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Guest Commentary

Group wants language change in state law

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This is a call to action to attend in person and vote at the Recreation Centers of Sun City membership meeting 9 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 19 in the auditorium at Sundial Recreation Center, 14801 N. 103rd Ave.

Prepare to stay for 3 hours. Delaying tactics intend to get people to leave, fed up, before voting. Don't fall for it. Noel Kasper will again try to make motions from the floor to circulate petitions to call for a membership ballot vote to amend the articles of incorporation. The issues will be (1) do you want to remove the board's power to recall a board member without a membership vote and (2) do you want to remove the board's power to write bylaws and rules, however denominated, without a membership vote?

With the board's recent actions (recalling duly elected board member Ann Ullman and attempting to change membership quorum) the board must be reined in by the membership.

The approximately 350 members who crowded the Mountain View auditorium at the October board meeting are heroes. They delayed the board's motion to increase the quorum for membership quorum and recall elections from 100 to 3500, which would have eliminated both, making the members "deep-pocket slaves".

However, it will be tried again when you are not here because the RCSC leaders want this badly. Board directors want the homeowners — and dissenting board directors — out of their way.

Sun City Formula Registry representatives attend RCSC meetings and sound the alarm then members act in person not by proxy. Proxies are unreliable because board proxies cannot be verified by members, and members cannot verify why theirs are disqualified. Besides, proxies are illegal according to the Planned Communities Act, only written ballots are allowed. However, RCSC officials claim they are not subject to the Planned Communities Act, based on one word.

District 9 representatives Rick Murphy and Debbie Lesko lead the legislative committee in charge of taxation. They



should stop giving a constituent multi-million-dollar nonprofit corporation tax breaks intended for "planned communities" and then sit by letting it use technicalities to avoid abiding by the Planned Communities Act. We asked them to sponsor a bill that would plug the loophole and help Sun City homeowners.

RCSC is celebrating its 50th Anniversary as the first and biggest "planned community," the template for the rest that followed.

The Planned Communities Act requires open meetings, with allowed closed meetings for litigation and personnel issues. The quorum issue was neither, yet was discussed only at closed so-called workshop meetings.

We denounce what the RCSC board is doing, including writing enabling laws, assessing and spending millions without membership votes, removing voting rights from homeowners after changing qualifications of membership then assessing them unequally under threat of foreclosure, kicking off board members who disagree with the majority, closed meetings and records, kangaroo courts and much more.

The RCSC board jeopardizes our security with Fairway Recreation Center only half finished, \$4 million in deferred repairs and a 20 percent increase in the preservation and improvement fee in a depressed real estate market.

Good candidates are not running for election. Why should they? They will just get kicked off if they disagree with the regime, to be replaced with an unelected "good ole boy".

Rein in the board's power. Require a membership vote to change the bylaws or recall directors. Attend the Nov. 19 membership meeting.

The RCSC articles of incorporation guarantee in a dispute between the members and the board, "the actions of the members shall prevail." That means you are in charge, but only if you act.