

On April 4, 2008 11:06 PM
Steve McCarthy said:

I always find it interesting that Sen. Briggs always comments in public that he never blogs and yet his statements always appear.

At this stage in the debate, it would appear that neither side is going to change their position. A request for an immediate audit was initiated on 21 March. If the audit is granted than any errors should be identified. If the audit is not granted than there is no basis for further action. So all this rhetoric appears to be just posturing for advantage in the current election.

On April 4, 2008, Bob Frank Replied:

Steve,

It is very disappointing that you and some others in our community do not know me and the issues well enough by now to recognize that I would never seek an independent audit for political reasons. Yours was a highly insulting statement to me and to everyone else who strongly supports my actions to get an investigative audit of SCA.

I am wondering if you were truly listening during last year's campaign when the so-called ACE slate members were reporting on major board and CAM financial mismanagement? Did you hear me (and the other ACE slate members) pointing out the many serious symptoms of fraud and abuse as evidenced by such things as:

(1) Trumpets Lease failures of at least a million dollars in lost rent and catering revenue shares as well as hundreds of thousands of dollars in lost operating expenses and facility damages. (Not to mention the lost benefits of ready and convenient access to our own banquet facilities.)

(2) The outrageous terms and conditions of the board-sponsored Trumpets lease amendment that would have extended the lease for a decade; cost our members many more millions, introduced gaming, further constrained our access to our own banquet facilities, and effectively destroyed the beauty of our Rec. Ctr. 1 by turning it into a 24-hour public facility.

(3) The FAKE Rec. Ctr. 3 "survey" to see if people "really wanted to build it"? Meanwhile, at the same time, the board (led by F.West and B.Berman) was secretly deceiving the community by negotiating to give away our \$1.4 million Co-Gen money and callously making it easy for Pulte to stall more than a year on constructing the Rec. Ctr. 3 building. (Imagine the positive cash flows that little deception provided to Pulte for the millions of unspent dollars in 2007-2008!)

(4) The unfair, and apparently unjustified mistreatment of the neighborhood (villas) residents with the surprise \$500 dues increase, and the unanswered questions we had about the overall status of our reserve funds.

Have you forgotten all of that? I have not! Sure, I know that some my ACE slate team members double-crossed me and the community members who voted for them. The ink was hardly dry on the election certification before Dixon and Roz Berman were wheeling and dealing with the old board members to gain board leadership positions.

They apparently made deals with the old board members that there would be no serious delving into past problems. What was done was done—according to the old board members. And, as the loudest, nastiest, and most verbose of the ACE turncoats (David Berman) has said to me on more than one occasion, "that's what we call '*practical*' politics. You will just have to compromise."

No! I do not operate that way. I made promises to do my best to clean house, and that is exactly what I intend to do. Is it any wonder that the old board members and their converts want me off the board? They can not stand the truth coming out.

Instead, you have Dixon, R-Berman, B-Berman, Berg, and Dwyer (and now Don Manning and the unity party candidates) constantly playing the political games, and I am afraid you and some others seem to have succumbed to it.

Why would anyone be surprised that former board members and current committee members (appointed by the old board and sustained by the turncoats) would now be aggressively opposing everything that John Briggs and I are bringing to light? They can not stand the truth coming out. If they all truly believed in cooperation—not confrontation—they would welcome an audit as the quickest way to achieve peace and harmony in this community.

If there were no secrets in the financial records, we would not have the current problems. I am very disappointed in those who can not see through the gross deceptions and vain attempts to protect the giant egos of the past boards and their cooperating associates.

Rest assured, no matter what the current board majority or the Real Estate Division does about my work to get an investigative audit, the issue will not go away. One way or another, there has to be a truly independent audit, and there has to be a personal accounting for any misbehavior that is identified. Remember that millions of our community dollars seem to have been wasted and/or lost. Why should anyone ignore that issue until it is fully resolved?

No matter who gets elected this time, the pressure to conduct an investigative

audit will be overwhelming. I believe this election will prove that the vast majority of our members are smart enough to figure out what is going on, and they will vote accordingly for independent candidates.

If the community elects three of the independent candidates, the process will go much faster and the costs will be MUCH lower. If the community want this controversy to quickly go away, members must vote for the independent candidates. Electing the so-called unity party members will only guarantee that the community complaints will grow much louder, and the turmoil will greatly increase.

Finally, YES, I proudly support John Briggs for the board because I am certain that he will not double-cross us. He is an honest, no-nonsense style of leader who has no tolerance for financial misbehavior and mismanagement. John is exactly the kind of help I need to help cope with our current problems. John came out of retirement at my personal request. With his rare expertise, we will be able to rapidly complete our transition to an effective and responsive, resident-controlled board of directors.

When that happens, this community will finally be able to settle down and begin to rest comfortably based on the knowledge that our unique and affordable lifestyle can be sustained over the long-run.