

REMEMBER the “Community Recreation Plan of 2012”?

Most of you likely don't. Why should you care? Here's why.....

Over the past 6 years or so some very bright, caring members in HVLA felt it was high-time for a change. They recognized the following issues:

1. Development of new or different amenities has always been pushed aside -
 - a. Improved Youth Center
 - b. Lighting in more Common Areas
 - c. Walking/Running/Biking paths
 - d. More parks
 - e. Gymnasium
 - f. RV storage area/facility
 - g. Campground historical under-utilization - repurpose?
2. Maintenance and upkeep of existing amenities has historically been neglected -
 - a. Lake sediment removal
 - b. Beaches; also needed improvements
 - c. Community Center; also needed improvements
 - d. Pool; also needed improvements
 - e. Equestrian Center; also needed improvements

A few of these have seen some action, but the majority have not. HVLA Boards have consistently ignored most of this. The members referred to here were people on the Lake and Commons Committees and various others, in the recent past. The “Recreation Plan” was developed by the Commons Committee. Several aspects of that Plan were also part of recommendations made by the Lake Committee.

Now consider these facts:

1. HVLA has had a long history of neglect of its amenities.
2. Golf has always been **FIRST** in HVLA.
 - a. Money has poured into Golf - Over \$500,000 per year due to losses.
 - b. In 2016 alone, over \$700,000 spent on new carts and maintenance equipment
3. HVLA has NEVER done “Strategic Planning”, i.e., organizational development
 - a. Community development has been year-to-year and focused on golf
4. Recent HVLA Boards talk of “Strategic Planning” and have made moves toward it, but
 - a. Piece-meal
 - b. Still focused on “Golf First”

Is it any wonder so many members are frustrated, doubtful of Board leadership, and resigning from Committees in droves?