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RCSC board to consider reinstating committee

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After two years of inactivity then a yearlong specialized task, the Recreation Centers of Sun City Long Range Planning Committee could be coming back to life.

The committee, which advised the RCSC board on capital improvement projects, was deactivated two years ago then last year restarted as an ad hoc committee to research potential uses for the Grand Avenue property purchased by RCSC officials in spring 2016. Reinstating the group to standing committee status will be on the RCSC board's agenda for its next regular meeting, 9 a.m. Thursday, June 29 at

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Resident Karen Schuermann questions the RCSC board earlier this year about plans for renovations at the South Golf Course pro shop. With the possible reinstatement of the Long Range Planning Committee, she now calls for rec centers officials to revisit capital projects put on hold. [Independent Newsmedia/Matt Roy]

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Sundial Recreation Center, 14801 N. 103rd Ave.

Resident Bill Pearson said reinstating the Long Range Planning Committee was perfectly timed for new facility requests. Resident Steve Oaks made just such a pitch at the June 12 member/director exchange meeting (see related story on Page 2).

“That (the best options for new groups) is information you want to have in hand when requests come in,” Mr. Pearson said.

Resident Karen Schuermann was excited about the possible reinstatement of the committee, but wanted to know how it would be handled.

“I am thrilled about the Long Range Planning Committee coming back, but how will you select its members?” she asked.

No answers were forthcoming as the reinstatement had not yet been officially approved.

“There is plenty of time for that,” Rich Hoffer, RCSC board president, said.

With other committees, chairs call for interested persons to apply and the RCSC board then makes the selection, most likely after receiving recommendations from those committees. The RCSC board does not meet in July and August, so the first opportunity for the panel to consider new Long Range Planning Committee members would be its September meeting, 9 a.m. Monday, Sept. 11 at Sundial Recreation Center, 14801 N. 103rd Ave.

Ms. Schuermann encouraged the board to use the committee, if reinstatement is approved, to begin discussions of restarting some capital

improvement projects that were put on hold earlier this year due to **pending litigation.**

The board voted in a Jan. 23 closed door special meeting to halt all projects on the Preservation and Improvement Fund budget for 2017. The decision was announced to members in the RCSC general manager's report during the Jan. 26 public board meeting.

"I hope the board talks about restarting some of these projects because they need attention," Ms. Schuermann said during the June 12 exchange meeting. "The South Golf Course pro shop renovation has been talked about for years."

The rebuilding of the South pro shop was one project slated for 2017 but halted. Others were renovation of the Willowcreek/Willowbrook golf course and a golf car storage shed at South.

The lawsuit, brought by 39 individual plaintiffs, contends, in relation to PIF projects, RCSC officials must take any expenditure greater than \$750,000 to a vote of cardholders. RCSC officials counter that requirement is for creating indebtedness and their use of cash from the PIF to fund projects avoids that.

Ms. Schuermann believes, especially with South pro shop, the discussion to restart projects should not be put on hold.

"The next activity on the lawsuit won't be until November," she said after researching it through court records. "Other things are falling apart at the pro shop. It's not smart to let it go."

Resident Lynn Leiboldt agreed.

"Just walk by the building (South pro shop) and you can see it is a fire trap," she said in the June 12 exchange meeting. "I know you don't want to put any more money into the (existing) building, but consider pushing forward to avoid a disaster."

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