

Golf Course Subdivision Near, Area Residents Say

HOMEOWNERS' MEETING SET THIS AFTERNOON

More than 1000 residents of the Chevy Chase Canyon area are expected to attend a 2 o'clock meeting this afternoon to issue a formal appeal to the City of Glendale to purchase the Chevy Chase Golf Club, which they say, despite denials by its operators, is due for subdivision.

Clare L. Randolph, 2816 E. Chevy Chase Dr., vice president of the 934-member Chevy Chase Estates Association, told The Independent the meeting, to be held at 1770 Golf Club Dr., would

give the opportunity to residents of the canyon area to express their views.

Randolph appeared before City Council last week to express his board of directors' "wholehearted support of Council in its consideration" of purchase of the 34-acre, nine-hole golf course.

"Such action," he said, "is or must be, ultimately, the action of the City, to prevent destruction of the course."

He charged statements by Ray Freschi and Richard Krotz, partners in the K&F Investment Company, which operates the course and clubhouse, were "misleading," and added that their claim of the existence of a subdivision map, for appraisal purposes only, was "not accurate."

Randolph cited a March 5 report by a Los Angeles firm, which made an economic study of the site. "This report," he said, "clearly shows K&F plan to withhold three acres for commercial development, while turning the rest of the golf course into a 117-lot subdivision."

"In fact," he said, "an official of the club's board of governors as far back as Feb. 5 told the members at a general meeting, to be prepared to disband, because subdivision of the site was imminent."

Citing figures, Randolph says the site is currently valued at \$840,000 and added the operators are "far in debt," a statement denied by Krotz and Freschi, when interviewed by The Independent last week.

"We are concerned and frightened," Randolph told Council, "because we know there are plans to subdivide the golf course, despite what its operators say."

Councilman George R. Wickham, explaining the discussion of Council two weeks ago, told Randolph he was "in sympathy" with the Chevy Chase Estates Association, adding he was sure his fellow Council members agreed.