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Marcia Chambers stated on Independent Eagle that Dan Bullard described last night's election as a referendum on the future of Legacy Theater. I'm not sure that's the whole story but who am I to argue with Marcia Chambers & Dan Bullard?

It certainly was the largest turn out of voters since I started working at the polls back in the dark ages; clearly there was some motivation. It may have come from urging by friends; it may have been that finally there was something they felt strongly about or some other personal agenda. None the less, it's a good thing when people choose to show that much interest in their local community.

It is not known to me exactly who among the new board members is pro and who is anti Legacy though I suspect that the board members as well as most of the general public is somewhere in the middle, as in being supportive of the building being renovated for use only as a theater, but reluctant to endorse use as a concert hall, wedding venue or event space. The concerns being expressed involve noise, parking, alcohol & public urination. Real or imagined, these issues are part of public concern.

But I am here tonight to say that I think the majority of the past executive board served well, listened to their audience and moved ahead based on their perception of what the Stony Creek citizens wanted in terms of action. I also know that they all serve their community in various ways to the best of their ability and I think we would all do well to remember that they are volunteers who were duly elected by those who bothered to vote last year. They serve in a thankless position and don't deserve some of the remarks that are being bandied about.

It ill behooves any of us to criticize until we've been where they are or have walked a mile in their shoes.

I wish the new board well and want to thank those who served and didn't get the opportunity to see it through.

-Tanya Greenvall