

Dear Chris.

Kathrin Sears and I have known each other since her parents were early supporters of the GGNRA and she was in college. We actually met in Shanghai for a couple of days when she was a student there.

We had a long coffee on the deck at the Seahorse Restaurant in Sausalito on Saturday. Kate brought along her large mixed-breed dog, on a leash. Josie was entirely well-behaved.

Kate is departing for a 3 week trip this week and will be back November 9.

- 1) When she comes back from her trip, she will get Gordon Bennett and me together with Sausalito planning staff to work on "house camouflage" for a home planned on the west side of Wolfback Ridge Road.
- 2) Since I am totally out of date with the Sausalito City Council, she will introduce me to Ray Withey.
- 3) I gave her a good report of the TLC meeting on 10/4 (one of her aides was there) and told her she should let me know if/when I can be helpful in matters pertaining to the MOU for Muir Woods.
- 4) Kate did not understand that GGNRA is trying to give people a legal Special Regulation to enjoy their dogs, so as to replace the one that violates federal law and has been in use since 1979. She says she has to deal with dog-owning voters. But she did not realize we are trying to give the locals what no other national park permits, even though it feels to the dog owners as if something is being taken away from them.

Kate's big concern is the lack of loop trails. I said my understanding was it was because the potential trails crossed into the lands of other jurisdictions. (I later mentioned this to John Reynolds who is out here for the Trust this week. He asked if there was any opportunity for a small land trade. ???)

I also explained to Kate that all units of the NPS follow the same regulations. I followed up our conversation with an e-mail of the 3 background documents. Kate's reply indicated she "got it." I'm hopeful this understanding will help.

Warm regards,

Amy