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Petition request will come before RCSC board

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On Thursday, Anne Randall Stewart will ask the Recreation Centers of Sun City to allow her and her supporters to circulate petitions to limit the powers of RCSC board members by requiring voter approval of bylaws changes and the removal of elected officials.

"We want to let people know we are doing this so they can attend the meeting because I think it's important," Stewart said.

The quarterly membership meeting and the regular meeting of the RCSC board of directors will begin at 9 a.m. Thursday in Sundial Auditorium at 103rd Avenue and Boswell Boulevard. For information and a complete agenda, visit www.sunaz.com.

At the meeting, Stewart will seek the board's OK to collect petition signatures for two potential ballot issues.

The first aims to keep the board from removing one of its own members without a vote of the entire membership. The other would prevent the board from changing articles or bylaws without a vote of the membership.

If the petitions are approved, Stewart would have six months to secure approximately 3,800 signatures, which would allow the questions to be placed on a ballot in 2010.

Stewart's petition stems partly from the ouster of board member Ann Ullman earlier this year. The board voted her out without revealing the reasons.

"They removed Ann Ullman, and we don't like that," Stewart said. "This isn't about us supporting her specifically. We just don't like that they can remove someone, whoever that may be without telling us why."

Stewart said the changes would allow members of the RCSC to have more say in what happens in the community.

"We are the homeowners, and we should be heard," she said. "If we change the articles, we can have more membership control over these board members."

Stewart said she wanted to be clear: She has no vendetta against the board.

"This isn't about being against the board. We're not against Sun City. Quite the opposite," she said. "We think these changes need to be made so Sun City can prosper."

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