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Sundial Monument rust a ruse

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Come! Synchronize your digital watches to the gigantic Sundial Monument metal artwork that is a wondrous and beauteous reminder of "Time Marching On" without the need of alkaline batteries!

By the way, went over to look at the "rust" with an expert and it's, as we suspected, a ruse. Somebody in power either just doesn't like the looks of it, wants a "charity work program", or wants profits from its sale.

But, our expert doesn't think there's any danger of its "falling down".

The steel has superficial rust on it like there is on new steel delivered to a work site. The steel frame has a chicken-wire and stucco facade on it. Take the stucco off and re-style it, if you want to waste the money. That steel is very thick and sturdy and should last a hundred years.

That steel is worth money.

The sundial is a gigantic, functional work of metallic art worth more than \$50,000. If the board hates it that much, get membership ratification as the Articles dictate to remove an asset worth over \$50,000; don't dictate to the members without opening the issue up for discussion and, then, insult us with a post on sunaz.com that flatly states, "Sundial Monument is to be removed"! (As we speak, they are contemplating removing quarterly membership meetings from the bylaws, as well!)

We consider this arbitrary and sudden tearing down of a \$50,000-plus historical monument a recall and firing offense.

We've got the "petition" signs and the tent! We're excited at the prospect!

It takes 40 dedicated admirers of the Sundial Monument and the history it represents to pick up 100 signatures and *voilà*, a membership vote!

We have a contact list of 4,000 names! To volunteer, call 623-933-6192 or email anne@annereport.com.

We ask the board to delay the demolition until we find out what the members want.

The Del Webb history is our greatest selling point. It's the lifestyle that everybody copied. It's the first one. The 50th Anniversary, just last year, of "Our Retirement Dream Come True"!

We've got to keep that dream alive for future retirees to enjoy; as well as to enhance future home sales.

Symbols are important! An impressive working Sundial monument outside of the Sundial Recreation Center is a plus; and it helps people with "senior moments" to remember its name!

By the way, Bell rec center has a true replica of the Liberty Bell monument there. Come! Ring it in honor of Del Webb and the lifestyle legacy he donated to us.

Oh, wait, maybe someone on the board or management team will "remove" it because the metal is "rusty" and the bell might "fall on somebody". Yeah, right! That thing would be sold right out from under us, just like this gorgeous and pricey Sundial functional metal artwork most assuredly will be.

Editor's note: Jan Ek, the general manager of RCSC, said a member suggested the board eliminate the quarterly membership meetings during a board/member exchange meeting, but the board is not considering the proposal.