

Recreational Amenities Committee (RAC)
Minutes of Meeting, Tuesday, February 4, 2003

The meeting began at 7:05 p.m.

Roll call by Co-Chair Carol Chapman: Present were: Shirley Andren; David Berman; Bob Brill; Mike Carey; Carol Chapman; Bob Collins; Susan Fried; Ginny Hermann; Alan Klein; José Madrid; Bill Marshall; Larry Minnick; Roy Montambeau; Lyndall Ruiz; Dick Sovde; Jack Sullivan; Jeanne Zorick.

Tom Hennessy, the Del Webb representative for the project, spoke to the Committee and residents who were present. He clarified that RAC is dealing only with the indoor facilities and that the outdoor amenities are a separate issue. He thanked the members of RAC for all the work they have been doing, and agreed that the Committee is almost to the point of sitting down with the developer to discuss what should go into the buildings. Tom said that while doing some remodeling to the existing building might be possible, we should keep in mind that remodeling always costs more than new construction. The size of the annex (CAB-1) to be built on the corner of Anthem Parkway and Hampton Rd. will be approximately 40,000 square feet, but uses of the inside space and parking issues will have to be considered. A second story or footing for a second story will not be ruled out, but cost will have to be looked at. Tom also said the developer is interviewing architects and hopes to hire an architect by the end of this month.

David Berman, Chair of the Information Team, said we assume we are doing a good job in keeping the community informed since we have received no complaints. We are still using e-mail and the newsletter in the monthly Spirit, as well as the Anthem Compendium, as our primary communication channels.

Larry Minnick, Chair of the Data Gathering Teams, discussed the analytical data from the recently completed all-residents survey. He described the type of data available so far and explained that more interpretation of the data is needed. He cautioned that the surveys are not the only source that is being used. The forms put into the ballot boxes as well as focus groups are also being used in helping to determine what will be in the new buildings, along with the findings and advice we've obtained from our research with outside experts and other sources.

Dick Sovde, RAC Co-Chair, reminded all present about the community meetings to be held on February 17 and 19. There will be three meetings each day, at 9:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m., and 7:00 p.m., in conjunction with informational meetings being held by the SCACA Board. On February 25 there will be a follow-up RAC meeting at 7:00 p.m., and on March 7 at 9:00 a.m. the Committee hopes to have its final report ready to go to the developer. For general information, Dick informed those present that the co-generation plant to go out for bids on March 31. Dick

went on to speak about the proposed criteria to be used in making decisions about the allocation of space.

RAC member José Madrid expressed concern that we make sure our existing clubs and activities will have adequate space when our process is completed.

RAC member Bill Marshall suggested that “absolute need” should be an important consideration, clarifying that he was referring to activities that cannot be accomplished in such places as residents’ own homes.

RAC member Susan Fried voiced concern that “effective scheduling” should be done by the Lifestyle Committee and not RAC. Co-Chair Carol Chapman said she agreed that scheduling issues belong in the Lifestyle Committee, but that RAC also needs to consider this when making decisions.

RAC members voted to apply the following non-prioritized criteria in arriving at the recommendations for the amenities to be included in the new buildings

- ?? popularity
- ?? future maintenance costs
- ?? efficient utilization of space
- ?? experience in other communities and research on senior living from AARP, etc.
- ?? flexibility of space
- ?? efficient scheduling
- ?? common sense
- ?? current use/needs of existing clubs
- ?? absolute need

The following are comments made by the residents:

Concern was voiced that since Sun City Lincoln Hills and Sun City Palm Desert are comparable to our community, we should have visited them to see what the developer is doing there.

The Sewing and Quilting Club would like to remain in the current building, but would also find it advantageous to have space in the Annex. If the club does not have a presence in the main building, or if there is not a store established in Anthem Center to sell items made by residents, it will severely affect the ability to raise funds for charitable endeavors through the sale of the items.

The “trailhead” that had been mentioned during the meeting is an outdoor amenity, and should not be a concern of the RAC. (Co-Chair Dick Sovde replied that RAC is not involved in the trailhead matter, but he had merely mentioned the topic as a courtesy because it will be discussed by others at the February 17 and 19 meetings).

Residents who were present felt they should have been given copies of the survey data.

We should be aware that the new Henderson Multi-Generational Center does not have a therapy pool. It has a very large Jacuzzi, but it is not a therapy pool.

The survey results should be posted on in the Anthem Center as well as distributed via e-mail.

Some residents said they should be able to see the raw data from the survey.

RAC member Ginny Hermann reminded all present that the survey was only one part of what will be used to determine the amenities and allocation of space.

Dick Sovde read a partial list of the survey data in order of apparent popularity. Due to the difficulty of interpreting the data without full statistical analysis, he cautioned all those present to not read too much into the figures as they are at this point.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m., and the Committee disbanded into small groups to do further work.

Minutes prepared by Susan Fried, RAC Information Team.