

# TASHLAND DAILY TIDINGS

## Letters to the Editor, March 7

**Undemocratic, irresponsible** Here's how:

1. Commissioners are all men.
2. APRC's main mission is recreation. The Senior Center's is social connections. Younger, more affluent seniors do not need the center. The vulnerable, destitute older ones do need it, and have no other options.
3. APRC has an arrogant attitude towards the democratic process. They have violated our trust. They do not care what we think, and the ad hoc committee is under the thumb of the APRC. Let me remind the, gentlemen commissioners that they are our servants, not the reverse they seek to create.
4. Fiscal irresponsibility:
  - a. There was very limited public input before APRC spent \$230,000 to over-see operations in Lithia Park for the next 100 years. It is a huge waste of money for a job we have managed well to date.
  - b. APRC spent \$49,000 on a performance audit which supported Chris Dodson, and then failed to follow its recommendations.

- c. APRC lost \$1.7 million on then Oak Knoll Golf Course.
- d. I question the cost and benefit of replacing a manager with a superintendent. The budget would be almost double. Projecting to 2023, APRC will be almost \$6 million in debt. A study to verify this amount is unavailable until after the election.

Here's the bottom line: APRC is building a bureaucracy that will focus on paperwork rather than direct services to seniors in need. Incorporating some of Rick Landt's ideas, I hope they will choose to restore our former Senior Center.

Vote yes on the recall.

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