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Quorum needed to overturn RCSC board decisions

Attend RCSC membership meeting to overturn board action.

Call to Action: Recreation Centers of Sun City membership meeting, 9 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 24 at Sundial Recreation Center auditorium, 14801 N. 103rd Ave.

At the Aug. 27 RCSC board meeting, a packed auditorium protested the board's action to raise by 20 percent the Preservation and Improvement Fund (PIF) to \$3,000 and to take the Sundial insurance money and use it to fund Fairway Recreation Center reconstruction instead of using it to do the deferred repairs, which is its proper purpose. The attending members overwhelmingly opposed their actions through a show of hands and at the speaker's podium.

RCSC Board President Warren Hoffman chose to be blatantly rude to them, including body language like rolling eyes and sighs of exasperation. Then, the board unanimously and defiantly voted against the members' wishes.

Mr. 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 are coming to flood the market. The thinking is the new Fairway will bring in development and that the people living in "depressing" one-bedroom

condos are sitting on prime land perfect for luxury condo development.

At the meeting, The Sun City Taxpayers' Association was "neutral" on a 20 percent increase in the PIF that keeps the poor out. Neutral, yet they passed out flyers luring the poor to come to them for help. The SCTA "helps" them fill out a "simple questionnaire" that identifies the "undesirables," offering them free legal and investment "advice".

If you are poor in Sun City don't tell anybody. For help go to a bona fide governmental agency, not a group that lists 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 the SCTA has been infiltrated and is no longer the protector of Sun City's pocketbook.

Using organizations such as the SCTA and SCHOA to support him at the speakers' podium, Mr. Hoffman's mistreatment of the members served his purpose. He pushed 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, there's an inevitable money grab.

Fortunately, 100 members attending the

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membership meeting can conduct corporate business. A majority can overturn board actions. Here are the upcoming membership motions:

- 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 warned: Hot-button issues are heard last. Delaying tactics empty the room to the board's advantage — so stay put.

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. Be there.

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