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# Factions Spar in Sea Isle City Election

By NICK COLIN

SEA ISLE CITY — Are the majority of residents leaning towards a vote for change in the form of government or do they want it to remain the same?

It depends on who is asked.

John Fee and the petition committee believe residents will opt for a five-council, mayor, administrator form of government Nov. 7.

Maurice Murphy, who serves on the city planning board, views things a bit differently.

"Our goal is to support the current form of government and beyond this campaign to help with seniors and other issues in town, not to split the city," said Murphy, who formed the group Sea Isle First, also known as "Oogie's 25" because it has held meetings at Uncle Oogie's restaurant.

"It should be Oogie's 800," said Murphy.

The founder of the non-partisan group, Sea Isle First, claimed to have 800-plus supporters out of the 2,079 register voters in the city.

He said about 125 of them are involved in the Sea Isle First campaign and many were residents who originally signed the petition.

"People feel they were lied to when they signed that petition and they're planning on changing their vote," said Murphy.

One of the issues Murphy believes the petition committee lied about is

the need to change the current form of government in order to hire an administrator.

Murphy said Sea Isle First is in favor of hiring an administrator no matter who is in office.

"Everyone (in the current form of government) is part-time. We need someone there full-time," explained Murphy.

"That's something we'd push for no matter who is in office," he said.

Fee said that the petition committee was honest with voters when it sought signatures and that an administrator wouldn't work well in the current commission form of government.

"There are pitfalls in using an administrator in a commission form because of the way the government is structured," he said.

According to Fee, there was a proposal for an administrator in the mid-90s that was rejected.

He also reaffirmed that no one on the petition committee had any state position on current ordinances and that if change is approved, candidates would be running for positions with their own objectives.

Fee said he is considering running for office if residents vote "yes."

Sea Isle First has had an easier time getting its message to voters due to its fundraising over the last

month. Murphy said that his campaign had received donations from real estate agencies and other businesses in town, as well as from residents.

"We've gotten \$100 from the average Joes in town and couple thousand from some businesses," he said.

Murphy said that the money had financed brochures, signs, pollsters, a banner plane and a "court reporter," among other items.

According to Tom Henry and Fee, Sea Isle Taxpayers' Association president, the "court reporter" was present at a petition committee meeting.

The petition committee isn't doing any fundrais-

ing. "At present we are not going to collect money," said Fee.

He said SICTA had been paying for the petition committee's ads and mailings.

The petition committee may not be spending a substantial amount of money on the campaign, but it will be spending time and resources trying to account for absentee ballots.

According to the County Clerk's Office, a lot of absentee ballots regarding Sea Isle City, had already been requested.

"We're going to have to keep our eyes open about

absentee ballots out of town," said Fee.

He was also concerned about registered voters who were no longer alive.

"My neighbor died in 1992 and is still listed as a registered voter, so we'll have to keep an eye on that as well," said Fee.

The petition committee has informational meetings scheduled for Oct. 14, 21, and 28.

"Sea Isle First and the commission have been invited to the Oct. 14 meeting," said Fee.

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