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AN ACTIVE RETIREMENT LIFESTYLE. Although golf is generally considered the number one sport in Sun City, lawn bowling is not far behind in popularity and participation. Pictured here in a photo taken during the early 1960s are lawn bowlers at Town Hall South Recreation Center, later renamed Mountain View Center.

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Centers OKs face lift for gym ⁴⁻²⁸⁻⁹⁶

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SUN CITY — Soon the Mountain View Recreation Center will be sporting a new exercise room.

At the monthly meeting of the Recreation Centers of Sun City Thursday, the board approved an \$85,000 amendment to the 1996 budget to create a top-notch exercise facility in this recreation center at 107th Avenue and Mountain View. The vote was eight in favor with Carol Jaslow, board secretary, voting against the motion.

Earlier this year, the board hired a consultant to review all the exercise facilities in the recreation centers. Martha Gessel is an exercise specialist and teaches at Arizona State University. In addition, she designed the exercise room and programs for the Palm Ridge Recreation Center in Sun City West.

Doris Gregory, a board member who spearheaded the project, made the motion to go ahead with Gessel's recommendations, the first in what could be a series of renovations to exercise facilities at other recreation centers.

Gregory said the overhaul will include removal of outdated and dangerous equipment and the addition of the latest technology in cardiovascular and muscle-strengthening machines. Some of the old equipment which still can be used will be placed in other exercise rooms until further renovations are scheduled.

Using an overhead projector, Gregory showed the audience the proposed layout of the equipment and room. It will be divided into aerobic machines, muscle-strengthening apparatus and stretching areas. In addition, there will be signs on how to use the equipment, storage area for purses and jackets and a desk which will be manned by a monitor and possibly a part-time exercise specialist.

Bud Moriarty, a board member and certified weight-lifting and exercise instructor, said face lift will meet the changing needs of retirees.

"As you well know, people come to Sun City looking for good health throughout their retirement," he said. "We are looking forward to enhancing the recreation facilities with these types of exercise rooms. It's important to know that this is not a regimented program, but individual programs using the latest knowledge and technology."

Jaslow, the lone dissenter on the motion, said she is concerned about the long-term ramifications of redoing just Mountain View's exercise room and following with others in the future.

"Yes, I use Mountain View," she said. "Yes, we have a rowing machine there that was here when the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock. But I don't think we've adequately looked at replacing just those items which need to be replaced. Originally we were talking about \$25,000 for equipment replacement.

"Now we're up to \$85,000 and we still aren't going to have another indoor swimming pool. We still aren't going to have an indoor walking track. I'm all for exercise, but I'm wondering if it couldn't be done at a lesser expense."

Five-Day Celebration Starts, Heralding Town Hall Addition

Sun City's new Town Hall complex at 107th Avenue and Mountain View Road will be formally opened at 9:30 a.m. today.

Town Hall officials and Del E. Webb Development Company executives will conduct a ribbon-cutting ceremony as the start of a five-day celebration to include dinners, dancing, swimming, music and professional entertainment.

Featured tonight will be a chicken dinner in the new audit-

orium with entertainment by vocalist Dana McKnight.

A gourmet dinner of Mahi Mahi fish imported from the Islands will highlight the program tomorrow night when music will be provided by accordionist Dave Platt and an audience-participation sing-along.

Demonstrations in the new sunken pool will be given, following the dinners each evening, by a swimming and diving team from former Olympic coach Dick Smith's Swim Gym.

Saturday's program will be climaxed with an evening of ballroom dancing to Dick Kenton's Orchestra, starting at 8 p.m.

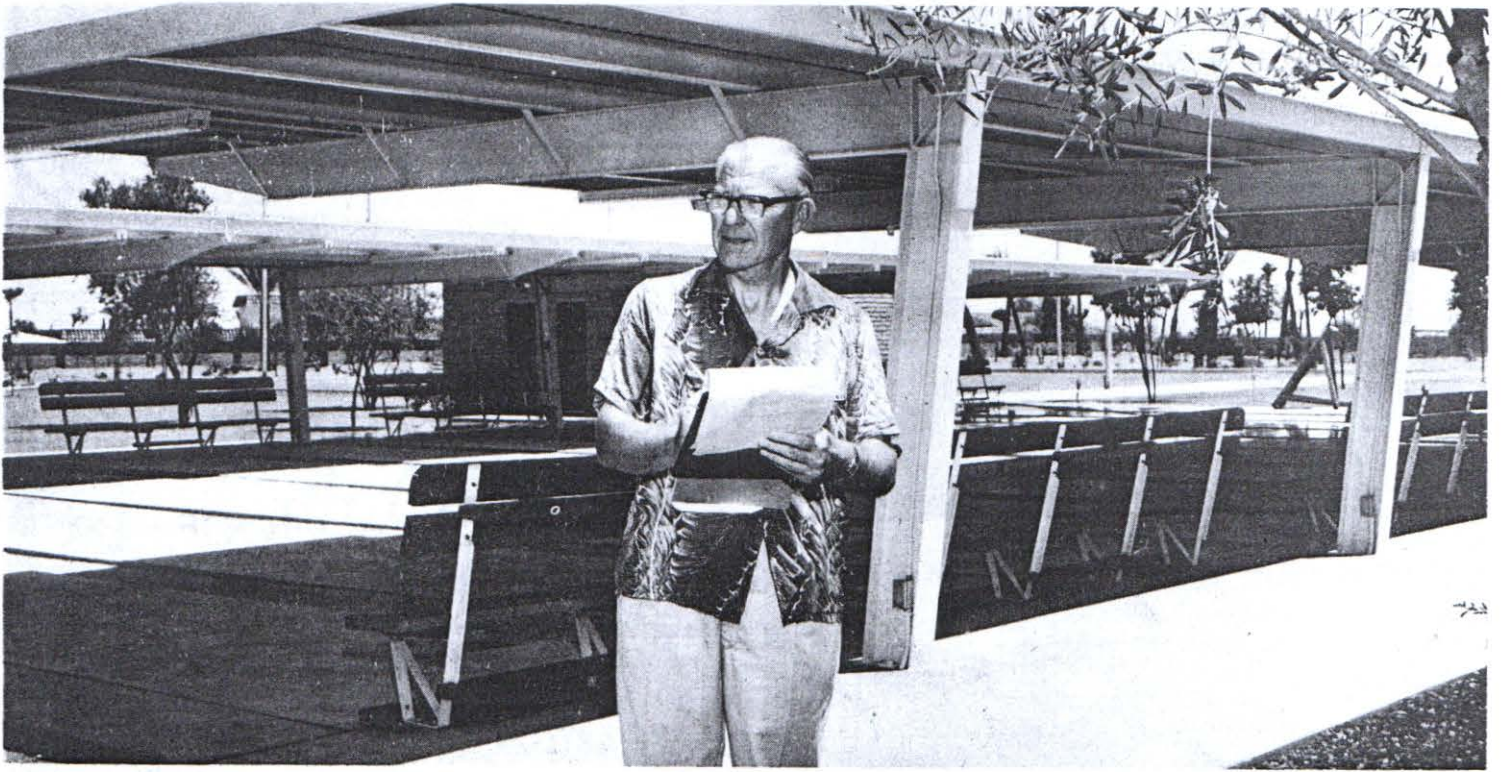
An organ and piano concert will be offered Sunday at 1:30 p.m. and a variety show emceed by KTAR radio and TV personality Len Burkland will be presented at 7 p.m.

The celebration will conclude with the showing of the motion picture, "Oklahoma!" Monday at 1:30 and 7:30 p.m.

Sun City residents are requested to carry their Town Hall or Community Center membership cards for identification purposes to all functions except the Sunday open house, scheduled for 2:30 to 5 p.m.

In anticipation of large crowds at the dinners and show, residents are requested to double up with neighbors to reduce the number of vehicles and ease parking and traffic flow problems.

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BILL CHAPMAN, Town Hall president, takes notes while inspecting shuffleboard courts – part of half-million-dollar

complex at 107th Avenue and Mountain View Road which officially becomes annex of Town Hall at ribbon-cutting ceremonies today.



AUDITORIUM for new Town Hall South recreation facilities provides spacious entranceway for vehicles. At right

is Health Facilities Building, which will be on display for guided tours during grand opening festivities starting today.

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Arts center plan draws more fire

Board denounces misconceptions

By JEANNIE JOHNSON
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SUN CITY — The proposal to renovate Mountain View Recreation Center for use as a performing arts center continues to rankle residents.

At the recreation centers' quarterly membership meeting Thursday in Sundial Auditorium, Tom Sullivan joined a chorus of residents opposing the plan.

Sullivan, opposed to the displacement of groups that now meet in Mountain View, questioned the validity of the opinion poll being conducted by the Recreation Centers of Sun City board of directors. He said the rules for the board and for recreation center members don't jibe.

"We were told the reason the petitions were thrown out was because the names and recreation card numbers of the people circulating the petitions weren't on them," he said. "Now Carol Jaslow is putting out ballots and her name and recreation card number isn't on them."

"You also say that employees of the recreation centers will count these ballots. Well, the last time I checked, these people receive their paychecks from the board. Having them count the ballots is like putting the fox in charge of the hen house."

In addition, he opposed the bylaws requiring recreation board members and former recreation board members to make up the majority of the Sun City Foundation. He felt it was a conflict of interest.

Ed Anderson, board president, came to the defense of Jaslow and the opinion poll.

"It's not being done by Carol," he said. "It's being done by the entire board. The majority of the board voted to do the poll. And it's only an opinion poll. I for one want to know overall if people support the idea of a performing arts center."

"As far as the conflict between the board and the foundation, our bylaws require the majority are from the board because the foundation is an arm of the board. If you think there's a conflict, maybe we should do away with the foundation. These bylaws have been in existence since long before I came on the board."

Jaslow bombarded the board with questions.

"Who paid for the ballpark? Who paid for the bocce courts? I'm just asking questions," she said. "We paid for all these projects, then why should we put the foundation in the corner when the Sun City Recreation Centers should be paying for it. I

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Protesters demand vote

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didn't want a ballpark, but we have one."

The general membership may have a chance to vote on many of these issues if a group of opposing residents can collect the necessary signatures. The protesters had to regroup when the board declined to accept the 4,000 petition signatures they had gathered.

The board listed several reasons why those petitions couldn't be accepted including the facts that they weren't on official petition forms, that the group hadn't filed the wording of the initiative in advance with the secretary of the board and that the petitions filed were copies — not originals.

This time around, the group of protesters is following the

letter of the recreation center bylaws. Led by Ken Larsen, the protesters are preparing petitions that will include six propositions.

The protesters are asking for a vote on a performing arts center using recreation center funds; if a performing arts center should be constructed at the expense of tearing up or remodeling an existing space; if recreation board members should serve on the foundation board; if the bylaws of the clubs should be reworked; if new business should be brought to the board by members before the regular board meetings and if an administration building should be constructed.

Chuck Westerveld, centers treasurer, said he is tired of all the misconceptions being bandied about regarding the performing arts center — es-

pecially that it would cost the members \$500,000.

"I don't think you people read properly," he said. "The board agreed to contribute up to \$500,000 only if it's not collected by the foundation. If they collect the \$2 million, we won't have to spend a dime. Not one penny is going to be spent until the foundation raises at least 75 percent."

Sullivan contradicted Westerveld and said the board already had spent money. It had hired an architect to do drawings to renovate the current Mountain View Auditorium into an 800-seat, slanted-floor theater.

"We spent \$5,000 on an architect, and I think it's money well spent," Anderson said. "We wouldn't want to move ahead with the project if the building couldn't handle it."