

Recreational Amenities Committee (RAC)
Minutes of Meeting, Tuesday, February 25, 2003

The meeting began at 7:00 p.m.

Roll call by Co-Chair Carol Chapman: Present were: David Berman; Bob Brill; Mike Carey; Carol Chapman; Bob Collins; Ginny Hermann; Alan Klein; Craig Leidy; José Madrid; Larry Minnick; Dick Sovde; Jack Sullivan; Sherm Uchill.

Co-Chair Dick Sovde opened the meeting by noting his concern over recent instances of uncivil behavior by attendees at public meetings, and he stressed the need for mutual respect even when people strongly disagree with each other.

Ginny Hermann, Chair of the Facility Cost Study Team, restated the list of requests to be presented to Del Webb by RAC, which are as follows:

- Additional fitness space and equipment.
- Water-related amenities to accommodate activities such as swimming, sauna, etc.
- Woodworking shop.
- Additional arts & crafts space.
- Expanded sewing & quilting space.
- Table tennis amenities.
- Billiards room.
- Dance & aerobics space.
- Ceramics/porcelain/pottery facilities.
- Service kitchen for pot-lucks, etc.
- Performing arts/lecture hall.
- Gymnasium.
- Multi-purpose rooms.

Ginny also restated the list of suggested specifications for the Del Webb architect, which are as follows:

- Maximum flexible space.
- Lowest-cost maintenance interior finishes.
- Storage bins for all chartered clubs.
- Storage closets for folding tables, large work tables, table-tennis tables, etc.
- Moveable walls with highest available soundproof ratio.
- Stub-outs for future additional electric, plumbing, mechanical.
- Footings at the Annex (CAB-1) for 2nd-floor expansion.
- Keep circulation loss to a minimum.
- Appropriate space to operate buildings.

Security Patrol office.

Carol Chapman reviewed the timeline for the project. The final requests will be approved at the RAC meeting on Friday, March 7, and will then immediately go to Del Webb. As we then move forward, residents will be kept informed of our progress and public meetings will be held as necessary.

Dick Sovde read the following written comment cards that were submitted before the meeting:

From Guy Lalouche: Why did table tennis score so high on the survey when there are many fewer participants in that activity than there are residents in the various card clubs, which did not score as high?

RAC member Bob Collins replied that the survey was not designed to formally acquire information from our clubs, but was intended for all residents, and that many residents are interested in the activity even if they are not in the table tennis club at this time.

Dick Sovde added that table tennis is an activity that would be included in the multi-purpose rooms, and Ginny Hermann said that cards, table games and table tennis are all part of the mix of activities planned for the flexible space in the new facilities.

From Gary Mardorf: Why didn't RAC prioritize its requests if we think that not all of them may be able to fit in the new facilities?

Dick Sovde replied that our initial position is to ask for what we want.

From Dave Weil: Will there be public meetings with residents during the architectural-design phase of the process?

Dick Sovde replied that we do plan such public meetings.

Resident question: The arts are very important in the life of a community such as ours. Will we be planning space for various activities related to the arts?

Dick Sovde replied that we are absolutely planning for such amenities.

Open discussion from RAC: Member Sherm Uchill pointed out that survey results showing great popularity for a "gym" are misleading because of how broadly that term can be defined.

Additional resident comments:

Don Berman asked if we are considering ongoing problems in the current Anthem Center. Noting that he is a monitor in the Fitness Center, he said it takes very few users to create serious overcrowding in the men's locker room.

RAC member Bob Brill replied that the Properties & Grounds Committee is considering a proposal to alleviate the problem.

Irwin Goldman, noting RAC's commitment to minimizing wasted space in terms of hallways, atriums, etc., asked if we are giving consideration to proper handicapped access to the facilities.

Dick Sovde answered that we will absolutely provide for handicapped access and will assure that the requirements of the Americans With Disabilities Act will be met or exceeded.

Mr. Goldman also asked if the architectural changes to the Anthem Center recently proposed by Trumpets management would take away handicapped parking spaces.

Dick Sovde replied that Del Webb is required to consider adequate parking when planning for extra space, and that the 40,000 square feet of amenities planned for the lot on the opposite side of the Anthem Center parking lot will have to take parking needs into account.

Alta Hunt asked exactly what changes are being proposed for Trumpets.

Dick Sovde replied that Mrs. Hunt will want to attend the February 27 SCACA Board of Directors meeting, where the proposal will be discussed.

A resident asked what the completion schedule will be for CAB-1, the 40,000 square foot annex, and for CAB-2, the 10,200 square foot satellite.

Carol Chapman replied that the opening of the annex should occur early in 2005, while construction of the satellite will depend on Del Webb's home-sales rate.

Resident Linda Shuman, stating her awareness that the additional outside amenities will be built in conjunction with the satellite facility, asked when amenities such as additional tennis courts will be completed.

Dick Sovde replied that we don't know yet, and must wait to see how the community continues to grow and how the infrastructure to support the growth goes into place in the area where the satellite facility will be built.

Resident Gary Mardorf, expanding on his earlier written question, asked why RAC is asking for “everything” when it seems apparent to him that there will be too little space to accommodate all the requests.

Carol Chapman replied that we must leave it to Del Webb to assure that its architect works closely with RAC to determine how to allocate space in the new facilities.

Resident Len Grossman expressed appreciation for the efforts of RAC to date.

Carol Chapman asked Information Team Chair David Berman, who will develop the formal request document for presentation to Del Webb, if he believes an interim RAC meeting is needed to work on the document. David replied that he didn’t think it would be necessary. Dick Sovde then proposed that we communicate by e-mail during the document-preparation process, and that drafts be circulated among RAC members via e-mail prior to March 7.

Ginny Hermann suggested that it would be helpful to incorporate details provided by chartered clubs regarding accessories needed in the spaces that are recommended for them.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m. The next RAC meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 7, at 9:00 a.m. at the Anthem Center.

Minutes prepared by David Berman.