

At the time that three Board members resigned, a mandate was vigorously presented by a number of residents. A demand for more effective leadership, greater fiscal responsibility, and a unified Board were delivered loud and clear. In the interim, when we had two Board members, an opportunity was lost. They could have dealt with management issues, and salary/benefits situations, but did not; dead looking 1-1. Of the newly appointed Board members, much was expected; at least by me. I heard in their voices an eagerness to correct some issues that plagued our District in recent months. I guess I misunderstood their motivation for sitting where where they do. I thought they wanted to initiate changes in District leadership and financial accountability.

Maybe it's just me, but I'm confused about who is in charge. Is it those chosen to represent us on the Board? Is it Harry Bishop, who seems to speak for the Board at public meetings? Is it Rusty Green, who I'm told just hangs around to "help" us? Or is it individual Board members who have the time and desire to run ahead ^{and} lead the charge? I also wonder about our various committees: Advisory, Parks & Recreation, Strategic Planning, and Budget Oversight. These groups, made up of dedicated citizens, designed to do research and make recommendations - are they impeded by board members involvement?

The newly appointed members of this Board should not overestimate their abilities and knowledge. Apart from people with depression, 90% of us have an exaggerated belief in our capacities. Don't underestimate your public. We want more than a dictionary definition of bonds; we want more than vague statements that our salaries are in line with other districts; we don't want to hear how transparent our divided Board is;

we don't need you to tell us what a jerk Ron Pace is, we already know he's a pain in the butt. Perhaps you can tell me why a Board member saw fit to instruct me to not talk to Mr. Pace, and why he is refused access to information, at a cost to the District.

I would like to commend our District Manager (actually I thought he was reassigned to Manager of Water/Waste water and Mr. Avedikian assumed the duties of Parks and Recreation Manager), to commend Mr. Bishop for how he has positioned himself these past months. If he is as good a manager as he is a politician, and can run the District as efficiently as he manipulates situations and people - he must be good.

I have three requests of the Board. One, that they evaluate salaries and benefits and make adjustments. Two, that they use the new costly audio-visual equipment we recently purchased to present a full disclosure of our bonds situation so that ordinary folks like myself can understand it. Three, that a similar presentation ~~should~~ be brought before residents outlining all aspects of costs and income for water/waste water. I request that this be done within the next 30 days. I would like to see this entertained as a motion tonight so that it will not "drop out of sight."

One last thing, if a favorable response is not received, I am prepared to act as spokesman for those who are contemplating a recall. This recall will target the two Board members deemed to be most detrimental to the functioning of the Board. Show some transparency, inform your constituency, and unite as a Board - or face a recall. Ignore my requests and I promise you, it will happen.