

Here are my comments on the proposed Sauvie Island Community Association Bylaws:

I am in favor of the bylaws as written. The team that authored them worked for weeks and based them on the bylaws of many other community associations. They meet the standards set by the Office of Neighborhood Involvement.

They have many safeguards that assure only residents, business owners and property owners on the island get to vote. These safeguards are very, very important. People should have to prove their residency. The vet student staying with us for a month shouldn't get a vote. Friends from California who happen to be visiting should not get a vote. My dog shouldn't get a vote.

They also have safeguards about who can be elected to the board. One of the people who commented said he should be able to throw his hat in the ring the day before the election and get on the ballot. Let's see....get your name on the ballot at the last minute, bus "residents" in from underneath the Burnside Bridge like the Rajneeshes did a couple of decades ago.....and you're a shoe in! Good idea? NO!

The same person comments that the association should be there to help residents do what they want to do on their land, not to put up roadblocks. Isn't the reason for a community association to discuss whether some things residents want to do are in the best interest of the rest of us?

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