

Greetings,

I've read both the bylaws and all of the comments posted to date. Now I'm worried that just the creation of new bylaws has worked to further divide the island community when my feeling is that the Sauvie Island Community Association should be working to further unite the island. With that said, I'd like to make the following comments about the bylaws as they are now written:

Several folks have suggested that we should designate board positions to more accurately represent the varied groups on the island. I strongly believe we should consider this, because doing so would create a well-rounded board that accurately represents the different communities on the island.

Land Use and Transportation Committee. I'm very concerned about the power of this committee and think it should be just an information sharing body. Having gone through a long permit processes with the county, I have to wonder if these bylaws give the committee power that they legally may not have. I know that when someone applies for a permit with the county they are often required to go through a pre-application meeting and the county opens up the application for public comment. I'm not sure why we need to duplicate this process. I'm also very concerned about this group making decisions based on "relevant County code" when my experience has been that the county land use folks, lawyers and even judges sometimes can't agree on interpreting the code. I'd hate to have someone discouraged from submitting an application to the county based on this committee's interpretation of complicated land use law. More importantly, I just don't think the Community Association should be involved in these issues because it will just work to further divide us. Rather this committee should share information with applicants about how to apply for permits with the county and facilitate information sharing and possible mediation between these applicants and the Community Association.

My hope is that the Sauvie Island Community Association can continue the hard work of creating a community association that unites the island and treats fairly varying viewpoints of how our island will undoubtedly change and grow over the coming years.

Thank You!

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