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Re: Recreational District Effort

An effort is underway in River Wilderness to establish a Recreational District based on Florida Statute 418, similar to what was done at University Park Country Club.

We understand this effort was originally explored by the RW Golf and Country Club and is now being explored by a group of residents beyond Country Club members to “re-vision” amenities for River Wilderness for the next 30 years. This effort, if successful, could be very important to the future of River Wilderness.

The Club is seeking volunteers to help on various committees. If you are interested in helping on one of the committees please drop an email to [reception@riverwildernesscc.com](mailto:reception@riverwildernesscc.com).

A Recreational District could encompass the Golf and Country Club and new amenities, but it will not include the HOA common areas. The HOA and its Board will remain exactly as it is structured today with exactly the same property and exactly the same mandate, “to maintain the common areas and manage the covenants of River Wilderness”.

Ultimately, when and if all this is worked out, Florida Statute 418 requires the approval of the majority of registered voters in the proposed district via a petition. The petition is then submitted to the Manatee County Commissioners who must approve the creation of the district. The Supervisor of Elections does the verification that the petitions are signed by registered voters.

Once the county approves the district, a five person board would be elected from residents within the district, and they would manage it. It is anticipated that the district would purchase the Club and operate it.

The HOA Board has no vote or jurisdiction in this Recreational District process other than to try to stay informed. We believe this will be a long process and we will keep you informed when we have real facts.

The RW HOA Board