

Subdivision Threatens Golfers

CHEVY CHASE GOLF CLUB MAY BE USED FOR HOMES

Plans to convert the Chevy Chase Country Club's golf course into a 117-home subdivision, complete with a small-scale shopping center, have brought requests from City Council that Glendale purchase the 34-acre facility for use as a municipal golfing facility.

The plans, The Independent has learned, were developed by the K&F Investment Company, headed by Glendale real estate developers Richard Krotz and Ray Freschi. They reportedly hold an option to purchase the nine-hole course from its long-time owner, Charles Corbett, now a resident of Palm Desert. The K&F firm has been operating the course and its club house on a lease basis.

The commercial development included in the plans would reportedly be located near the intersection of Linda Vista Drive, St. Gregory Road, and Chevy Chase Drive. It would include a pair of buildings, one housing a "country store" facility and the other designed for a liquor store, dry cleaning shop, and other neighborhood-type businesses.

Mayor Herman E. Barnes, who Tuesday made the initial proposal for purchase by the city, recalled the 1957 offer by Corbett that Glendale take over the facility at a cost of \$550,000. However, the offer was later withdrawn when Corbett no-

tified Council he had a leasee who would continue to operate it as a golf course rather than to subdivide the land.

City Manager C. E. Perkins reported to Council that appraisals in 1957 indicated the course value was \$420,000 but that since the appraisals, a swimming pool has been installed and the club house has been modernized.

Most enthusiastic support for the purchase idea came from Councilwoman Zelma Bogue who said the city "should possibly put aside some of the other capital improvement plans and buy

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this facility. I am all in favor of this purchase and I think we should go ahead with it as soon as possible."

Councilman Allan F. Daily told his colleagues they should possibly consider halting all further subdividing in Chevy Chase Canyon until something is done about access sewers, storm drains, fire protection, and other needed improvements.

His comments were echoed by Councilman George Wickham, who emphasized the need for new access routes to the canyon.

"We have here," he said, "one of the greatest fire traps in Southern California. A new, independent means of getting in and out of the area is just as important as a golf course." He, too, endorsed Mayor Barnes' request for a new feasibility report on purchase of the country club.

In other action, Council: Appointed Glendale realtor Jack Snyder to the Industrial Development Commission, replacing Maurice Hasler, whose term has expired.

Set hearing dates for the proposed increase to 1½-to-1 in the parking ordinance.

The dates call for hearing by the Planning Commission on June 24 and by Council July

and withdraw set of buildings