

Chevy Chase May Build Townhouses

Shopping Center Report Quashed by Club Officials

GLENDALE — Officials of the Chevy Chase Country Club apparently are considering construction of two or three-story townhouse condominium units—without stores or office space—to replace the club's main building, partially destroyed in a major fire three weeks ago.

But indications are the final decision rests on what settlement the club receives from insurance carriers handling a reported \$105,000 worth of fire insurance on the 34-year-old structure.

Club management also would not launch a rebuilding program until it has in hand the reaction to its plans from the club's neighbors.

Draft of Letter

Evidence of this came when Dick Krotz and Ray Freshi, club officials, revealed a rough draft of a letter had been drawn up Friday and is expected to be mailed next week to approximately 1,000 homeowners in the area and to members of the influential 500-member Chevy Chase Assn.

Both Krotz and Freshi refused to confirm or deny that plans for owner-owned townhouse units will be outlined in the letter.

But Krotz did stress that if the Chevy Chase club management decided to build condominium units, he would present the architect's renderings for the development to the local homeowners' association prior to making application to the city for multiple-unit rezoning for the property.

Meeting May Be Held

He indicated that a meeting with the homeowners' group could take place within the next 10 days.

Reports have circulated since the fire that the Chevy Chase club would be rebuilt as part of a six to 10-story condominium apartment house and that offices and a shopping center would be part of the development, according to a Chevy Chase Assn. spokesman. The association is headed by Dr. Kelso Grant Barnett.

Krotz earlier this week called the reports inaccurate and exaggerated.