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 > **The Editor:**
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 > A hearty thank you to the OUTLOOK for co-sponsoring the District all
 > candidates meeting on Wednesday Nov 16 in Edgemont Village. Your
 > reporter, Jennifer Maloney, who handled the question and answer part
 > of the meeting should be given a special vote of thanks. She did an
 > excellent job.
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 > The only criticism I would make is that she allowed a District
 > Mayoralty Candidate and a District Councillor to dictate whether a
 > question, from the floor (politely I might add) should be allowed.
 > Richard Walton, who is a Mayoralty candidate, and Mr. Alan Nixon, an
 > incumbent Councillor, demanded that the question not be allowed. The
 > question was about the District Heritage Fund.
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 > It was not only a legitimate question but it, in light of the
 > misinformation handed out by the District, the question was timely.
 > For members of District Council to demand of Ms Maloney that she not
 > allow the question because, in their opinion, the figures were not
 > accurate was not only in poor taste but shows a frightening contempt
 > not only for the voters but for civic democracy.
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 > It was not up to the District candidates to determine whether or not
 > the question be allowed. As it is, I can verify that the figures
 > posed from the floor were far more in line with the facts than those
 > provided by Mr. Walton and Mr. Nixon. This may well have been the
 > reason for the protest by the two incumbents. Indeed, today's
 > editorial in the OUTLOOK reveals a picture of District's finances far
 > less rosy than that painted by either Mr. Nixon or Mr Walton.
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 > However, this was an election meeting not a District Council meeting
 > where District Councillors can dictate the rules of democratic
 > procedure at their whim but a meeting for the benefit of District
 > voters.
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 > Yours truly,
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 > Ernie Crist
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