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No action taken on golfers' Clubhouse 2 request

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The Golden Rain Foundation Community Activities Committee heard but took no action nor did it allow any discussion on the men and women golf clubs' proposal for a new golf starter/clubhouse building in Gate 12 East

The proposal calls for an improvement on the current golf starter building with three levels: golf cart and other storage on the lower level; golf pro shop, men and women's locker rooms, restrooms, meeting rooms and more on the second level; and finally dining/restaurant facilities, a ballroom, and more restrooms on the third and parking lot level.

The men and women's 18- and 9-hole golf clubs proposed funding the new facility with the sale of the 23 acres of land south of Campo Verde.

They estimated it would fetch \$16 million, enough to construct the new golf building and use the balance to assist the mutuals to pay off "deferred maintenance."

After Roger Landis, Men's 18-hole Golf Club president, gave the verbal presentation, the committee ended the meeting before discussion of the proposal by either its members or residents sympathetic and/or antagonistic to the proposal.

Committee Chairman Marty Rhodes said he considered the presentation a good example to other groups seeking to make a case to his committee.

He said he hoped it and other presentations would be made to a future ad hoc group which would specifically deal with Gate 12 East.

The abrupt end to discussion however left many audi-

ence members feeling, as resident Barbara Copley enunciated, "Stifled," especially after they had waited for nearly three hours for a chance to speak on the issue and were denied any opportunity to do so.

In other business at the meeting, committee members recommended: waiver of the room rental fee for AARP's Driver Safety Program; allowing the Canine Club to have a veterinarian on hand to provide needed shots at their annual licensing event; allowing Laguna Woods' landscape contractor to occasionally park at Garden Center 1; rehangng the shuffleboard facility signs (recently removed from the front of the facility) to the parking lot side; allowing players in the charity Saddleback Medical Center's Annual Tournament to pay resident golfer rates; creating a new standard operating procedure to give the Recreation Department guidelines for obtaining sponsorships; and allowing junior golfers under the age of 11 to play on a trial basis for the next 90 days if they have a Professional Golf Association card. The group even had no second thought about the gardeners looking into the acquisition of barn owls and cats to control the rodent population in an economical and ecologically sound way at the Garden Centers.

The committee did not, however, support resident golfers getting preferred access to the golf driving range from 7 to 10 a.m. on tournament days each week; for men and for women, because it would set a precedent.