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RCSC board plans bylaw change

Motion changes number of votes needed in recall election by Jeff Dempsey, Daily News-Sun

The Recreation Centers of Sun City board of directors will consider Thursday a bylaw change that would make it tougher to recall an elected official.

The board's first evening session is set at 7 in Mountain View Auditorium, 9749 N. 107th Ave.

Motion No. 3 on the agenda, an amendment to Corporate Bylaws, Article III, Section 4, would change the requirements for a quorum at quarterly membership meetings and also the number of votes required to recall a director.

Currently, 100 voting members are required to establish a quorum and 100 votes must be cast in a recall election. In both cases, that number would be changed to one-tenth of eligible voters in Sun City.

General Manger Jan Ek said last week there are "between 35,000 and 36,000" voters in Sun City, meaning at least 3,500 people would have to attend a membership meeting to establish a quorum. Board President Warren Hoffman was asked at the director-member exchange meeting last week if he thought it was fair to require that many members to attend in order to establish a quorum.

"Right now we have 100 people speaking for everyone in Sun City," Hoffman said. "Is that fair?"

Anne Randall Stewart, who started the Sun City Formula Registry, said she is concerned about the ramifications of what the board is trying to do.

"We had gone several years without a quorum, but now they want to require 3,500 people?" Stewart said. "So in other words, we're never going to have a quorum again. That's what the board is doing."

Stewart said she is worried not only about the inability of the people to establish a quorum, but also of the near-impossibility of recalling a director.

"We would need 3,500 people to participate in the recall election, but something to consider here is that several members on the board were elected with far fewer votes than that. "In the 10 years I've been paying attention, I've never seen 3,500 votes cast in an election. But they want that many to come out for a recall? This is wrong."

Stewart said she hopes a large crowd will convince the board what they are considering is against the wishes of the people.

"We have a right as homeowners to expect to be able to step in and prevent wrongdoing when we see it, but this change will keep us from doing that," she said. "I think no matter who you are, you should be concerned about this motion."

Also on Thursday, the board is expected to vote on annual golf passes for nonresidents 55 and older.

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