

# The Voice



## WHAT WERE “THEY” THINKING?

**T**he first group of the “they” in the above title are the 200 Third Mutual residents who held their ballots until after the Third Mutual ballot box was removed from the Community Center and only the United Mutual ballot box remained. Even though it was identified as the United Mutual ballot box by being marked with a purple ballot, 200 Third residents still inserted their ballots into it a day too late, resulting in 200 of Third ballots not being counted. Could they have changed the resulting outcome and loss of the majority? We’ll never know.

The additional “they” are the 1499 people who voted for a kindly gentleman who had **NEVER ATTENDED a single Board or Committee meeting**, and at the Meet the Candidates televised meeting did not even recognize the word “fiduciary,” the common descriptor for the position for which he was running. Now, after becoming a full fledged board member, he has declined to serve as chair of a single committee. What on earth were 1499 people thinking this man could contribute to the Third Board? We’ll never know.

Fortunately most of the above mentioned 1499-plus voters also supported incumbents Dr. John Paulus and Kathryn Freshley for re-election, and for that we have to be grateful. For the past years both John and Kathryn have contributed mightily to Third with their knowledge and background as well as their outstanding commitment to serving the interests of our community. Bear in mind that even though they were devoting forty plus hours a week to what they did, they never

stopped, nor declined an assignment.

Unfortunately, due to only two incumbents being re-elected when there were four openings, the end result was the loss of the majority of Directors who would support visibility and accountability. Neither have been reinstated chair of the committees they so competently led in the past. Dr. John is renown for his familiarity with Maintenance & Construction problems going back over 4 years when he dealt daily with Jerry Storage, then head of that division. Dr. John has been replaced ***by a Director who often needs to leave committee meetings due to the vast number of involvement and commitments to interests outside those of Third Board.*** Removing and replacing John Paulus as Chair of M & C was the first of a series of predetermined whammies to be delivered, not only to Third Board, but to Third as a community.

Kathryn Freshley who brought her vast knowledge of budgeting, investing and financial matters in general, and led the board to holding monthly assessments level for the years on which she served as Treasurer

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