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A MESSAGE FROM ERNIE CRIST

Very recently I had a meeting with two experts on outdoor recreation. One had extensive knowledge about comprehensive and multifaceted outdoor recreation and the other on Mountain biking per se. The Biker told me, however, he is not a member of the NSMBA and told me why. Not at this time he said, too few bikers are willing to listen to persons with knowledge of the subject he said.

I told him I was sorry to hear that for if there is one organization that needs level headed members, then surely it is the NSMBA. To make a long story short, both of them agreed that what we need on the North Shore is a long term comprehensive outdoor recreation plan encompassing the whole of the North Shore Mountains and including all the players so we can work out a plan for the collective use of those mountains for everyone's benefit. Everybody agreed that this should have been done right from the beginning. But enter the District and, due to an inherent lack of common sense and the ability to lead other then into a quagmire or as some nasty people would say a lack of IQ, this is virtually impossible.

Needless to say, I was very pleased with what I heard from those two gentlemen. This is exactly what I had proposed from day one. It doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure out that before you act on any big project, you should think first and before you build anything and spend money, you should plan. This of course is where the problem comes in especially with people like District Councillor Lisa Muri who is clearly not trained in that area and instead tried to make brownie points at my expense by claiming that acting without thinking has always worked before - at least for her. She literally worked herself into a frenzy that I did not agree.

From what I have observed over the years Muri is not exactly adept in other areas either. For instance she could not for the life of her figure out that when it says that the limit of a Councillor's expenses is \$ 1,000 it means one thousand dollars. Neither was she adept when it comes to charging for car mileage. There too, she had difficulties on how to do it and consistently charged more then she was allowed under the policy. Now it is possible that she simply followed the example of Don Bell who had similar problems. Loyalty can be a tricky business.

Anyway, the Universe is unfolding as it will and I see from the conflict between the Equestrians and the NSMBA that they need help. The Mountain Bikers are now accusing the horses, all two of them, that they have ruined their trails and all within one weekend apparently. It just so happens that it coincided with the Mountain Biking festival when hundreds of bikers used the trail. The whole question of using the North Shore Mountains for recreation, in my opinion, is not only on the agenda but is actually a high priority. I am telling you those people need help

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