

RCSC approves recall petitions, SCFR rejects them

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Recreation Centers of Sun City officials approved a petition to recall six members of the rec centers board of directors, but Sun City Formula Registry officials rejected the recall petition.

Anne Randall Stewart, spokeswoman for the Registry, said the recall petition was rejected "as to form and timing." She said when Registry representatives asked for the recall petition Jan. 28, Vance Coleman, elected to the board in December, asked to be added to the recall.

"The petition they approved did not have his name included," Mrs. Stewart said.

The approved petitions had a March 29 start date and, with only 90 days to collect more than 3,600 signatures, Mrs. Stewart said the timing was not advantageous for her group. She said a recall petition start of Oct. 1 would be more appropriate.

"Many are leaving town for the summer," Mrs. Stewart said.

The Sun City Formula Registry has less than one month to get more than 3,600 signatures on two other petitions, one to require membership votes to amend the articles of incorporation removing the RCSC board's ability to remove one of its own members and to ratify changes in bylaws and board policies. Mrs. Stewart said the group was nearing 900 signatures by March 31.

"Time is running out on the petition drive to amend the articles," she said. "The Aug. 1 deadline was changed by the board to May 1 so we would fail."

Last year, after Sun City Formula Registry members requested their petitions but before RCSC officials approved them, the RCSC board amended its bylaws cutting the time period to gather petitions from 180 days to 90 days.

Sun City Formula Registry members oppose the RCSC board's decisions to remove Ann Ullman from the board, raising the preservation and improvement fee from \$2,500 to \$3,000 and changing the time period to gather petition signatures.

SCFR members also oppose the board's decision to increase the quorum for membership meetings from 100 to 10 percent of the eligible voting members. According to RCSC officials, that would require a quorum of more than 3,600 members in person or by proxy to conduct a quarterly membership meeting.

Mrs. Stewart claimed RCSC officials further hampered Registry efforts to gather signatures when the board approved policies to prohibit signature gathering on RCSC property. She said signatures are gathered at the community dog park noon-2 p.m. daily and have representatives collecting signatures at homes.

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