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United gets two new directors

BY CLAIRE WEBB
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The United Board appointed two new directors Tuesday to fill vacant seats after former Directors Michelle Stanton and Marv Rosenhaft resigned in March.

The board unanimously appointed Libby Marks and Harold Allen to serve on the board, which governs roughly 6,000 units in the retirement community, until 2011 and 2012 respectively. Marks and Allen were the only candidates for the open seats.

The board has seen five directors depart for various reasons since December. Director Mike Curtis died on April 8 and his seat will be filled by board appointment in May, according to board President Gail McNulty.

Marks, a resident of nearly 16 years, said she is familiar with the workings of the community after serving on the Community Civic Association and the Historical Society boards.

"I think that my attention to detail and my open mind in listening to all points of view before making a decision would be

very helpful on the board," Marks said. "And I care a great deal about this community."

Marks said she also served as a director handling finances for the National Leukemia Broadcast Council, which raised money for Leukemia research.

Conversely, Allen is a relative newcomer to United having moved to the community in October. Allen said he has a business background working for Sony Corporation and as a public affairs manager for Ford Motors in the Southwest U.S. He said he wanted to see things change in the community such as maintenance of the mutual facilities.

"I've not been really happy with the service I've been getting," Allen said, "and I want to make a change."

Allen said he took issue specifically with the laundry room facilities, which he said were poorly maintained and were not clean.

TIMELINE OF BOARD ACTIVITY:

June 1. Director Mike Curtis submitted a petition with more than 400 sig-

natures to initiate a recall of four United directors—Gail McNulty, Marty Rubin, Lloyd Foster and Linda Wilson.

Aug. 21. The \$121,000 recall election fails when roughly 52 percent of voters cast a "no" on the recall vote.

Dec. 4. Residents of United elect Michelle Stanton, Tom Hunter, Ron Beldner and Barbara Copley to the board.

Jan. 12. The United board replaces Hunter, who announced he was leaving the board for personal reasons, with Heather Gerson. The board appoints former Director Paul Vogel to replace Foster, who was elected to the GRF Board.

March 9. The board announced two seats were available after Stanton and Rosenhaft announce their resignations. Both directors did not give reasons for their departure.

April 8. The controversial and outspoken anti-PCM Director Curtis died after battling cancer, leaving another seat open on the board.

April 13. The board appoints Libby Marks and Harold Allen to replace former Directors Stanton and Rosenhaft.