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Tim Dillon - Seldovia's New City Manager

by Tamara Blodgett



Seldovia's new City Manager is a self-described "leader" who works *beside* and *with* his team of people versus a "manager" who organizes *things*. Dillon likens his approach to working within an orchestra. The maestro is the leader who organizes, facilitates and leads his musical "team" through their unique parts which make the whole. In this way, there will be air, percussion, strings and all the components crucial to making that whole a well-oiled machine. Dillon feels that with the right leader, this can mean a *harmonious* and efficient rapport, and ultimately, a successful result. With that in mind, he already has a plan for his new job that speaks to this methodology. There are several groups working towards similar goals for Seldovia. Dillon feels that some of these groups have parallel motivations and ideals. Bringing them together, compromising on process while moving forward would essentially tackle multiple agenda items efficiently in a cooperative effort.

Volunteer-ism overlaps with paid positions...

Dillon mentioned that a mentor of his said when one volunteers, one checks their "...ego at the door." He couldn't agree more! If we (collectively) are to have success in our

Meeting the locals...

Dillon has an "open door" policy that speaks to that innate "approachability" he is striving to initiate and foster. The reverse order also stands, as he attended a diverse cross-section of local gatherings such as Susan B. English Booster Club and visited the Boys & Girls Club. During his first City Council meeting he reiterated his stance on his position as city manager, along with his staff. They *will* be offering customer service to the community and that the community "... pays our salary" and [we] should be attentive to their concerns/needs.

Coming full circle...

Dillon's unique experience in the sports and entertainment field for the last twenty-eight years will serve him well in his capacity as Seldovia City Manager. Born and raised in the New Jersey area with an Undergraduates Degree in Education and a Masters in Administration (concentration in Law and Marketing) also underscore the work that needs to be accomplished in our town. Dillon is a diverse "player,"

endeavors, we must work together, with diverse personalities forming a partnership based on the commonality of our goal(s) firmly in grasp.

Dillon was the Resource Development Executive Director for the 2006 Arctic Winter Games. It was during his work there that he was approached about possibly pursuing city management as a future career path. However, the timing was not right. Dillon was not comfortable splitting his time between directing the Games, and trying to give 110% to a city manager position.

A family-man through and through...

Having been married for twenty-eight years and the father of four sons has certainly added to his qualifications to "lead!" On that note, he made a merciful choice for his youngest two sons, a junior and senior in high school, who will continue to reside with their mother in Eagle River. He felt it would be a difficult thing to move a family which may cause a potential displacement disaster during their final two years of schooling. Dillon knew that the commute would not be the undoing of his familial ties and thought it was an affirmation to provide closure for his sons first young adult milestone. He looks forward to frequent family visits and closing up that geographical tie when the youngest flies the coop. This will herald a positive and unique change both in life and location for the entire family.

having produced the major NCAA (Ice Hockey), "Frozen Four." He brings his "skills set" to the forefront in his new role as city manager. Those skills will serve him and the community well as his primary focus. His approachability and "hands-on" approach will be his unique focus as he works towards his goals. This is the same modus operandi that he has used with great success in the past. Dillon confided that he does not endeavor to take on new projects (read careers) unless he feels a certainty of success. He feels that way about Seldovia. We do too Tim, thanks for your vote and welcome to Seldovia.