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RCSC board to consider Grand project PROJECT

Renovation cost pegged at \$6 million

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Recreation Centers of Sun City officials will consider during its next meeting moving to the work stage for the Grand Avenue property.

The board will consider a motion to allocate \$6 million to convert a former oriental buffet restaurant to another club facility in the corporation's inventory. The consideration will be during the board's next regular meeting, 9 a.m. Thursday, March 28 in the auditorium at Sundial Recreation Center, 14801 N. 103rd Ave.

To be called the Grand Recreation Center, 10415 W. Grand Ave., the property now includes the former restaurant, which will get exterior and interior renovations. An additional building is planned for construction on the site. The project will be paid for with preservation and improvement funds.

During the board's March 11 member/director exchange, resident Kat Fimmel asked how the Grand Avenue project would effect other PIF items planned for 2020.

"It will delay them," Jerry DeLano, RCSC board president said. "We felt it best to >> See Grand on page 5

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prioritize this one (Grand) and get it done in one project."

The PIF budget, last approved in 2016, calls for a \$9.5 million renovation of Mountain View Recreation Center, 9749 N. 107th Ave., and replacement of a golf maintenance building with a projected cost of \$750,000. RCSC officials purchased the Grand Avenue property

to address needed additional club space. Following nearly a year of committee and town hall discussion, the board determined the Sun City Clay Club, the Camera Guild, a Garden Club office, Garden Club storage and a greenhouse for the club and a Sun City Posse branch office will be the designated uses for the existing building. It will also have some classroom and meetings space. The board also decided the property would be developed in a way to allow for construction of one or more new buildings to house the Vintage Vehicle Club of Sun City and the Conservation and Sportsmen's Club archery range. The Mountain View project was the subject of two town hall meetings in October to gather resident input on what renovation should focus upon when more definitive plans are made. Bruce Alleman, RCSC board member and Long Range Planning Committee chairman, said a performing arts center as a priority in the planning was the overwhelming desire of residents at the October meetings.

"The thought being that it have 400 seats and we should look into designing it to be a multi-purpose facility," he said.

Residents also wanted to see enhancements for the pool area. Other ideas mentioned for the center were upgrades to the fitness center, adding a steam room or sauna, basketball and volleyball facilities, and retaining the mini golf course.

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There is a lawsuit ongoing regarding the expenditure of funds over \$750,000 without a membership vote. That would be Article X of the RCSC Articles of Incorporation. Also, there is a challenge to the PIF fund.

Odd that RCSC is continuing as though there is no lawsuit.