

From: Diane Dean milestonedean@ (b) (6)
Subject: Re: Initial Thoughts
Date: May 4, 2014 at 3:12 PM
To: Howard Levitt and Wendy Scheffers howandwen@ (b) (6)

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Howard, yes we should do our own letter. Probably before the editorial board meeting as we can't wait or guarantee what they will write. Perhaps later in the week, they will reinforce what we write.

On May 4, 2014, at 2:24 PM, Howard Levitt and Wendy Scheffers <howandwen@ (b) (6)> wrote:

Frank, in addition to Amy, should we prepare a second response from NPS addressing Huey's twisting of our positions? If so, I'm glad to take the first crack at it. Also, I asked Amy if she thought we should get some of the other Rebels (Marty Rosen, Doug Ferguson, Gary Giacomini) to sign on to her letter. I will look at her letter later - out for a bike ride for the rest of the afternoon. Howard

On May 4, 2014, at 1:44 PM, Diane Dean wrote:

Greg,

Thanks for getting this started. We will need to address the recreation and dog issue as well- not a ban etc.

FYI- Huey was very cool to me at the Rebels premiere last year when I went out of my way to present him with a park ball cap due to it being his 80th birthday. I thanked him for all his great work and how grateful we were to be implementing that vision. He looked at me strangely. Little did I know... I still want to ask Doug Ferguson what he knows about this attitude- he has been very supportive and encouraging in my encounters with him.

BTW- at a public meeting at the Muir Woods Community Association last week, the audience was dubious about everything, including the new TLC. They wanted to know more and how they could "join". I said we would return and brief them about how they could get involved.

People are quick to go negative and wallow these days.

Frank

On May 4, 2014, at 1:14 PM, "Greg Moore" <mooregreg@ (b) (6)> wrote:

Hi all,

Here is an initial attempt at a response. It is too long, of course, and I am not committed to the precise language and am completely open to what content is needed. I just thought I would get the ball rolling. This approach imagines Amy as the author.

I'm sure it could be condensed and made punchier.

Thanks all,

Greg

P.S. I am pretty much tied up tomorrow with the Presidio Gateway project and welcoming the participants for the upcoming charrette.

From: Howard Levitt and Wendy Scheffers [mailto:howandwen@ (b) (6)]
Sent: Sunday, May 04, 2014 11:39 AM
To: Amy Meyer; Greg Moore; Greg Moore; frank and diane dean

Cc: Howard Levitt

Subject: Re: What's going on with Huey?

Dear Amy: Huey's way off the deep end, and this deeply offensive piece cannot stand uncontested. Below is a link to the Fimrite article. Maybe all of us can connect by phone today or tomorrow to consider a rejoinder and refutation of this malicious nonsense. Howard

<http://www.sfgate.com/default/article/Golden-Gate-National-Recreation-Area-proposes-5436978.php>

On May 4, 2014, at 10:59 AM, Amy Meyer wrote:

Dear Howard,

Greg Moore just sent this nasty screed by Huey against the Conservancy. I am trying to get my arms around what is going on and am working on what I can do to help.

Do you have the article electronically that Peter Fimrite did last week? I want to see it for context. Probably that has to wait until tomorrow, but please send it to me as soon as you can.

Thanks,
Amy

Marin Voice: Keep recreation in GGNRA

By Huey D. Johnson
Guest op-ed column

Posted: 05/03/2014 06:45:00 PM PDT

SAN FRANCISCO is being highlighted nationally this year with 600 showings on the

nation's TV stations of the lovely film, "Rebels with a Cause."

Produced by Santa Rosa's KCRB and local filmmakers Nancy Kelly and Kenji Yamamoto, the documentary tells the story of the struggle to establish the Golden Gate National Recreation Area through the dreams of honorable politicians and the fast-moving land purchases made by small nonprofits that make up the GGNRA today.

That now-preserved recreation landscape includes 40 miles of seashore landscape reaching from Bolinas in the north, across the Golden Gate Bridge, to San Mateo County in the south. Its history goes back to post-World War II, when with the help of a cooperative Congress the federal government sought to ease urban pressure by providing recreation. Under Chairman Laurance Rockefeller, the Outdoor Recreation Review Commission hired hundreds of experts to study how recreation could improve our stressful urban condition.

Results included establishment of the Land and Water Conservation Fund. I recall the fund provided \$113 million. Without it there wouldn't be a GGNRA.

The GGNRA is intended especially for workers and retirees, those living in small apartments with no backyards and no place to walk their dogs. In light of the source and purpose of the LWCF money, the current political maneuvering to end dog walking is absurd. Owners can train, control and pick up after dogs. And there are already clear rules in place with respect to pets in the GGNRA that need to be enforced and supported.

As happens, a nonprofit Golden Gate National Park Conservancy has emerged that wants to limit public use of the GGNRA. This was never the intent or the purpose of the GGNRA. The principal activity of the national parks advocacy group is fundraising, and wealthy donors who are led to believe they are giving to an environmental cause have donated millions of dollars that is given to government.

This is a mistake.

Such groups have wonderful promise as a way of providing volunteers to assist GGNRA needs, but raising money for government isn't sensible. They are overdue in checking out the British National Trust, or the Friend of Austria's Vienna Woods. These two are marvelously successful and they don't send money to government.

Meanwhile, as the parks conservancy skims millions of dollars from San Francisco regional environmental giving, important environmental nonprofits are starving trying to compete with it to do their more important work. It's the efforts of Earth Justice, 350.org and the Sierra Club that are doing the most to fulfill the dreams of the first Earth Day.

We can't afford to let something like an attempt to ban dogs or restrict access in the GGNRA distract us from the true environmental issues of our day — climate change, fracking, water scarcity — that deserve the vision and leadership of the Bay Area.

True environmental leadership must remain our most important legacy.

We know that the role the GGNRA plays in our regional health and identity is unparalleled. We are obligated to honor its origins, protect its multiple uses, provide a place for hikers,

bikers, dogs and kids and show the rest of the country why we deserve to have its bounty so close at hand.

Huey D. Johnson of Mill Valley is the founder of Resource Renewal Institute, a non-profit organization that deals with environmental sustainability. As director of the Nature Conservancy, he helped save the Marin Headlands from development. He was also the founder of the Trust for Public Land and served as secretary of resources during Gov. Jerry Brown's first term.

<Response to Johnson Op Ed.doc>