



# BOARDTALK

Recreation Centers of Sun City, Inc., 10626 W. Thunderbird Blvd., 623-876-3000 May 2001

## New Spas Planned for Sundial

Findings of an investigation regarding the improvement and possible replacement of the two spas were discussed at a meeting held April 11 at Sundial Recreation Center. This was a follow-up to a meeting held several months ago with members who use the spas.

Currently one of the spas is closed and the other, while still in use, is losing water at the rate of one foot per day. Earl Feierabend, Director of Centers Operations, explained that the spas cannot be repaired and will be relocated in a more suitable area at the north end of the large swimming pool. The cost of repairing the spas in the present location exceeded the cost of replacement in a new location by \$45,000. The increased cost is related to the inability of the contractor to use heavy construction equipment in the current location.

While there were many questions relating to the spa replacement, considerable interest was expressed in the

proposed use of the space to be vacated by the spas. Mr. Feierabend explained that in the investigation a number of other problems had been identified. Through dye testing, use of television cameras and core drillings, it was determined that the floor drains in the spa room, locker rooms, restrooms and shower rooms had collapsed. Further, the sewer lines in the restrooms were clogged and are in need of repairs. These findings meant that it would be necessary to repair the locker rooms, restrooms and shower rooms. Therefore, a decision was made to use the old spa room to enlarge and improve these facilities.



An architectural drawing was presented showing how the showers, lockers and restrooms could be improved. The enlarged space would permit more handicap accessibility, larger showers, lockers with locks to hang and secure clothing, more sinks and toilet facilities.

The total cost of the improvements is estimated at \$350,000 and will take up to four (4) months to complete after plans and permits are obtained. During this time the spas, locker

rooms, restroom showers and swimming pools will be closed. The large swimming pool is also in need of resurfacing and repainting.

Mr. Feierabend also explained the difficulty in obtaining estimates since only four out of 20 contractors contacted responded to our request for bids and only two provided estimates.

The cost of the project, explained Jerry Swintek, President of the Board of Directors, will be covered by the Capital Preservation/Improvement Fund, which was established for exactly this type of project. Mr. Swintek noted that the RCSC has sufficient funds to complete the project.

At the conclusion of the presentation members were able to get a close look at the architect's sketches. There were many positive comments and members stated they were pleased to see the potential for improving the facility.

### 2001 BOARD STUDY SESSIONS & MEETING

Study Session: Monday, May 14  
Study Session: Monday, May 21  
Board and Quarterly Membership Meeting: Thursday, May 31  
Study sessions are held at 8:30 a.m. in the Board Room at Lakeview.

Board meeting is at Sundial at 9 a.m.

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