

Rancho Moving Forward

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It took a bit longer than anticipated, but Rancho Colorados Swim and Tennis Club (Rancho) is finally going to get the clubhouse and tennis building members have been hoping for. The Planning Commission approved the renovation application and updated use permit in November.

In a letter to members, President Todd Mullins noted his struggles, “this process has been long and at times exhausting.” But he appreciated all the Club help, “I want to thank the many

members who have been supportive of the project and who have participated in some way to move this project forward.”

After much discussion, and agreeing on the number of meets and events, hours of operation, sound, signage, traffic and parking, the main sticking point for the neighbors surrounding Rancho was the membership number.

Originally at 250 member families, with additional families on the wait list, the Club wanted

to change the use permit to allow up to 300. Neighbors, concerned about the additional traffic, and especially parking, balked. They originally preferred the Club stay at 250. In the end, they found a happy medium at 275.

“The majority of neighbors are satisfied with the outcome,” said neighbor Bill Gavan. “We’ve reached a reasonable compromise and had a good dialogue that will serve us well as we go forward. It worked out just fine for everyone.”