

Long-range changes get opposition

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The Recreation Centers of Sun City Board of Directors updated its long-range plan budget for the third time since December, **adding two major projects.**

In the plan approved Dec. 18, 2014, the board called for a 2016 project to renovate the irrigation system, pump station on Willowbrook and reconstruction of greens for holes 7 and 9 on Willowcreek at an estimated cost of **\$4.2 million.** In a March longrange plan update the board added some features to that project, **adding \$2.6 million** to the cost. An updated plan approved by a 7-2 vote May 28 now calls for a 2017 project to renovate the irrigation system, pump stations on both courses, reconstruction of

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irrigation lakes on both courses and renovation of all greens at Willowcreek. The updated plan calls for an estimated cost of **\$6.8 million.**

The plan updated May 28 also adds renovation of Mountain View Recreation Center, 9749 N. 107th Ave., at a cost of **\$9.5 million** and renovation of Lakeview Recreation Center, 10626 W. Thunderbird Blvd., at a cost of **\$8.4 million.**

Board member Ida Eisert argued against the change because she believes the Willowcreek/ Willowbrook course greens still have a lot of life. She also objected to a complete demolition of Mountain View Recreation Center. She preferred the board explore other options for Mountain View, including expansion, renovation or remodeling the existing buildings.

She proposed an amendment to the motion incorporating her suggestions, but the amendment was defeated.

Board member **Dave Wieland** was **disappointed Ms. Eisert did not bring her suggestions to the board in a different venue.**

“I wish these changes had been brought up in a work session,” he said.

RCSC board work session meetings are closed even to RCSC cardholders. Ms. Eisert’s husband, Greg, said after the May 28 board meeting that the **work session in which the latest long range plans were to be discussed had been canceled.**

Ms. Eisert also pointed out that Rich Hoffer and Jim Brasher, who made and seconded the May 28 motion to update the long-range plan, had voted against the March change. Mr. Brasher responded by saying he did not attend the March meeting and that he did not vote against the longrange plan at that time.

However, minutes of the March 26 meeting record him as being present and record that he and Mr. Hoffer were the two dissenting votes for the long-range plan update at that time.

Ms. Eisert voted in favor of the March long-range plan update, but said further research indicated to her the course greens had more life to them.

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