from commencing with the construction of the project as it is now intended, that all matters concerning this community project can be peacefully worked out on an honorable basis so that the community can have the kind of project which it wants and which it needs all to the best interests of the citizens of the City of Champaign of all races, creeds and colors.

10. That the Plaintiff further requests that the court waive any bond that may be required for the reason that the Plaintiff seeks no pecuniary gain for himself but is seeking merely to safeguard the ends of all the people of the City of Champaign.

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WHEREFORE Plaintiff prays that:

1. Upon presentation to the court of this petition that the court shall waive any bond that may be required for the hearing of this injunction.

2. That upon a hearing, the court shall grant a temporary or a permanent injunction, as the case shall seem reasonable and just to direct an order restraining the Defendant, CHAMPAIGN PARK DISTRICT, its employees, representatives, servants, agents and attorneys from directly or indirectly doing anything further to commence the operation of the project to tear down Douglas Center and to build the present restricted project and to refrain from construction of any project until the community works out a solution to this community need.

3. Further, that the CHAMPAIGN PARK DISTRICT shall refrain from any actions or activity on lot 1 and 2, Block 5 of the Seminary Addition in the City of Champaign.

4. That the Court grant such other and further relief as to the Court may seem just.

~~PROPERTY OWNERS OF~~

BY: Henry Matthews

Pro Se

X *Henry Matthews*
~~_____~~

Pro Se

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) SS.
CHAMPAIGN COUNTY)

HENRY MATTHEWS, being first duly sworn on oath, deposes and says that he is the same person named in and who subscribed the above and foregoing instrument; that he has read the same and knows the contents thereof, and that the matters and things therein set forth are true in substance and in fact as therein set forth.

X *Henry Matthews*
Henry Matthews, ~~_____~~
~~_____~~ *Pro Se*

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) SS.
CHAMPAIGN COUNTY)

HENRY MATTHEWS, after being duly sworn and upon his oath says:

That he has this day filed an Injunction petition for the temporary or permanent prevention of the destruction of the present Douglas Center in Champaign, Illinois; and to prevent the commencing of a new project at the

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site without community consent and participation.

That immediate and irreparable injury will result to the public if this injunction is not granted because once the project is started it cannot be stopped, and, once the project is begun there will be expended vast sums of money of the public, all to the detriment of your affiant and the taxpaying public.

x *Henry Matthews*
Henry Matthews
Pro Se

Subscribed and sworn to
before me this 1 day
of May A.D. 1975.

Belton
Notary Public
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Circuit Clerk
My Commission Expires _____