

## **CALL FOR TRANSPARENCY**

### **The July 6<sup>th</sup> Semi-Annual Meeting of the Coalition at the Ranch House Restaurant IS NOT CANCELLED - WE NEED TRANSPARENCY AND A SAY – NOW MORE THAN EVER**

The Coalition was built on **TRANSPARENCY**. From the very beginning, the Vision, Mission, Goals, Objectives and Accomplishments were discussed, accepted and posted. Coalition members, volunteers and investors were constantly involved with each phase of the Ranch House Coalition Project. There were few rumors since everyone always had access to project plans, costs, current status, and detailed information and to each other. In raising capital, signs on the fundraising efforts were posted. Emails and reports were sent regularly regarding step by step negotiations surrounding the purchase of the property. The Pro-Shop and RH Restaurant daily sales were documented and available for all to see. Communication through open meetings, newsletters, newspaper articles, websites and email was the norm.

What happened to change that? How did we go from a democracy to a dictatorship?

How did the restaurant and golf course become the private property of Janet and Maggie? When did it stop being a community owned and controlled asset? Why has the BCCDC Board we allowed the blame game and personal attacks to replace open dialogue and cooperative problem solving?

There is no doubt that we all want what is best for the community. Many shared in setting its course. The community entrusted the BCCDC board to steer that course. If the recent negotiation for sale of the property is such a good thing for the community, why not conduct them in the light of day?

**In addition to RANCH HOUSE COALITION Constant Contact notices, daily updates will be available on social media and [www.RanchHouseCoalition.com](http://www.RanchHouseCoalition.com) websites providing links to constructive Member comments and information so please check them often.**

**Members are encouraged to submit their comments to [RanchHouseAZ@gmail.com](mailto:RanchHouseAZ@gmail.com) for publication.**

## MY TURN

Thank you for the information. I have not kept abreast of all the happenings with the Ranch House etc., but have talked to several people over the past couple of weeks and realize how much misinformation is out there. Also, there are supporters in both camps - which is unfortunate, because there is only one truth - just knowing what that is represents the biggest obstacle to forming a knowledgeable opinion. My one observation is this - there is enough blame to go around and instead of accepting that blame and going on like adults to solve the problem, everyone is instead, pointing the finger. Just remember when you do that, there are four fingers pointing back at you! I'd certainly like to see all involved parties get together, for the good of the community, take responsibility for their own errors and present a united front in order to reunite the community and pick the best option to resolve the problem. You all started out together and you should all finish together. Yes, both Janet and Kala have their problems, but they were in this together and were represented by a board that should have been doing its job as well. The problems are not small, neither are the limitations/liabilities of the involved parties. Everyone should have known from the outset that this was a very risky endeavor. It is no surprise that things went south. If you can find it in yourselves to forgive and forget (like I'm sure you'd like us to do), get together and resolve this for the sake of the community, then you can take credit for saving the property from it's previous owner, improving it and hanging on to it long enough to sell it to someone who will put it to the best use for the entire community and hopefully get everyone's money back. THAT WILL BE A HUGE ACCOMPLISHMENT!!! Don't undermine your efforts and waste any more energy with in fighting and dividing the community in an effort to justify yourselves. At this point, I don't think most people are buying it.

All the Best to You,

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