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Voices must fill RCSC meeting

Call to Action: RCSC membership meeting, Thursday, September 24, 2009, 9 a.m. Sundial Auditorium, Boswell & 103rd Avenue, Sun City.

At the Aug. 27, RCSC board meeting, a packed auditorium protested the board's action to raise the Preservation and Improvement Fund (PIF) by 20% to \$3,000. Also, the board decided to take the Sundial insurance money and fund Fairway instead of using it to do the deferred repairs, which is its proper purpose. Then, the board unanimously and defiantly voted against the members' wishes.

RCSC President Warren Hoffman said the intention of a high PIF is to keep the "poor people" out of Sun City. The flip side of that coin is that high annual assessments (or special assessments) will kick the poor people out of Sun City.

There were 100 foreclosures last year and Realtors warn more will flood the market. The thinking is the new Fairway Rec Center will bring in development and the people living in "depressing" one-bedroom condos are sitting on prime land perfect for luxury condo development.

At the meeting, shockingly, The Sun City Taxpayers' Association was "neutral" on a 20 percent increase in the PIF which would discourage the poor from moving into Sun City. Neutral, yet they passed out flyers at the meeting luring the poor to come to them for help. The flyer states they will "help" them fill out a "simple questionnaire" that essentially identifies Hoffman's "undesirables," offering them free — emphasizing free — legal and investment "advice".

Attention, poor people! With this kind of leadership running Sun City's institutions, we sincerely recommend that you not tell *anybody* of your dire straits, not even your neighbor who may be of a similar mindset. A foreclosure is an opportunity to flip a property for big profits. Fortunately, we haven't had reports come to us of abuses but the stage is set for treachery. Be aware.

If you need help only go to a *real* agency of the federal, state, or county governments.

We have been strong supporters of SCTA during the past 15 years. Hats off to its past boards. However, we were disappointed at reading about the SCTA services on its flyer which included an annual donation drive as one of its "worthwhile" accomplishments. From their recent actions

— abandoning their bulldog mascot and desiring to be "friends" with the RCSC — sadly it appears to us that the SCTA has been infiltrated and is no longer the protector of Sun City's pocketbook. Until they return to their original mission The Sun City Formula Registry has rescued SCTA's bulldog mascot. He served them well for decades. He will continue to serve through us. The bulldog will be returned when the SCTA deserves him back. On that day, we will again support the SCTA. Until then, we are watching them without rose-colored glasses.

With the support of the presidents of SCTA and SCHOA at the speakers' podium, Mr. Hoffman's mistreatment of the members served to push buttons that left members muttering to themselves, "It won't do any good to attend meetings because the board won't listen."

When members allow a board to push their buttons, they better watch their wallets.

Good news: 100 members attending an RCSC membership meeting can conduct corporate business. A majority can overturn board actions.

At the upcoming membership meeting, the following motions will be made:

- 1) I oppose the \$500-increase to the Preservation and Improvement Fund (PIF) assessment and
- 2) I oppose loaning the operating budget's Sundial insurance proceeds designated for deferred facility repairs to the PIF for Fairway funding.

Be forewarned, hot-button issues tend to be heard last. Delaying tactics empty the room to the board's advantage because their supporters will stay until the end since they benefit from all the spending of your money — so stay put. Be prepared for a long meeting. Bring water, snacks, books, radio headsets and cell phones.

Memorize the following: The RCSC Articles of Incorporation declare that where there's a conflict between the board and the members, "the action of the Members shall prevail."

A membership meeting is where the members act. This is your chance to vote.