

Brief History of Sun City Center

On December 30, 1961, Del Webb opened “Del Webb’s Sun City”, the first planned self-contained retirement community for active seniors in the state of Florida. His vision was affordable homes, multiple golf courses, restaurants, shopping, and a variety of activities. The name was later changed to Sun City Center to keep it from being confused with the nearby community of Sun City.

The Sun City Center Civic Association was incorporated in the State of Florida in January 1962. During those early years, the Association faced many issues beyond social and recreational activities. In 1972, the Association took over the ownership and operation of the Town Hall Complex and the various parking lots serving it. This became the primary objective of the Sun City Center Civic Association.

In the early 1980s, the developer, Sunmark Corporation, and the Sun City Center Civic Association were in dispute over several matters, which resulted in litigation. The 1984 Agreement resolved those differences and set up the framework for the current working relationship between the developer and the Sun City Center Community Association (CA). With the provisions of the initial agreement signed in 1984, a Declaration of Covenants was prepared to create the Sun City Center Community Association. The purpose of the Association is to manage the recreational facilities, to enforce restrictive covenants running with the land, and to represent the retirement community known as Sun City Center before all organizations and people.

In 2002, the CA made an important change to the initial fee. The CA established a capital fund fee on each real estate transaction, paid by the buyer, to maintain an adequate balance in the CA capital fund. This was also necessary because the developers were no longer giving the CA land or funds to build new facilities.

From what was a cattle ranch, Sun City Center has grown into a thriving community with clubs and activities for all interests, all led by a very dedicated group of volunteers whom we call our friends and neighbors.

“Concrete, steel, and lumber can make the community.
Together, we can realize a way of life unprecedented in America.” Del Webb

The History Society can provide more information about the history of our community.