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RCSC management is anything but idyllic

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In his June 18 letter, Gene Westemeier, RCSC vice president, depicted an idyllic corporate operation. I suspect Manager Jan Ek wrote it.

Mr. Westemeier excused management, blaming the board itself for rocks in the bunkers, dead fairways at Willowcreek, unequal assessments on singles, etc. He won't fire management. He won't allow recall. However, he will fire a director like Ann Ullman who pushed to stop frivolous spending.

"Repair the rowboats rather than buy new ones; and where are those rowboats anyhow?" "Off with her head!"

Instead of spending over \$410,000 on the unbudgeted Bell Lawn bowling clubhouse, invest in sand traps. Golf produces revenue, lowering assessments.

By the way, the water savings claim is bogus. Reduce our annual assessment by the savings from relining the Willowcreek stream — impossible to figure.

When the board approved this project at \$435,000, red flags flew everywhere. The Sun City Formula Registry brought the board a *bona fide* bid at \$308,000 from the top-of-the-line contractor in the business of waterproofing golf course streams. Instead of appreciation, we were shouted down from the sidelines by Ek. Then, she hastily mentioned the bid they received was "really" \$279,000 by an unknown Las Vegas company.

Alarming, management isn't required to go back to the board after they've gotten budget approval, enabling them to do it cheaper and leaving the door open for the possibility of pocketing the difference undetected. The board's policies create opportunities for fraud.

Mr. Westemeier also credited management with reducing the workforce using smoke-and-mirrors gobbledygook numbers, but he neglected to mention that all eight rec centers haven't been open at the same time for years, ergo, employee layoffs, i.e., Sundial with the roof collapse, Bell pool and workout area construction, Fairway construction. However,

they employ twice the necessary employees for golf course maintenance and refuse to fire a novice golf superintendent who continually offers excuse after excuse for failure. Dead fairways at Willowcreek? Blame him not the ADWR!

The June 2009 Sun City Formula Registry's RCSC report card?

The Formula for Successful Sun Cities:

1. Affordable housing: F

- The PIF is at \$2,500, and Westemeier wants \$5,000; sellers are picking up the tab for the buyers so they can get outta here.

2. Create a sense of community, social network or fabric for the residents: F

- In the dead of night, management riled everyone by painting over a beloved mural in the Piano Club room paid for by the Piano Club and lovingly painted by the Art Club next door. "Rules are rules." The club didn't ask for "permission" first. "But we didn't know." "Ignorance is no excuse!"

3. Unsurpassed amenities: F

- Rocks in sand traps, dead fairways, gutters instead of golf course water features, maintenance and repairs ignored.

Though we appreciate volunteers, this board majority should stop protecting bad managers and get some experts in here.

Protect your interests: attend the 9 a.m. Sundial Recreation Center meeting Thursday [June 25, 2009]. Support Ann Ullman, the "watchdog of frivolous spending."