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**Current topic: Creation vs. Evolution**

## 2 Cents Worth:

### What do you think of the new Fish Cleaning Station?



"It is a work of art. I know the engineers who did it and they did a beautiful job. "

Mark Anderson, Anchorage  
(in Seldovia fishing)



" I think you can clean a lot of fish on this...quite a hunk of metal."

Chief Andy Anderson

"I think it is pretty nice. Got to do something with the bull rail though. "

Steve Kroll

"I think it is going to be a great asset and I am happy to



Kurt Reynertons

## Letters to the Editor

May 2, 2006

Dear Editor:

Decisions made by groups in power will definitely alter the community, either in a positive or negative manner.

Susan Springer used to say "People come to Seldovia, for what isn't here". That is a true statement, as we are a unique community, with natural beauty surrounding us, and not a lot of amenities enjoyed by the larger communities. But those of us, who choose to live here, may be here in part because of "what isn't here".

It is a fact of life that when people come to live in Seldovia, and are only here for a year or two, they can get appointed to Boards and Commissions, where they can make decisions which will affect the very nature of our community. Without a lot of knowledge of the community, sometimes these folks want to make Seldovia look like the place they just came from. (And I assume they left those places for a reason.)

Being in appointed positions, rather than elective offices, they cannot be voted out, when they make decisions that are not in line with the majority of the voters. Hopefully, the newer community members on the boards, will ask for opinions and listen to the folks who've been here awhile, to get the history and flavor of Seldovia; and the hopes and aspirations and the vision of the residents who live here now.

I've lived in Seldovia for almost fifty years, and have put more than twenty-five years into public service for the City and the Borough in various offices. Everyone needs to take their turn, and I've had my turn at creating and preserving the Seldovia you see today. We did the flower beds and parks around town – at the library, clinic, harbor and across from the store while I was Mayor (more than twenty years ago), and they've been kept up, so they are still attractive today. (Thank you, Doug Pierren)

We created Lollipop Park, did house numbering, and the dog Leash law in those years. (That dog ordinance was controversial). We taxed boats as personal property for the first time, to increase the tax base of the City. (That was another contentious issue, but necessary). We created a Comprehensive Plan, and accomplished some of the objectives. You are living today with results of the decisions that were made then. Decisions made by groups in power will definitely alter the community, either in a positive or negative manner.

If you are concerned about actions being taken in the City, talk to your City officials, and give them your opinion; and perhaps it's your turn to step up and volunteer for appointed positions, or run for public office. Everyone needs to take a turn.

Sincerely,  
Darlene Crawford

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