

Application was false



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I wrote to Maricopa County Board of Adjustments Oct. 21 requesting a rehearing of the variance application of Jim Wellman, Recreation Centers of Sun City assistant general manager, signed on July 10, wherein he requested a variance for a 10-foot wall in the backyards of eight homeowners living adjacent to Duffeeland Dog Park.

Mr. Wellman stated in the application the purpose of the wall was to benefit the adjacent homeowners and there was no opposition. This is a double misstatement of fact. There is not a single homeowner who wants the 10-foot wall in their back yards. All Mr. Wellman needed to do was to ask them, as I did.

In fact, he paid for two sets of architectural drawings, and an \$875 Maricopa County variance application fee, and got approval for the 10-foot wall variance Aug. 14. Apparently, there were obscure signs posted but the first we heard of the variance was at the Sept. 25 board meeting (11 days past the 30-day appeal deadline) when Mr. Wellman mentioned he was still waiting for final approval, which is also a misstatement of fact since he got it Aug. 14. In his report, he still didn't mention the 10-foot wall. Maricopa County told us about it.

We contacted the adjacent property owners so that they could protest and apparently RCSC backed off. Dec. 14 was the deadline for RCSC to purchase the permit at \$1,010 and proceed.

However, RCSC squandered money pursuing a potential \$200,000 boondoggle. RCSC claims they were merely exploring the possibility of the fence. That is putting the cart before the horse. There was no need to spend money exploring a project that the homeowners never wanted in the first place. How much did the two architectural drawings cost?

RCSC must prevent Mr. Wellman from future attempts to play "gotcha" on projects.

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