

2nd Suit Filed Against Country Club Purchase

Chevy Chase Property Owner Claims School Board Actions Are 'Unlawful'

GLENDALE—A suit seeking an injunction to prevent purchase of Chevy Chase Country Club by the Glendale Unified School District Wednesday was filed in Glendale Superior Court.

The complaint against the district, filed by T. R. Knudsen on behalf of himself and all other local taxpayers, alleges the actions and contracts relating to the impending transaction by the school board are "unlawful, null and void."

The suit is the second court action to be filed as a means to block purchase of the nine-hole links by the school district.

Pending is a "declaratory relief" suit, filed by Francis J. Hinckley on behalf of himself and other members of Chevy Chase Country Club against the district and the course operators.

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Knudsen, represented by Attorney Gerald B. Yam, is a Chevy Chase Canyon resident at 3034 Edgewick Rd. and a member of the Chevy Chase Estates Property

Owners Assn., which has strongly opposed purchase of the 38-acre golf course in the San Rafael Hills.

Last Oct. 6, the school board at a public meeting decided to make an offer for the golf course for the purpose of building an elementary school, junior high school and senior high school on the land.

A \$900,000 offer later was accepted by course operators Richard Krotz and Raymond Freschi after the board announced intentions it would force the sale by condemnation if it wasn't accepted.

In his complaint, Knudsen cites three causes for his court action.

Causes Cited

He first alleges the board was in violation of three sections of the Education Code by (a) failing to place a listing of the proposed property purchase on the agenda 48 hours before the Oct. 6 meeting to alert parents and teachers, (b) failing to take minutes of the meeting as required and (c) failing to notify the City Planning Commission of intentions to acquire the site.

Second, Knudsen alleges that to build schools on the property would be in violation of a special recreation (SR) zoning ordinance. Chevy Chase course is in the SR zone. He contends the ordinance specifically omits schools as a use in the zone.

Third, Knudsen alleges the board has made no provisions for adequate access to the property, which, according to the complaint, is in constant danger of fire and flood.

The school board is scheduled to decide on when to place the property transaction in escrow at its next public meeting at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 5, in the Board of Education Building.