

ACRP Minutes 11/21/2023

1st district report from Christian Marcus

- No support for a constitutional convention.
- Some counties did not pay their 1st district dues.
- Spoke about the benefits and opportunities of the Fellowship of Cristian Athletes organization.

Carla Bart gave a presentation detailing a Brownfield housing development in the Village of Bellaire. She expressed concern that the project was being rushed through by the township, village and county boards.

The project would include 50 townhouses and 184 units with a potential for approximately 300 people.

The developer is seeking a 30 year tax abatement to keep the rents low.

Carla is proposing hiring a company called "get their vote" to contact Antrim County residents via text message and emails and get the information about this project to them.

The amount needed to proceed is \$1200.

Cherie Hoglan commented that it is more about the non transparency of the county, they are rushing this project through.

She stated that she would be upset if 50 townhouses and the possibility of 300 people were suddenly in her neighborhood. And she didn't know anything about it. They would be using the roads and running all over the place.

And now that the state is involved, they would be picking the winners and losers when it comes to awarding these tax abatements.

Christian Marcus commented that there may be a way to put the brakes on the project or take another vote following Robert's Rules of Order. More information would be needed. Marv asked commissioner Bill Hefron to look into it.

Jim Gurr made a motion to use the corporate account to take in donations to fund Carla's request.

Dale Eschnburg amended the motion to read "if we can collect enough contributions without going through the corporate account, we do it that way, or if we have to, combine the donations with the corporate account.

Dorothy Eshenburg seconded the motion.