

February 14, 2010

Suavie Island Community Association

Re: SICA Bylaws

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

We have been residents of Sauvie Island for 3 years now, and appreciated the way in which the community welcomed us with open arms. We believe this island community is truly a unique and wonderful place with amazing natural beauty and a peaceful, small town community feel . This is very rare in the hectic world today. It is this rare combination that attracted us, and we are now proud to call Sauvie Island home.

Although we appreciate the efforts to organize the community in an attempt to protect this special place, we have concerns about the bylaws proposed in the recent 1/10/2010 meeting. The follow areas of the bylaws are of particular concern:

1. Section 2 of the bylaws sounds good until you get to section 3 and 4 for membership eligibility and voting limitation. Instead, we believe ALL residents of at least 18 years of age should be members with the right to vote. No additional restrictions and limitations should apply. In addition, and option for absentee vote by mail or via the website must be permitted on ALL elections.
2. Other areas of concern include term limits to candidacy submittals to the formation of a land use association that would control personal and business growth as they see fit with no oversight.

We believe the new bylaws as represented would cause some to have power over others which may be used to achieve personal agendas. We believe the only proper and democratic way of protecting our rights is to ensure inclusion of all community members and mechanisms which protects all residents from arbitrary decisions by a limited few. Decisions must be made in an open form with communication to all residents and voting options using mail, email, and flyers for those affected.

So in the interest of transparency we add our vote to the many islanders who would like the vote on these bylaws delayed to a later date so all island residents get a chance to participate. We would also like disclosure of those involved in the creation of the bylaws, to ensure accountability as well as a public comment period prior to finalization.

Sincerely,

Jalal and Shannon Naboulsi