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The Sumter Landing Community Development District Board (SLCDD) and the Amenity Authority Committee (AAC) had a joint workshop on Wednesday, January 19, 2011. The purpose of the meeting was to review the current resident committee operations, purpose, Sunshine Law, and the relationship to the District Recreation Department. The current resident committees consist of the Executive Golf Advisory Group (EGAG), Pickleball Advisory Committee (PAC), Billiards Advisory Group and the Softball Recreation Committee (SRC).

The SLCDD and AAC received input from staff regarding the relationship that exists between the resident committees and the Recreation Department. As a result of the role and function of these current committees', staff and District Legal Counsel were concerned there may be potential for Sunshine Law concerns. These committees could be recognized as formal committees under Florida's Sunshine Laws.

Several options were discussed for consideration that would allow the current committees to be formed to meet Florida Sunshine requirements or to organize without the requirements to meet Sunshine requirements. Due to the legal implications to residents, board members, and additional staff to oversee formal committees, it was overwhelming decided by the SLCDD, AAC, District counsel and staff to direct these resident committees, if they so choose, to be organized as a Resident Lifestyle Volunteer Group (RLVG).

Staff understands if these committees decide to organize as a Resident Lifestyle Volunteer (RLV) Group, this will require transition and education to current members and residents of the community. Staff will assist in directing, educating and providing information to the committee contacts and the community about these new changes. The benefit of organizing as a RLV group is there will not be any requirements to operate under the Florida Sunshine Law and the opportunity to share and discuss items will still exist.

On behalf of the SLCDD, AAC and District staff, we appreciate and value the relationship and support we receive from our resident volunteers. We value the commitment and services your committee provides for enhancing the recreation lifestyle for the community. We look forward to your continued support in working with your fellow residents and staff.

If I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me 750-2488, email john.rohan@districtgov.org.