

Finally, Just Real Folks

Bonnie and Charlie Conners, two patriarchs of governance and education in San Antonio, have finally retired – and apparently this time they mean it.

I emailed Bonnie about a code case in our neighborhood and received what for me was the sad news. Bonnie replied “(W)e put our house on the market and it sold in three days, and of course we were amazed. Then we drove to north Padre Island where we have been looking for years and found a smaller home with/canal/boat etc. with access out to the bay and gulf. We are almost settled in. I continue to be involved with (*Voelker*) park for a while and will gradually disengage from other responsibilities. Charlie has a replacement on the ACC Board, so we are beginning to enjoy being just ‘real folks’.”

Hopefully someone will be able to tempt Bonnie and Charley back to San Antonio and public service, but their desire to be just ‘real folks’ after all these years is understandable. We’ll miss them.

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