

# Kluck responds to theatre vote

In the past few days I have realized that the Clark County Strategic Plan (CCSP) and I personally have come under attack based on the thought that the CCSP is trying to control how people vote, think and make decisions for our city and county. I assure you that nothing can be farther from the truth. However, I realize that most of us interpret our perceptions of issues and people as reality and therefore truth. If you have developed the above mentioned perception, I take full responsibility and sincerely apologize for allowing that to happen. The CCSP was created by the input of

hundreds of Clark County residents and represents the people of our county and no one's personal agenda.

In last week's Arkadelphia City Board meeting when the vote was cast against a bond issuance for the theater, fire station and recreation park, this attack came to light in my eyes. Realizing that this proposal (which in my perception had been supported by the board in the past and was currently supported by a majority of people surveyed) seemed to be defeated because of personal feelings toward me and the CCSP, I left the meeting truly broken-hearted.

The CCSP represents the work and leadership of many co-chairs and members who volunteer a large amount of time and efforts to see our community grow and develop. Every effort and issue we support is based on what the residents of Clark County have submitted and written down as important. We try very hard to support existing government entities and groups of people who take on these important issues. In the case of the theater renovation, we were working hard to support the city manager and Arkadelphia city board based on their past votes for the project to move for-

ward. We were excited about the leadership the board was providing to step out and support these innovative ideas.

Thank you for wanting to see our community grow and advance. The CCSP and its members and leaders have that as our primary goal, and we will continue to strive to work towards reaching it.

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