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Quorums in Sun City are important, very important

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Free coffee and donuts, hot dogs and chips, a drawing for a flat screen TV, and an inspirational speaker weren’t enough to satisfy the 1250-quorum obstacle put in place by the Recreation Centers of Sun City.

RCSC should try an “agenda”, instead.

Instead of “free food” and hype, the members might want to hear more substantive reports such as:

- A complete and thorough report as to the rust found on the metal roof over the commercial swimming pool at Sundial, the site of a roof collapse in 2006.

- A full and clear report as to why RCSC general manager brought the golf operations back “in house”. What happened to the deal with National Golf Maintenance? When she entered into a deal with them giving them the use of our golf course maintenance equipment, did she actually save money like she said she would? Will we have to buy new equipment?

- Why did RCSC hire a Communication and Marketing Coordinator? RCSC is not in the business of home sales.

- Why didn’t the RCSC bring the \$6 million North Golf Course project to a vote of the members? Tearing up the course to replace an entire irrigation system and closing it for a year and a half to get it done looks like a project worthy of a vote.

- Why doesn’t the RCSC bring the \$1 million Bell tennis project to a vote of the members? Tearing out perfectly good tennis courts in order to make room for two more seems controversial enough to let the members decide.

- A membership vote would be nice before tearing out three paid-for and viable amenities at Marinette (2 tennis courts, bocce ball, and mini golf) in favor of extraneous pickleball courts. That project will cost

\$4 million according to the magazine which was distributed at the Jan. 25 gathering.

Those are only some subjects the members might want to see presented at Membership meetings. Article X gives the Members the right to vote for projects over \$750,000. Why isn’t it being done?

In the Feb. 20, 2014, Daily News-Sun opinion piece, “Quorum? Is it important?” RCSC President James Brasher said the board increased the quorum for membership meetings from 100 to 1250. State statute forbids a board from doing that (A.R.S. 10-11023.B). So, the original bylaw setting the 100 quorum is the real quorum. Our attorney informed the board they were in non-compliance. Their response was to remove our quarterly membership meetings.

The Annual 2013 Membership meeting had a quorum over 100 as did the Annual 2014 Membership meeting but meetings were not convened. No ballots were offered.

Mr. Brasher claims the members must want the board to do whatever it chooses otherwise they would show up in massive numbers. He got 307 votes; not massive support.

Actually, if given the chance, it is conceivable the members would vote NO on at least one of the many board-proposed multi-million-dollar projects, including \$4 million for Mr. Brasher’s pet pickleball project.

RCSC Article II says the board’s mission is to do anything “lawfully” in the interest of the Members. Lawfully, Article X requires a membership vote. Lawfully, the quorum is set at 100 and the board cannot change it. We must take RCSC to Superior Court. The quorum is VERY important! And it’s just the tip of the iceberg.

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