

Community Center Proposal

For several months POA members have been expressing thoughts (both pro and con) regarding the new Community Center proposal. I wonder if everyone is aware that the current clubhouse was originally billed as a “pool house” by the developers; a proposed clubhouse was never constructed. The “pool house” was not designed to serve as the main building for offices, meetings, social functions, etc.

To those who state that they never use the clubhouse and therefore do not support a new one I would like to address the importance of such a structure in maintaining our property values thus making our homes more salable on the open market. Several comments from both prospective home buyers and real estate agents have stressed the beauty Lockwood but conversely the old, antiquated amenities compared to other developments. There are currently over 20 homes in the neighborhood for sale. The owners face selling their home in a less than optimal setting.

To those who feel that the cost of building such a structure is too high – it is the cost of NOT building the clubhouse that is too high. Property values will continue to decline, a new office is still needed; the current clubhouse does not serve the needs of the various social clubs in the neighborhood. Repairs, etc. to our infrastructure will be needed soon (septic system, office space, enlarged community use space for social functions, etc.). The costs may be as much or more to do these repairs later than fixing needed structures now while building a lovely, updated, functional community center.

To those who state that the clubhouse is used mainly by golf club members, remember that such members are also POA members, not outsiders. Ask the POA board member who oversees the clubhouse about all the requests that are made to reserve the one existing room.

The community center is an opportunity to begin to mould this community into one, not divide it further. It is a time for all to evaluate what is best for the community, after all we are a POA (Property Owners Association) and each of us is responsible for the maintenance of the esthetics and functionality of our neighborhood. Paying a yearly amount of \$440 to \$480, or making a onetime payment of \$4400 to 4500 is a good investment to avoid 10 – 20% depreciation in value of one’s property.