

Exclusive Recreation Zone Would Save Chevy Chase Club

The Planning Commission has approved a recommendation to create a new, exclusive zone in Glendale for protection of recreational facilities.

The recommendation came from the planning department and admittedly was brought up in connection with the "subdivide Chevy Chase Country Club controversy."

The commission Monday approved the ordinance, which if passed by City Council, would impose rigid restrictions on the use of recreational-zoned land.

Also approved and recommended was an ordinance designating Chevy Chase and Oakmont country clubs as two properties to be initially considered in regard to the city initiating the new zone under the proposed ordinance.

The Chevy Chase club is in a highly restricted R1 residential zone and Oakmont is in an unrestricted R1 zone.

The recommendation asked that council set public hearings before the Planning Commission on both ordinances, probably Aug. 26.

The commission's decision on both ordinances was unanimous. Few persons were present at Monday's meeting but Clare Randolph, vice president of the Chevy Chase Estates Association, said his organization said the ordinance is an "excellent step" to preserve the city's recreation areas.

The proposed zone would allow the following uses of land placed under its provisions:

Park, playfield, recreation area,

natural conservation area, land reclamation work incidental to public park or recreational area development, golf course, driving range, outdoor theater, swimming pool, bathhouse, picnic area, ornamental garden or building, plant and tree nursery for park and recreation use, public airport, aquarium, arboretum, art gallery, bandstand, botanical garden, bridle path, concert hall, civic auditorium, any publicly owned and operated stadium and wildlife reserve.

The ordinance would make it necessary to obtain the approval of the Planning Commission and Parks and Recreation Commission before new construction or large alteration work could be done on property in the zone.