

Glendale IN DEFERMENT - 2/17/16

No Decision Yet In Chevy Chase School Hassle

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The Glendale Board of Education has postponed a decision on purchase of the Chevy Chase Country Club until its March 16 meeting.

The delay was voted last night after two hours of discussion by both the board and representatives of the Chevy Chase Estates Association, who are vigorously opposing the proposed purchase.

Board member Scott MacDonald requested the delay, saying the 30 days would give the board a chance to study the latest presentation from the homeowners group and also give members of the country club additional time in which to raise funds for possible purchase of the nine-hole golf course the school officials are seeking as a school site.

Henry Cutter, a Pasadena attorney representing Chevy Chase Country Club members, said that in less than two weeks his group has received pledges from 65 to 70 per cent of the members. He assured the board the remaining members also would pledge support for the purchase of the course. Cutter said his group may

raise a minimum of \$200,000 to \$300,000.

The school officials are offering to pay \$900,000 for the 37-acre property.

Deputy Superintendent Wayland Parsons presented an eight-page informatory report compiled by the school district. It concluded that the golf course site is the most desirable school site in Chevy Chase Canyon in terms of location, land purchase, site development, building construction costs and land availability for both present and future needs.

Parsons concluded future growth in the canyon might dictate using the golf course site for two elementary schools and one junior high school. A high school might then possibly be built near the north-south Glendale Freeway in the area of Fern Lane, a site proposed in the Chevy Chase Association study.

Howard Van Heuklyn repeated the advantages of the school sites found in the association's survey and added it would cost the district \$1.2 million to purchase

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the golf course land and grade it for construction.

During his presentation Van Heuklyn contended that as of late yesterday none of the owners of property proposed for school sites in the association study had been contacted by any representatives of the school district concerning cost of the land. Parsons did not refute the statement.

The final speaker for the canyon homeowners, Los Angeles school district real estate expert Arthur Walton, said he had been in contact with James Greathood, right-of-way superintendent for the State Division of Highways, who said he could negotiate now with the district for possible acquisition of level filled land near the north-south freeway for high school construction purposes.

In other board action, the architectural firm of Adrian Wilson and Associates was ordered to proceed with development of preliminary cost estimates for Glendale High School.

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