

The Anne Report

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"Oakmont Removal Update"

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PHOTO: Oakmont Rec Center, Del Webb's first; having the only saltwater swimming pool in Sun City!

Kudos to the Oakmont women who attended the 3/15/11 RCSC Long Range Planning Committee meeting saying they heard about the discussion to remove Oakmont Recreation Center.

The response was that there had been "no discussion of closing

Oakmont"; one man actually said, "That's the first I ever heard of it" and laughed.

This denial was a blatant lie and anyone on an RCSC Committee who lies to a member should be removed from the committee and we are hereby making that request. The RCSC Members should never be here to.

Further, another committee member "reassured" the women that "if" they did decide to remove Oakmont there would be plenty of meetings about it like they did over "Fairway".

How about "Fairway"? We find ourselves now with \$17 million of our resources tied up there while we have a leaking Viewpoint Lake, and the Bell Metal Club now 15 years waiting for a measly club expansion project, not to mention everybody else waiting patiently for repairs.

How about the repair on the Sundial Monument where the RCSC is now begging for \$50,000 in "donations" when they should have been taking care of it all along!

And, how much money did they waste on the failed lawsuit to try to avoid obeying their contract with the Viewpoint Lake homeowners?

The RCSC wanted to have the Viewpoint Lake homeowners fix the leaking lake when it belongs to the RCSC and the RCSC was contractually bound to put aside monies for that purpose which they failed to do.

That Viewpoint Lake Lawsuit money could've gone to the long awaited Bell Metal Club expansion or the Sundial Monument repairs or BOTH! (By the way, they won't disclose what the lawsuit cost us in much-needed resources.)

Here's a hoot! There was a discussion about removing miniature golf courses to save \$24,000 annually in carpeting! That seemed strange to us since the RCSC wrote [BP#15.A.1](#) which allows the managers to spend up to \$15,000 at a crack without limitation and no requirement to let anyone know for what! So, what's the big deal about spending a paltry \$24,000 annually and having *all* the miniature golf courses available for free play? It sounds really cheap to us considering the massive return in free recreation for members and their grandkids.

We wonder what they plan to do with that extra land that the miniature golf courses occupy.

Sell it? Who'd buy it when it's on RCSC property?

Develop it? At what cost? Will it cost more than \$24,000/year to build and maintain a new structure? Even landscaping costs

something! Water, seed, fertilizer, cleanup, labor... Carpeting expense only comes every five years. Landscaping is a weekly expense, including workers comp!

Also, having turned the open Bid Committee into a "secret-meeting" Bid Commission leads us to wonder if there's a chance something big-time might go in there. Then, they could hire again their "favorite" contractor like they did with the modest Bell Lawn Bowling Clubhouse at a whopping \$450,000!

"Innuendo!" "Rumor!" Watch and see what happens.

After the ladies left, warning that more people will be showing up to stop them, "maybe thousands!" a man declared, urgently, "we have *got* to stop the rumors and innuendos!"

Fortunately, the chairman confirmed that they not only talked about Oakmont's removal but it was on their printed list. And, he also said he welcomed a press release.

Someone else advised that, in order to "calm everybody down," the committee should refrain from singling out any one rec center by name and just say we are "looking at all of them" to determine which one is "best" to remove.

So, instead of worrying about just Oakmont's surrounding property values and quality of life being adversely affected, everybody in town can worry that *their* recreation center might be targeted (like Marinette), instead of Oakmont.

Now, the entire Long Range Planning committee has set a date (March 25, 9 a.m., all day) to have the managers show them *all* of the rec centers to determine "usage" and which rec center they might like to tear down "to save money" (like it doesn't cost anything to tear something down or replace it entirely!).

The Sun City Formula Registry wants to OUTLAW discussion of the removal of our rec centers and monuments. *Forever!*

Del Webb donated the facilities to maintain and keep for future generations. So, MAINTAIN them! Don't remove our amenities and monuments!

The amenities were installed *before* the surrounding homes were even built. Del Webb knew they would enhance property values that way. If the amenities were removed then the opposite would be true. Ergo, removing amenities would *reduce* the property values of the surrounding homes.

If you see a group of Long Range Planning Committee members "touring" your rec center, know they are looking to take away a rec center that will lower your quality of life and your property values ... or someone else's. Speak up! Say something!

We must stand together to keep that from happening to *anybody*. One for all and all for one!

SAVE OAKMONT! SAVE MARINETTE! AND SAVE OUR AMENITIES AND MONUMENTS!

Contact the board and ask them to instruct the Long Range Planning Committee to take off the discussion table entirely the removal of rec centers and monuments!

Tell them also, instead of removing Oakmont, they should remove committee members who lie to the members' faces and obfuscate the facts in order to "keep the members calm".

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