1. Protect habitat for the threatened bank swallows.

2. Reduce human induced impacts to the coastal bluffs and dunes.

3. Enhance native plant habitats; and

4. Improve public safety.

I will describe the project action and each of the four reasons for the closure.

Currently, protective fencing is in place around the -- there is a map up front, if you need to take a look -- around the eastern and the northern boundaries of the proposed closure area, although there are openings in the fences allowing use pending the outcome of this project's notice and comments.

The proposal calls for additional fencing to be constructed along the southern boundary. This will be parallel to the access trail. The current southern perimeter fencing will then be removed. The western boundary is the cliff face dropping down to the beach.

The first reason for the closure is to protect the bank swallows nesting habitat that exists on the cliffs. The bank swallow was listed by the state of California in 1989. At this time, their numbers had declined dramatically. This species is also protected by the Migratory Bird Treat Act, for these birds travel south

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to Mexico and South America each year.

The colony that nests at Fort Funston is particularly significant in that it is one of the last two remaining colonies found nesting in the coastal bluffs of California. The other colony is at Ano Nuevo State Park, where the habitat remains closed to visitor access. Documents show that isolated colonies, like Fort Funston, are particularly susceptible to extinction or severe population decline.

Professional scientists from the National Park Service, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the California Department of Fish and Game have noted that human disturbance is a concern in the area of bank swallow colonies, and have observed impacts at Fort Funston. Reports recommend that the bank swallow colony should be protected from harassment and human disturbance. The reports also document that destruction of nest sites, including collapsed boroughs due to natural and human-caused sluffing of banks appears to be the most significant direct cause of mortality. The recovery plan recommends a habitat preservation strategy through protection of lands known to support active colonies, or with suitable habitat features for future colony establishment.

Areas about the bank swallow burrows were

originally fences in 1980, or in the '80s. At that time, the colony was nesting just north of the proposed closure. In 1998, the colony's location shifted, as it has before in 1959 and 1960. The proposed closure will protect the area where the birds are now nesting.

Increased protection for the bank swallow is one reason to have this area closed. Closure ensures no visitor access to the bluff edges above those nesting sites, thus preventing falls and rescues on the cliff face, as well as human-induced erosion, crushing of burrows, and casting of shadows. Visitor access of the bluffs from the beach into the closure area will also be prohibited, thus eliminating human-induced erosion of the bluffs and habitat disturbance.

A second reason for closure is to protect the geologic resources at Fort Funston. The geologic formation in the area is a merced formation, and it is unique within the region. It is a fragile, nonrenewable resource. The area is described by the late Clyde Warhaftig, of the U.S. Geological Survey, who studied San Francisco geology. He described the area as a unique sand bluff formation that is crushable with the fingers, that people climbing on the cliff faces would induce additional erosion, and that such activity should be prevented. The GGNRA General Management Plan designates these cliffs as a

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significant geologic resource.

The third reason for closure is to enhance native dune habitat. Fort Funston is the largest of several remnant dune habitats in San Francisco, which was once the fourth largest dune system in the state. Urbanization and development have altered more than 95 percent of the original dune system. The proposed closure area will allow for the recovery and expansion of remnant native plant and animal species, which are currently threatened by the spread of ice plant and concentrated visitor and off-leash dog use. This will promote the establishment and restoration for more than 50 dune species, some of which are rare.

Expansion of the habitat will also enhance a diversity and abundance of local rare wildlife species, and will aid in preserving habitat for common wildlife species. An example exists in the northern area of Fort Funston where an existing 23 acre restoration now supports thriving native coastal dune habitats and several locally rare native wildlife species, including the California quail and brush rabbits. We anticipate this type of wildlife colonization within the proposed restoration area, as well.

The fourth reason for the proposed closure is to protect visitors, their pets, and park rescue personnel

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from unnecessary injury, and to eliminate access to dangerous cliff areas and the unauthorized use of nondesignated trails.

The National Park Service takes measures to reduce preventable emergency rescues and to insure that the limited rescue personnel are available for emergencies throughout the park. Rescues typically require the attention of all ranger personnel on the south side of the Golden Gate Bridge. Therefore, if any other emergencies come up, the park would have a difficult time responding. Closing the area will reduce the costly and time-consuming cliff rescues at Fort Funston. Prior to 1998, there was an average of three cliff rescues per year. This increased to 25 and 16 in 1998 and 1999. The increasing numbers of off-leash dog walkers has resulted in many dog rescues, as well as one known injured ranger, three injured dogs, and one dog death from falling off the cliffs in the past two years.

The size and the footprint of the closure and the design of the fence was determined by an inner-disciplinary team of GGNRA staff. The team included maintenance, protection, safety and natural resource personnel. They evaluated alternatives to achieve compliance within the closure, long-term maintenance, impacts to recreational uses, and the cost of

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construction.

This proposed closure was initially selected in the beginning of 1999. The same closure area is proposed now. Subsequent to the initial proposal in 1999, park staff met with the dog-walking community at Fort Funston to discuss the project. In response to their concerns, the park began to implement a less-restrictive closure of 9.9 acres, 5 acres year round closed, and 4.9 acres seasonally closed. A fence was added to the center of the project in order to open one-half of the area to visitor use in the non-nesting season.

This less-restrictive closure has now been carefully reevaluated. During reevaluation, the less-restrictive closure was deemed inadequate to meet the mandates of the National Park Service for protecting against adverse impacts on natural resources and reducing threats to public safety. The area of seasonal closure does not meet three of the four objectives for this project. Additionally, staff observations and monitoring data indicate the unfeasibility of maintaining the seasonal fence alignment, as well as the difficulty of closure enforcement. Therefore, year round, rather than seasonal closure, is necessary.

The GGNRA Act of 1972 notes that:

"The Secretary shall preserve the recreation

area as far as possible in its natural setting, and protect it from development and uses that would destroy the scenic beauty and natural character of the area."

Golden Gate National Recreation Area is a unit of the National Park System.

I would like to close by quoting the National Park Service mission, as defined by an act of Congress in the National Park Act of 1916. The National Park Service mission is:

"To conserve the scenery and the natural and historic objects and the wildlife therein, and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such manner and by such means that will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

This closure is proposed to fulfill that mission.

Thank you.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Thank you, Teri.

(Applause.)

PUBLIC COMMENT

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: We're prepared now to begin the public hearing, without any further delay. I'll call the names, as I did for the prior public hearing, two

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names at a time, the first one being the one at the podium to speak, and the second to be on their way up to the podium to take the next turn. If I get your name wrong, I'm sorry, I'm trying to read your writing.

I have one other issue, and that is that 8 speakers have signed up as a group, and I've been told, informally at least, that those eight wish to give up their time so that a film can be shown. Is that correct?

VOICE: No.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: No. You're going to take your time and there will be no film?

VOICE: There will be slides.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Can that be done in three minutes?

VOICE: Twenty-four minutes, 8 times 3.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Okay. Roland Mathers is first, and then Dan Brown.

STATEMENT OF

ROLLAND MATHERS

MR. MATHERS: Hello. My name is Rolland Mathers. I speak as an intern at Fort Funston, and a volunteer in the National Park. I also speak on behalf of many of our volunteers who, because of time constraint and scheduling, could not make it here.

First, let me say that I do believe that dogs

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should be allowed to run and play with other dogs. These behaviors are crucial in the life of a healthy canine. But recreational dog walkers in Fort Funston do represent a large portion of the visiting public. But the predominance here should not give them precedence over the land, which belongs to all of us. Nor should their predominance here offer them rank over the public's and the National Park Service's duty to protect, conserve and restore habitat for native flora and fauna.

This proposal does not only restrict dog use in the area. As a hiker and aspiring naturalist, I, too, will not be able to take in the incredible views available from within the proposed closure. But I do realize the greater good behind this proposal. I am willing to sacrifice those small moments in time for the preservation of what I love the most: The land and all the wild plants and critters which depend on it, as we do.

Dog walkers have stated that fences along the cliff faces is all that's needed to protect populations of the bank swallow. They seem unwilling to realize the immense impracticality of this, for dunes and cliff faces are dynamic. A fence placed atop a cliff at the face will surely fall in short time, as the sand erodes. And a fence placed near the four dune areas will surely be buried by blowing sands. The most practical means of

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fencing would be fences place further inland, away from the most dynamic portions of the sand dunes, as they are today along the Sunset Trail at Fort Funston.

Dog walkers also seem unwilling to accept that the closures are for their own personal well being. A life lost, be it human or canine, from a cliff fall would be a tragedy. A dog or a human who does fall off a cliff places rescue personnel in unwanted danger, costs the government money, and may further increase the rate at which cliff faces erode; and may, through this, further decrease available bank swallow habitat.

The closures are also to protect areas of restored vegetation. The Pacific Shore was formerly a vast system of moving sand dunes comprised of a diverse array of flora and fauna. The Pacific Coast was not a vast monoculture of ice plant, as much as Fort Funston is today. Restored areas of Fort Funston are beautiful things. They represent the public's willingness to accept abandoned responsibility and a humble and often joyful attempt to mend biological ties, clearly recognizing that human society may be mended in the process.

Humans must learn to love and respect the land as much as, if not more than, they respect and love their pets. For without the land, we have nothing; and without it's protection, conservation and nurturation efforts we

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are to surely lose it.

Thank you.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Thank you.

Dan Brown is followed by John Cranshaw.

STATEMENT OF

DAN BROWN

MR. BROWN: I'm Dan Brown. I'm president of the Hang Gliding Club at Fort Funston, Fell Feathers. I'm also an attorney, and I've been using Fort Funston for over 22 years. I'd like to thank, first, Brian O'Neill and the supervising ranger at Fort Funston, Steve Prokop, for the support that they have shown our sport over the years, and we appreciate it.

I do have concerns about the proposed Habitat Protection Report. On page 5, it states:

> "Documented disturbances to the bank swallows at Fort Funston have been caused by hang gliders flying overhead."

On July 31, I wrote the GGNRA requesting that I be allowed to inspect that documentation: when were the dates of these incidents, the times, locations, et cetera. There's been no response. My experience has been that the hang gliders do not present a problem to the bank swallows. We fly over at heights hundred, 200, 300 feet. In 1992, part of the area was closed to hang gliding on

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the theory that hang gliders disturbed bank swallows. However, the documents that the GGNRA has produced shows that, in those years before the closure to hang gliders, bank swallows increased.

Our concern is that there isn't specific hard science to document the proposed closure. If there is hard science, we'd like to see it.

We also are concerned about some of the reasons that the speaker gave, the first speaker, for the closure: (1), the bank swallows, we'd like to see the documentation; the second, human impact on the area. Well, but for human impact, there would be no Fort Funston. I've done some research. In the old days, the area was called the "Sahara Desert," or "the Outer Lands," by the people who lived in San Francisco. It was blowing dunes, occasional vegetation. The military and ice plant preserved Fort Funston.

Another reason, the restoration of the native plants. Well, it's not a real restoration; it's a Disney Land. It never existed before.

(Applause.)

The fourth reason, that the area is being closed to protect the dogs and dog owners from injury. I think, really, that is something that should be determined by the dog owners themselves, that we don't want a

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government that protects us because we choose to engage in an activity which some may consider risky. Indeed, hang gliding is considered by some a dangerous activity, and we ask that the government not protect us.

(Laughter.)

Let us assume the risk.

Again, I'd like to thank the GGNRA for the support that it has shown for our support over the years. We appreciate it, and we just ask that hard science be produced before there be any closures.

Thank you.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Thank you.

(Applause.)

I'm going to ask, again, that we hold off the applause because it slows things down. I know that you're enthused, and we like that; but we don't want to slow down the process.

We got John Cranshaw, followed by Christy Cameron.

STATEMENT OF

JOHN CRANSHAW, M.D.

DR. CRANSHAW: Oh, yeah, we're enthused. You're absolutely right.

First of all, my name is John Cranshaw. I would like to agree with you on at least one thing, Mr.

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Bartke, that this is not a charade, or a melodrama, rather. This is, in fact, a charade. This is a travesty, and we're here to address that. It's a little hard to believe that, starting at 10:15 p.m., is when an adequate public discussion can be made of an issue as contentious and complicated as this. But we'll give it a try.

I joined Fort Funston Dog Walkers shortly after the paved Sunset Trail was torn out without any public discussion, resulting in a denial of access to that lovely walk for the disabled and elderly. I suspect, Commissioners, that this is the first time you're holding public hearings after a project has already been implemented. The fences are already up. At Fort Funston, this is par for the course. This hearing is occuring only because our lawsuit forced the Park Service to do so. This is merely their belated effort to comply with their own regulations so as to justify what they've already done by fencing off large areas.

In response to our audacity in asking them to follow their own rulemaking, they now propose to fence off an additional 2 acres and to make the closures permanent, not seasonal. As a recent newspaper editorial stated when referring to the controversy at Fort Funston:

> "It's not often that an agency, charged by a judge of violating federal law and ignoring

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public input, uses the opportunity to stick it to the public once again."

But here we have it.

As you might imagine, this has upset a great many of the people who visit Fort Funston regularly. You will likely hear tonight some less than flattering things said about the Park Service. Please don't be offended. Despite the late hour and the lateness of this particular hearing, we realize that you don't represent the Park Service; but, instead, represent our, the public's, oversight of the Park Service. In fact, we look to you as the only forum, outside of the courts, for the objective consideration of the needs of all who use Fort Funston.

I urge you to consider seriously the arguments made by those who disagree with the Park Service's decision. They're not merely venting. In fact, they have limited grievances and reasonable arguments. I'm a physician and understand how important it is to listen carefully and objectively to each patient's story. To do otherwise is to run the risk of missing the correct diagnosis. Likewise, for you to listen only to what the Park Service says is best for Fort Funston is to run the risk of making a very wrong decision.

As reported in the prestigious journal, Science, this spring, the Park Service has a history of

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using questionable science for its decision making. It's for certain that they've been unable to provide us with substantive data pertaining to the issue of this closure. Is it any wonder much of the public doubts the Park Service's unsubstantiated proposals when these affect our lives so profoundly?

The speakers following me will point out some of the weaknesses of their proposal. We will not go away. Thank you very much for your time.

(Applause.)

STATEMENT OF

CHRISTY CAMERON

MS. CAMERON: Good evening, Commissioners. I am Christy Cameron, and I'm a resident of San Francisco. Over the past several years, I've witnessed the closure, or attempted closure, of most of the coastal areas of Fort Funston.

In 1991, the northern coastal section was closed in the name of bank swallow protection. The bank swallows abandoned this area, but it hasn't been reopened. The basis for the closure was then expanded to also encompass a so-called native habitat.

In 1995, the inland northern section was closed for native plant habitat. Also in 1995, the Battery Davis Slope was closed for erosion control and native plant

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habitat. It was to have reopened in five years. There was no significant planting and it has not been reopened.

In 1999, the Sunset Trail was closed. The reason given was unsafe pavement, although it did not appear unsafe. All this paved accessible trail along the ocean bluffs was turned to rubble and trucked away. On the eve of the federal lawsuit, in March of this year, the trail was reopened as a sand strewn path, but one which remains closed to those with limited mobility.

This year, the northern spur trail was closed. The Gap Beach Access Route was closed. A 5-acrea area was closed, ostensibly for the good of the bank swallows; but, later, expanded to a laundry list of native plants, erosion and safety claims, none of which have been shown to be necessary.

Yet another 5-acre parcel was to be closed only seasonlly for the 5 months of the year that the bank swallows are nesting. It was closed under an emergency order, even though the bank swallows returned, like clockwork every year; but, this year, they didn't nest in this area. Now, the current closure proposal would legalize the previous two closures, make them both year round, and add yet another 2 acres, for no clear purpose.

Closing off the entire Fort Funston coastal bluffs, from the Great Highway to the observation deck,

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would be unthinkable. People would demand notice, scientific evidence to back such a drastic plan, and a long, messy public debate would ensue. Instead, through a carefully placed series of closures, the Park Service is gaining piecemeal what it could not get in one fell swoop: The closure of our most treasured ocean view bluffs. This is why it is not truthful to claim that the proposed closure is just a small part of the park.

Pleas, put an end to this closure creep. Thank you.

(Applause.)

STATEMENT OF

LAURA CAVALUZZO

MS. CAVALUZZO: Good evening, Commissioners.

My name is Laura Cavaluzzo, and I've been following the National Park Service's justifications for their actions at Fort Funston quite closely, and comparing them to available scientific data on bank swallows. I'm here tonight to relate just a few of the disturbing inconsistencies I've uncovered in the process.

First. We've been told that fencing off a substantial portion of prime recreational space, first identified as six acres, then admitted to be ten acres, now proposed at 12 acres, is necessary to protect the threatened bank swallow from what the Park Service terms

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"increased recreational pressures." They cite collapsed burrows due to human-caused erosion as a significant direct cause of mortality among the nesting birds. However, the state's bank swallow experts say by far the biggest threats to nesting bank swallows are flood protection and erosion control programs. Recreational disturbance that does occur is mainly caused by boat wakes undercutting river banks. These threats simply don't exist at Fort Funston.

When it was pointed out that a fence, or a natural barrier, set back slightly from the edge of the bluff would suffice for protection, the story changed. The Park Service now says that it's necessary to fence out thousands of park users to plant fragile native plants, which it claims will help the colony to thrive. But State Fish and Game scientists say that bank swallows appear to be little affected by exotic species. They nest happily beneath active farmed crops; and, in fact, did fine, for many years, at Fort Funston beneath hardy, recreation-tolerant ice plant. The swallows need only high vertical banks and soil that's easy to dig in, all of which Fort Funston has in spades, and will continue to have with no help at all from the Park Service.

Third: The Park Service says the swallow need human intervention and management to thrive at the Fort.

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But when they followed this same protection plan between 1992 and 1995, the bank swallow numbers declined precipitously, as you can see by this graph. Meanwhile, the new native habitat zone, protected from disturbance by humans and dogs, became the favorite hunting ground for hawks, ravens and kestrels, among the main predators of swallows in California. Ultimately, the swallows moved out of the protected zone and into a popular recreation area topped by ice plant. And, now, with no adequate scientific study of the original fiasco, the Park Service is planning to repeat it.

The Park Service, fourthly, has claimed that the closure will provide a necessary flyover zone between Lake Merced, where the birds primarily forage, and the nesting site. However, the authorities, including a Park Service biologist, say such a zone provided no benefit at all to the bank swallows. The Park Service claims that this proposal is consistent with protection measures recommended by experts. However, the state's bank swallow expert did not recommend closing areas beyond the cliff edge despite being asked to site recreation as a threat to the birds.

In short, the Park Service has many excuses, but few valid reasons, for the closure they're proposing. And their lack of interest in real science is not only

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destroying a precious recreational resource, it may well be destroying the very birds they claim to protect.

Thank you very much.

(Applause.)

STATEMENT OF

LINDA SHORE

MS. SHORE: Good evening, members of the Advisory Commission. My name is Linda Shore, and I'm speaking also on behalf of Fort Funston Dog Walkers.

I'm a physicist, with a doctorate in science education. I'm here to tell you that the National Park Service proposal contains claims about the cliffs and the geology that are unsubstantiated, misleadying, or at worst, in gross violation of some very basic principles of science. In the short time I have, let me describe just a few examples.

First, their claims about the geology, as it relates to the protection of the bank swallows, the proposal describes six "documented ways that the nesting swallows are being disturbed by the recreation on the bluffs." First, there is the claim that people and pets disturb the colony, quote, "by the casting of shadows, it may be perceived as predators." The notion that you can cast shadows on the burrows from the cliff tops is completely erroneous. Let me explain by giving you an

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elementary lesson in light and shadows.

Light travels in straight lines. Shadows happen when light is blocked. Let's consider that very rare sunny day during the summer bank swallow nesting season at Fort Funston. When the morning sun is in the eastern sky, a person on the cliff casts a shadow westward, over the ocean, as seen in this slide, but not on the cliff face. When the afternoon sun is in the west, the shadows, cast by a person on the bluff tops, go east, away from the cliffs. At no time can a person cast a shadow directly downward on the nests.

Four other alleged disturbances to the colony, such as aircraft flights and graffiti carving, are not even prevented by banning access to the bluffs, and won't be discussed by me here tonight.

The sixth claim, that the closure prevents disturbances from falls and resulting cliff rescues, is unsubstantiated. The Park Service does not provide any data on the actual number of accidents that have occurred near the burrows. Therefore, it's impossible to judge whether this problem merits the permanent closure of 12 acres of land, most of it far from the bluffs. And even if falls are a common occurrence in that specific area, why not erect a barrier instead?

Second, there's protection of the geology

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itself. The Park Service claims that its closure would prevent human-induced damage to to the bluffs, which they describe as a, quote, "fragile geological resource." However, a geologist, who has conducted extensive research at Fort Funston for the USGS in Palo Alto, has assured me that, quote, "nonmotorized recreational use of this area would have no impact." He went on to explain, quote, "The amount of material lost through cliff retreat and land sliding dwarfs any impact from people walking along the cliff.

In summary, the National Park Service is in such a hurry to get the rulemaking process done that they are offering up a proposal that includes unsubstantiated claims and gross scientific errors. Why don't issues affecting Fort Funston merit good science and careful planning? Why is tonight's meeting -- why is tonight's circus-like atmosphere the only opportunity for dialogue?

Commissioners, in the name of the citizens you represent, tell the Park Service to take down the new fences. Advise the Park Service to engage in meaningful discussions with the people who actually use the park. Force park management to change the way it does business at Fort Funston. If you accomplish this, I assure you, you will put an end to the divisivness, the lawsuits, and arduous public meetings like this one, that will surely go

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well into the night.

Thank you for your attention.

(Applause.)

STATEMENT OF

JANE SHEPARD

MS. SHEPARD: My name is Jane Shepard. I'm president of the Board of Directors for Golden Gate Senior Services, a nonprofit agency that operates senior centers here in the city.

My dog and I volunteer in the animal-assisted therapy program, visiting hospitals, convalescent homes, psych wards, adult day care centers, et cetera. But I'm here tonight as a mother and a friend.

Five and half years ago, a friend of mine suddenly found herself a single parent, with five children and a large mortgage. She hadn't worked in 15 years, and day-to-day living became a very scary thing. Her friends help by taking one or two of her children to give her a little respite.

Wonderfully energetic children need an open space to run and play so that they can return to the house happily exhausted. A place that is free, safe and healthy alternative to expensive theme parks, shopping trips, video arcades and driving to outlying destinations. A place where they are not threatened by or drawn into gangs

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and rough environments. Luckily, that exact type of place existed for these children in Fort Funston.

My husband and I would take all five of them for the weekend, and, right after breakfast, head right straight to the Fort, where they would race each other down the valley and up the sand dunes -- sometimes called "Joey's Hill." They played hide and seek under the trees. Two of them were here tonight to tell you what this area means to them, but they have school and had to leave. Luckily, picture is worth a thousand words, and I think you'll see there feelings expressed on the screen.

They were patient, they were polite, and they were crushed that they were not allowed to participate in this civics lesson.

For lots of urban dwelling children, Fort Funston is their favorite place is the very area you propose to close. To put a fence around these dunes to protect them would be like not wearing my mother's ring so I don't lose it. I prefer to enjoy it every day, and we hope you'll make that choice, too.

Thank you.

(Applause.)

STATEMENT OF

VICKI TIERNAN

MS. TIERNAN: Good evening, Commissioners, and

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thank you for hearing us tonight.

My name is Vicki Tiernan. First I'd like to say that I think we're very fortunate to have a citizen's advisory commission to act as liaison between us, the citizens, and the Park Service. I've attended several meetings, now, and have been impressed with the way you seem to study and discuss issues in depth, especially tonight.

(Laughter.)

We ask only that you study the Fort Funston issues with as much careful attention to detail, as you've studied the other issues. There is reason why such huge controversy exists over Fort Funston.

Several previous speakers have raised significant questions about the scientific basis for the Park Service's actions. Again, please study those questions carefully. The future of one of the most beautiful and beloved parks in the GGNRA is at stake.

I'd like to address the location of the proposed closures and the fact that the fences are a blight on a spectacular landscape. We all want to protect the bank swallows. However, the proposed closure area extends far back from the bluffs and is being used as an area for planting. The benefit of this planted for the bank swallows has been called into serious question, and

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there's no credible evidence of the need for a flyover zone for the birds en route to feeding at Lake Merced.

My question, then, is: Why not plant the plants in other areas of the park that are not as popular for recreational use? Planting an area with less foot traffic would reduce the need for fencing and intensive maintenance, and would, therefore, save money and time.

In addition, the valleys, dunes and cliffs in question are a spectular site to behold. The beautiful views are currently being turned into an area with stockade-like fences, such as this photo demonstrates. Shouldn't the mandate of the Park Service include the protection of visual resources? Many people go to Fort Funston because of the sense of freedom and the unobstructed views of wide-open spaces. Stockade-like fences are most certainly not native to the dunes, and they're a scar on the dunes, in my opinion.

As to the safety issue, why not try a more natural and less drastic alternative, such as a native shrub planted near the bluffs? This would address protection for people, dogs and bank swallows from cliff accidents; and, at the same time, preserve the beautiful wide-open viewscape.

As a final note, I'd like to remind everyone of something we often forget, and that's that dogs and humans

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are very much a part of nature, too. And if this photo doesn't demonstrate nature at is finest and Fort Funston at its finest, I don't what would. We are all apart of the social, cultural and ecological habitat of Fort Funston. Please don't allow the Park Service to upset the balance, harmony and beauty we've found on this land for decades by carving it up, excluding us from increasingly more of it, and turning this urban paradise into little more than a fenced compound.

Thank you very much.

(Applause.)

STATEMENT OF

FLORENCE SARRETT

MS. SARRETT: Good evening. My name is Florence Sarrett.

Much has been said, or will be said or implies tonight, on the subject of off-lead dogs. But I'd rather talk about off-lead people. The health benefits of walking a dog and the emotional benefits belonging to a community, it's a no-brainer that walking is fine exercise, and walking a dog is a sure and delightful way to get it.

I actually have a prescription from an orthopedic surgeon. It says, here it is: "This lady's dog should not be on a lead. This is for her safety and

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to prevent injury."

(Applause.)

And James Harriet has written: "Anybody who has ever walked a dog knows the abiding satisfaction that comes from giving pleasure to a loved animal."

Most important of all is the spirit of community at Fort Funston, whether you're with a dog or without one. I invite each of you to walk the trails there, if you haven't done it already. Nowhere else in the city will you be greeted so warmly by so many strangers and your walk will be a mile of smiles.

At my age, not much family is left. Husband is gone, brother and sister are gone, and children are not close by. But the men and women speaking here tonight are ny new brothers and sisters, and my life is richer because of them. I'm honored by their friendship, and I join them in urging you not to sanction the ruin of this oasis of the spirit.

Thank you.

(Applause.)

STATEMENT OF

LYDIA BOSCH, ESQ.

MS. BOSCH: Hi! My name is Lydia Bosch. I'm an attorney, and I've had the delightful privilege of representing these plaintiffs in the federal litigation,

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for the past six month.

Before I get to my brief presentation, one thing I'd like to note, for the record, is that the public comment period on the Fort Funston Closures did not start until after 10:30 tonight. We would expect that, after the federal judge found that the Park Service left these people out of public discussion on closures, we would be given something more than public comment that started after 10:30 on a school night.

(Applause.)

Now, to get to my portion of the presentation, I'm here tonight to bring to your attention two key considerations that must be taken into account when you're deciding on these closures. These considerations are (1) the history of Fort Funston; and (2) the enabling legislation. First, the history of Fort Funston.

Fort Funston was first opened to the public in 1961, as a San Francisco City Park. Since 1961, residents throughout the entire Bay Area have been walking their dogs off-leash at Fort Funston. This tradition began more than 10 years before the GGNRA was even established, and almost 15 years before San Francisco deeded Fort Funston to the United States. In 1978, this Advisory Commission, pursuant to the enabling legislation, recognized that off-lease dog walking is an acceptable and a legal

activity and held, in their words, "extensive public hearings to determine where off-leash dog walking would be permitted within the GGNRA." Fort Funston was designated one of those areas.

Now, more than 600,000 visitors every single year visit Fort Funston to walk their dogs. No wonder that, for years, it's been considered the best place in the Bay Area to walk a dog. Fort Funston is not Yosemite, it's not the Grand Canyon, it is not Mount Rushmore. It's not Mount Rushmore. It's not Mount Rushmore. It is a city park, visited by the same Bay Area residents every single day of the year, rain or shine, day in or day out.

The second consideration is the enabling legislation. You, Commissioners, can fulfill your statutory duties only by completely understanding the enabling legislation of GGNRA. The enabling legislation is your guiding light in making every decision that affects Fort Funston. To understand the enabling legislation, you must read the Senate Hearings, the House Hearings, and House Report. Only then will you fully understand that Congress never intended that Fort Funston be closed off to develop wildlife habitat from scratch, but intended that Fort Funston be used forever for recreational open space.

Thank you so much for your time at this late

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hour. Your attention -- especially, we thank you for giving very careful consideration to these points.

(Applause.)

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: All right. As I understand it, that completes the series that the people that signed up together. Is that correct, and we now go through the rest of the list? We're all the way up to page 3 of 19.

Can we have the lights, please, so I can read who is next? Thank you.

Jeff Ward, and then Jennifer Finlay.

STATEMENT OF

JEFFREY WARD

MR. WARD: Good evening, Members of the Commission, and for the newly-appointed commissioners, I guess you can consider this to be your official hazing.

(Laughter.)

My name is Jeffrey Ward. I've spoken to you previously on related issues. I'm a member of the Fort Funston Dog Walkers and the founder of the San Francisco Dog Owners Group. I'm a member of a bird watching family, and I'm the proud alpha male to my three Weimaraners, who need a lot of exercise.

I was trained as a scientist. In fact, I taught ethology at Northwestern University. During my education, I was taught to respect some basic principles

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of scientific research. And I was taught particularly that the application of scientific research requires special care. And I have been appalled at the lack of such care on the part of the GGNRA.

I'm going to curtail my comments for your health and wellbeing, but let me just say that, for example, in 1995, large areas of Fort Funston were closed to all park users. These closures were justified using various reasons, everything from erosion control to bank swallow habitat, and the dog walkers agreed to the closures because, as animal lovers, we were very sympathetic to the conservation movement. During the period of these closures, the bank swallow population began to decline, and the population has recently moved out of the protected areas. As a result, the Park Service has proposed some very extensive park closures, extending far to the east and south of the original bank swallow colony. I've even heard, for example, GGNRA staff members tell park visitors that this is one of only two bank swallow colonies in California. Well, of course, we know it's only one of two seaside bank swallow colonies. Bank swallows, as their name implies, prefer river and stream banks.

This kind of poor science is not new. For example, in 1996, the GGNRA closed Ocean Beach -- you'll

probably remember that -- to off-leash recreation supposedly to protect the threatened snowy plover. I looked at the studies associated with this closure, and the report of Daphne Hatch, a GGNRA wildlife biologist, found no statistical relationship between the presence of off-leash dogs on the beach and the prevalence of the snowy plover. And it also found that there was very little interaction between the dogs and the birds. Yet the report concluded by recommending the ban on off-leash recreation, which was very quickly implemented.

Now the dog owners at Fort Funston, who have been enjoying the park literally for generations, are being subjected to bad science and an overblown zeal for environmental nostalgia. The most pernicious evidence of this is this native plant movement. I don't doubt the environmental commitment of GGNRA employees of the native plant advocates, nor do I doubt their good intentions, but they appear to want to have an exclusive claim on the park.

So I would just like to say that the primary expert on the science in this matter was the biologist responsible for bank swallow protection in California. That biologist did not agree with the Fort Funston closure. In fact, this biologist recommended exactly the same sorts of closures that have been proposed by the dog

walking community at Fort Funston.

So, enough said. Thank you very much.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Thank you.

(Applause.)

Jennifer Finlay would be followed by Denise Selleck.

STATEMENT OF

JENNIFER FINLAY

MS. FINLAY: Hi! My name is Jennifer Finlay, and I do not have a prepared speech.

I work in the rental housing industry, for a nonprofit trade organization representing landlords. I'm not here speaking on their behalf. Thank goodness! However, I do know one thing: A tired dog is a happy landlord.

(Laughter.)

In the entire Bay Area, the housing market is so tight for someone with a dog to lose their housing, especially their rental housing, their ability to either purchase a home or to rent another home is almost nil. And our landlords of my association do make an extra effort to work with people who do have animals, to make sure that they can live them. And some of the recommendations I make is that they ask, they do an interview with their tenants, what are their habits with

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their dog. I say: If their dog goes to Fort Funston, at least once a day, you got yourself a good tenant. My dog goes to Fort Funston three times a day because I do work in the industry and I do respect the people that I work for.

Closing Fort Funston anymore than it already has been is going to create more troubles in the housing market here in San Francisco and the Bay Area than we already have. We're down to -- I think the San Jose report came out today that has a .01 vacancy rate in the Santa Clara Valley. San Francisco has been coasting around 1 percent vacancy rate now for about 5 years. People cannot afford to lose their housing because they can't do the simple task that we've been given by taking over the care of a canine companion by walking them.

Thank you.

(Applause.)

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Thank you.

Denise Selleck, followed by Joseph Stroman.

STATEMENT OF

DENISE SELLECK, on behalf of PAWS

MS. SELLECK: Hello! My name is Denise Selleck, and I'm here tonight representing PAWS, Pets Are Wonderful Support.

Our clients are low-income people who have AIDS

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and other chronic illnesses, and their companion animals. Our mission is to keep these animals with their guardians for as long as possible. For those of our client who are able to take their dogs for walks, Fort Funston is an ideal location, especially for those too fragile or frail to keep up with their dogs on leash -- a bit like Florence was saying.

Additionally, as I said, they are low income. They are unable to work, and many of them are isolated. So Fort Funston gives them human, as well as canine, contact.

Unfortunately, some of our clients can't walk their dogs themselves; and, so, for those clients, we have volunteers who walk the dogs. Those volunteers take the dogs to Fort Funston because these dogs are homebound all day with their guardians, and Fort Funston is a great place for them to burn off some of that energy -- just as the previous speaker said.

We have testimonial after testimonial about the importance of companion animals in the lives of our clients. Some even have said that their dog is the reason they are still alive.

So, on behalf of our 350 clients, 300 volunteers, and 6,000 donors, I urge you to oppose permanent closure of these 12 acres.

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Thank you.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Thank you.

(Applause.)

Joseph Stroman, and then Sheila Mahoney.

MR. STROMAN: Here are some kids from Pacifica who are also on the list. I'm going to trade places with them so that they can go home.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Okay. Come on up and tell us who you are.

MS. BOGIN: We're the Bogin Family, and we don't have school tomorrow, but I got three real tired kids here. I just want to say that Fort Funston is not only for dog owners. We don't have a dog, but it's a wonderful place to go to meet one.

I can't think of anywhere else that I can go running without worrying about an unleashed dog bothering me. The dogs are safe, the pet owners are very responsible. Fort Funston is a great place to run, but it's also a great place to bring my kids. They love to go on the dunes. It's free, it's fun, it's easy to get to. It's free. There's lots to see. There's hang gliders, and, of course, the dogs, and it's free.

(Laughter.)

There isn't an abundance of free fun activities for families around. It's not easy to find. I absolutely

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believe in natural preservation, but we have to keep in mind what we are preserving nature for: kids and families and people deserve habitat, as well.

Thank you. And my children just have a comment.

(Applause.)

STATEMENT OF

GARETH BOGIN

GARETH BOGIN: Hi! My name is Gareth Bogin. I'm 11 years old.

Sometimes, me, my Mom and Dad and I, and my two brothers, many times come and play at Fort Funston. We love to roll down the giant sand dunes. It's one of our favorite, absolute favorite activities. We also like wildlife and nature. We believe in protecting the habitats of the birds at Fort Funston. However, from what we've read, we've believe there is room at Fort Funston for everyone, birds and people. Kids habitat should be protected, too.

Thank you.

(Applause.)

STATEMENT OF

ANGELO ROGIN

ANGELO ROGIN: Hi! My name is Angelo. I'm his brother, obviously. As he said, we like to go to Fort

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Funston and ride, you know, roll the dunes. And (after a pause) I'm done.

(Applause.)

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Thanks, guys.

Now we have --

STATEMENT OF

SHEILA MAHONEY

MS. MAHONEY: My name is Sheila Mahoney. I've walked my dogs at Fort Funston several times a week, for almost a dozen years now. And 95 percent of the people I've seen over those dozen years have also been walking dogs.

I'm adamantly opposed to the proposed closures at Fort Funston. It's nothing less than a land grab. I hope that you study closely the evidence that was shown in the slide show, and also read carefully the SPCA statement. It outlines my position on these and raises serious issues, far better than I could. So I decided to tell you what I want.

I want the National Park Service to treat Fort Funston as the unique holding it is for them. Their only urban park. I want the National Park Service to honor the tacit agreement in the hearings surrounded the creation of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, to continue its traditional activities, not to turn it into a native plant

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museum. I want the National Park Service to deal fairly with the public and to keep the word, "recreational," foremost in the future of this area. I'd also like them, of course, to officially recognize Fort Funston as an off-leash dog area.

Thank you very much.

(Applause.)

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Joseph Stroman, did you wish to come back and take your turn?

MR. STROMAN: Yeah.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: And, then, Deni Asnis.

STATEMENT OF

JOSEPH STROMAN

MR. STROMAN: Good evening.

My name is Joseph Stroman, and I'm speaking here tonight against the proposed closure at Fort Funston, including the proposed 12 acre closure, a full quarter percent of the park, which will be off limits to the public. None of the other areas that have been closed have ever been reopened, with the exception being the portion of Sunset Trail that was closed and reopened this year.

It is important to remember that Fort Funston is an urban recreation area, not a nature preserve, and bit by bit the public is being denied access. As an urban

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recreation area, it is the perfect place for the off-leash exercise of dogs. To deny us access to one of the most beautiful parts of the park and its panoramic views is uncalled for. I'm glad that the Golden Gate Park isn't under the GGNRA. They would close it, remove the plants, and reinstate the sand dunes there.

I strongly urge this Commission to recommend a denial of the proposed closure at Fort Funston.

Thank you.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Thank you.

(Applause.)

Deni Asnis will be followed by Chaya Gordon.

STATEMENT OF

DENI ASNIS

MS. ASNIS: Hi! My name is Deni Asnis. It's also a school night for me. I'm an elementary school teacher here in San Francisco. People have spoken so eloquently about a lot of the points that I wanted to make, and I'm just going to skip to a couple of them.

I am a daily worker at Fort Funston with my dog. I'm speaking against the closure of the 12 acres. I'm also a birder, and I often have my binoculars at Fort Funston. I have been a member of the Audubon Society. I support, you know, protecting birds, but I do not think that closing these 12 acres, as people have said, is

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necessary to do that.

I want to say something about using Fort Funston in my role as a teacher. I've taken classes camping at Fort Funston. They have wonderful overnight camping programs there. And it's just been really wonderful to be to see inner-city children who, for most of them, it's there first time ever being out camping, being able to go and run, and then experience that kind of environment. And it's really essential that the entire environment be open to them, and that they not experience their first love of the outdoors as a place enclosed by fences and blocked off to them.

I also wanted to make one comment supporting, you know, talking about the path that's been closed off, the Sunset Trail path that's been closed off. It's really distressing that such a beautiful path was torn up and made inaccessible to people of different physical abilities.

So I really urge to consider all the points that are being made, and listen and take it seriously.

Thank you.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Thank you.

(Applause.)

Chaya Gordon, and then Ed Sayres.

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STATEMENT OF

CHAYA GORDON

MS. GORDON: Good evening. Is anyone still awake. I had quite a bit of time, actually, to hone my remarks. I didn't have the vaguest idea what I was going to say when I got here, but here's what it's turned into.

I am a community health educator. Most of the public health reasons for opposing the closures have been very beautifully addressed by many of the speakers who went before me. So I'm just going to list some of the reasons that I consider public health reasons involved in this issue: Recreation, open space, natural space, health benefits, public safety and social support. As a public health professional, I would like to remind you that good public policy fosters these public health principles.

I also wanted to say, as a dog walker -- and I do walk my dog often at Fort Funston -- as an environmentalist, those two things are not in contradiction for myself, and I don't see them in contradiction at Fort Funston.

I think it's important to recognize the contribution of dog walkers to Fort Funston. For one thing, the dog walkers contribute to the safety of Fort Funston. I don't know if I would feel that I could walk my dog there with the degree of safety that I feel there

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if it weren't for the community of dog walkers that contribute to that atmosphere there. So I think that, as a group, the dog walkers contribute a lot of things that need to be recognized.

I also wanted to mention that dogs are animals, and just because they're domesticated doesn't mean that they're not apart of the natural environment. They need to be able to do their own recreation off leash, and there's no reason that I can -- that I have heard of, so far, that I know of, why that should not possible.

Which brings me to my third point, which is that Fort Funston users are from the local community. This is not Yellowstone. It's not Mount Rainier. And I think that the critical issue there is the urban recreation mandate of the formation of the GGNRA's involvement at Fort Funston.

I'm wondering why the closure and the revegetation project got going in the first place. To me, it seems like it must be connected with the actions of a special interest group. It's certainly does not seem to be reflective of the community. I don't think there needs to be a conflict here. The goal should be having the best urban recreational facility that we can have at Fort Funston. And I don't think that that means that there's any need for the closure.

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Thank you.

(Applause.)

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Ed Sayres, and then it looks like George Paphitis.

STATEMENT OF

ED SAYRES, PRESIDENT

SAN FRANCISCO SPCA

MR. SAYRES: Good evening. I'm Ed Sayres, President of the San Francisco SPCA, representing 91,249 members, and happy to address you, even at this late hour.

I am, at the end of my remarks here, going to give you our report called, "The People's Park," and I think that is appropriate for a citizen's committee, because you are the voice of the people.

I realize there's been some great points made tonight, but let me just cite one of your own, the National Park Service's own, studies, which is to say: When the National Park Service surveyed the public and said, "What do you enjoy most, what do you find special about Fort Funston?," 74 percent of the respondents said: The dogs. The dogs were the fact, the things that stand out about Fort Funston. Twenty-one percent said the views. Less than 2 percent had any complaint about dogs, and no one in this National Park Service survey said anything about native plants.

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I think that Florence's point realized that off-leash dog walking is, in fact, a quality-of-life issue. I mean, that exuberance of a dog off leash enables both the guardian and the dog to have the kind of moment that is the quality of life that we look for from our National Parks and from our recreation activities.

You will see, from our study, that we have looked at the issues around the bird habitat issue, we've looked at some of the issues about the erosion has been impacted, and conclude that Fort Funston is created for recreational use. Off-leash dog walking is one of the most vital and important quality of life and recreational uses that we have today. And I would just encourage you to not honor this closure of these 12 acres, and please refute that in the name of the recreational opportunities for our San Franciscans.

Thank you very much.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Thank you.

(Applause.)

You'll be followed by Avrum Shepard.

STATEMENT OF

GEORGE PAPHITIS, M. D.

DR. PAPHITIS: I'm a retired physician. My name is Dr. George Paphitis. I've lived in San Francisco since 1981, and frequently visited Fort Funston with my

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dogs.

Now I've always appreciated the sites, sounds, smells of the sea and the wind that this special place has to offer. I enjoy the unfettered off-leash activities of my dog with his canine friends, and relish the spectacular sunsets this venue offers. But I am disappointed that a third of the site has been, since 1995, closed off to the public on the pretext of safety and environmental concerns. Now while I agree that the bank swallows need some protection, and that native plants may require some special consideration, the Draconian measures proposed and implemented by the National Park Service, which they justify with faulty scientific evidence, far exceeds that which is necessary to accomplish these goals.

The National Park Service has lost sight of the purpose of this space as an urban recreational area. A place for people to recreate with their friends and animal companions.

In conclusion, if the National Park Service cannot or will not accommodate the wishes of the majority of Fort Funston users, I would fully support the efforts of those San Francisco citizens who would reclaim the land from the Federal Government and return it to city control. This is an option, I understand, which was included in the original enabling legislation for the GGNRA.

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Thank you.

(Applause.)

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Avrum Shepard, and then Dan Murphy.

STATEMENT OF

AVRUM SHEPARD

MR. SHEPARD: Good evening. My name is Avrum Shepard, and I've lived in San Francisco all my life.

I'm a little confused by the Park Service and what they're doing with Fort Funston. Earlier tonight, we sat here and listened to people talk about the Fort Baker project. On the one hand, we've got a project in Marin County where the Park Service is trying to develop land.

Now, when I heard about the bank swallows, the first thing I did was go to the World Wide Web and look at what's there describing bank swallows. And I found a lot of things there. The most major event that occurs that threatens the bank swallows is called development.

Now what are we doing at Fort Baker? I think we're doing a little bit of development. Somebody said 25,000 square feet of concrete, and that's just the Discovery Museum.

The second point that I have to talk is the way the fences were installed. I saw the Park Service installing the fences. And there were several people -- I

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don't know if they were volunteers, or if they work for the Park Department, or who they were. There were two 15 passenger, one-ton vans that delivered a half-dozen people to the site that they were putting, sinking, the fences in the ground. The fence posts themselves were carried by a two-ton flatbed truck. At the same time, they were moving out some of the trees that had fallen elsewhere in the park, and they had other heavy equipment. I mean tractors with tires this big (indicating), and yet the Park Service people are talking about erosion caused by people, 200 pound, 150 pound people, walking around, or maybe a 50 pound dog, causing erosion that's going to affect the habitat there. I'm real confused.

Now, Ms. Thomas, maybe you can help me. The posts that are sunk for the fence, the fences, are they pressure treated wood? Are they pressure treated fence posts?

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: You should address us. We're the ones holding the public hearing.

MR. SHEPARD: But she's got the answer to that. I just --

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: We will note your question.

MR. SHEPARD: Okay. Because, if they are pressure treated, they have what's called CCA in them, chromium, copper and arsenic. I know that grape growers

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won't put those kinds of fence posts in the land to hold their vines when they grow the grapes because those substances leach into the soil and they get into the grapes. So I assume that that wouldn't be good for the environment or the natural habitat. I've seen what looks like one fence post about every 10 feet. There are a lot of fence posts there. I hope they're not pressure treated.

Thank you.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Thank you.

Dan Murphy, then Nena Beach.

VOICE: We didn't hear that.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: I've asked people to not applaud because it's slows things down, but people insist on applauding. What I said was: Dan Murphy will be followed by Nena Beach.

STATEMENT OF

DAN MURPHY,

AUDUBON SOCIETY

MR. MURPHY: My name is Dan Murphy, and I represent the Golden Gate Bridge Audubon Society.

The Golden Gate Society strongly supports the closure of the 12 acres in question at Fort Funston. We also support permanent closure of the cliff face. These closures are consistent with one GGNRA's longest standing

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commitments to preserve the natural environment.

In response to the concerns of the Golden Gate Audubon Society back in 1982, the Park Service stated in the addendum to the Natural Resources Management Plan, and environmental assessment for GGNRA, and I quote:

> "Because of the unique nature of the colony [referring to the bank swallow colony] the park will designate it as a research natural area. This designation protects the area from any development and will receive special management attention."

The annual temporary closures placed on the colony sites are only short-term solutions to the ongoing problem faced by the Lake Merced/Fort Funston bank swallow population. Such closures certainly reduce human impacts on the bank swallows during the nesting season, but they do nothing to preserve the resource for the future.

Opponents of the closure claim the closure failed this year to protect the swallows because the numbers dropped. Though it's true the population declined, it is completely without foundation that the closure was a failure. The swallows continue to rear young until the end of July. This is about a month later than in the good old days when the colony was ignored and the swallows abandoned the colony in early July.

It is a fact that the cliff swallows that nest at Lake Merced were down -- pardon me. This refers to cliff swallows, okay? It's a fact that the cliff swallows that nest at Lake Merced were down 79 percent from the previous two years. Observations indicate other swallow species were low in number at Lake Merced, too. The emergency closure of the bank swallow colony site at Fort Funston was a success this year because it achieved its purpose in enabling that threatened species to nest successfully for another year.

It's the view of GGAS that the long-term sustainability of the Lake Merced and Fort Funston bank swallow population is in serious question. Remember that this is only two remaining colony sites on the entire California Coast. The reason the site is threatened is the nesting bluffs are being eroded at an excessive rate. The bluffs were never managed as a natural research area, or even given any protection whatsoever from vandalism.

So, now, we have the situation in which it appears the resource, the geologic formation of consolidated dunes, in the face of which is located the bank swallow colony, is being threatened. The resource at Fort Funston is being consumed by human use. It will not be available for future generations unless radical action is taken now.

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Thank you.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Thank you.

Nena Beach, followed by Renee Pittin.

Is Ms. Beach here?

VOICE: She is gone.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Okay. Renee Pittin, and then Andrea O'Leary.

STATEMENT OF

RENEE PITTIN

MS. PITTIN: I'm Renee Pittin. I am now a resident in San Francisco. But before I ever moved to the City, I was taken to Fort Funston so that I could enjoy the spectacular views of the city and the sea from the windblown vantage point of Fort Funston, with a plethora of dogs running and playing nearby.

For a dog owner or dog lover, Fort Funston is particularly evocative. There are few urban areas which provide the wide open space available at Fort Funston for allowing a dog to run and play. Because it is open and broad, the dogs do not feel hemmed in, as may occur in small parks, or those awful ghettos called "dog runs." For myself, the site of my 11-year-old dog lying on the dune, enjoying the sun and breeze, like a sunbather on the beach, fills me with pleasure and makes me thank my lucky stars that I'm in San Francisco and at Fort Funston.

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Humans learn humanity very slowly. It is only now being recognized that the love and care that pets engender in people can give people the very will to live. It is also now recognized that those who care for pets have a responsibility to give them a reasonable quality of life, including the opportunity to run, to play, and to socialize with their own species. Fort Funston is on the cutting edge of this realization and this reality. In an era of road rage, aggression and seemingly increasing danger and negative communication, Fort Funston represents a solution and a move forward in a nevertheless decades-old recognition of the importance of these bonds between people and their pets.

In seeking to close these latest sections of Fort Funston, there is hardly a reason that hasn't been run up the flagpole: maintenance, safety, erosion, protection of bank swallows. While it is certainly true that maintenance, safety, et cetera, would be a lot easier with no people in the park at all, that disregards the purpose of the park and of the recreational mandate. Given the fact that even the bank swallows are moving away from the protected areas, it is clear that the GGNRA has to reexamine its options and its priorities.

The GGNRA has an opportunity to take the high road here. It can and must honor its enabling

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legislation, which forefront its recreational purpose. Fort Funston is a park loved, admired and used by thousands and thousands of dog walkers, dog lovers, whale watchers, hikers, hang gliders, and others, day after day. Plese respond to the users of this park. Keep Fort Funston open, fully open, to the public.

Thank you.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Thank you.

(Applause.)

Andrea O'Leary will be followed by Patrick Noakes.

STATEMENT OF

ANDREA O'LEARY

MS. O'LEARY: Hello! My name is Andrea O'Leary, and I'm very accustomed to being in the minority at meetings like this.

I am here tonight to speak for the very many regular, old, everyday park users and families, like myself, who are very interested in seeing to it that we don't waste anymore of our time arguing, to no end, about whether or not recration is the appropriate word in the acronyms, or not. The point here is, is that we have a future for this land use, and we have to sustain it somehow, some way.

In our neighborhoods throughout San Francisco,

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and elsewhere, we have spent years listening to dog owners talk about what they want, for themselves and for their domesticated animals. All the while, the real issues of quality of life to human beings, environmental quality of life to human beings is sort of thrown in the back and we never seem to get around to talking about that.

Dog owners talk about being responsible, about being respectful, and speaking of being -- of having all sorts of recreational rights. Yet we can point to very few or no real solid evidence to their contribution, as a group, in creating benefits for the larger community of people in an environment. Instead, we have had to withstand limitless supply of disregard, blatant disregard, for our limited and overstressed spaces, which must be sustained for the future of our people. They call themselves "the public," "the community," "the stakeholders," because they dominate in their sheer numbers meetings such as this. Yet thousands of the citizenry, such as myself, a vast majority, do not agree with them. And we do not agree that somehow, some way they seem to think that they are entitled to something that the rest of us would automatically stay away from.

We, in the neighborhoods, are just barely hanging onto what is left of our little patches of dirt, and what little life that still lives there so that we can

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call wildness. Speaking of land grabs, we applaud the GGNRA for attempting to protect what little wildlife that remains at Fort Funston. And we do take some comfort in knowing that there's someone out there speaking for us, for all those people who are not here tonight, that look out for our best interest and the quality of life of a greater community of people, an environmental group of people.

We ask that this Commission stick to your guns and look beyond this limited, yet loud and persistent demand and intimidations, and giggles, which are all intended to just wear us down until we don't care anymore. The losers are the children, who are our future. I know it sounds like, you know, like a silly thing to say over and over again, but they are our future. Not the dogs who are users of land and who are not our future, who have no future.

You hold in your hands the ability to make decisions based on real science, merits and facts, and we applaud you for doing just that. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Thank you.

STATEMENT OF

PATRICK NOAKES

MR. NOAKES: Good Evening. My name is Patrick Noakes. I live in San Francisco and in New Mexico.

When I was in New Mexico in April, I came across a paper article regarding the Park Service trying to get acceptance in the Carlsbad community, along with the existing Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management. The Park Service wanted to come in having to do with a monument of sort. I'm not sure what it was. I was somewhat concerned about what they would do there. The Park Service, in the article, said that they would honor local use, traditional use of the area. The local House of Representatives person, I learned, was very skeptical about that, because he had heard of this.

So, again, I just concerned that the Park Service is trying to bite off more than they should in overruling traditional use of things. I'm happy to have heard tonight that some of the weak science, pseudo science, voodoo science that's been brought up in justifying some of the closure arguments has been put to rest, and I thank you.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Chris Volpe, and then Claudia Kwoczynska. Chris Volpe?

(No response.)

Claudia Kwoczynska, and then Alan Hopkins.

STATEMENT OF

CLAUDIA KWOCZYNSKA

MS. KWOCZYNSKA: Hi! My name is Claudia

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Kwoczynska. My comments tonight deal with the public process, or perhaps more accurately, the lack thereof.

I am the chairperson of the Berkeley Waterfront Commission, and I also serve on the task force for dog use in parks in that city. I have studied and worked on dog issues for seven years. During that time, I have learned the importance of listening to the public.

Public hearings should go beyond their legal requirement to be convened, and should be the opportunity for policy makers and advisers, such as yourself, to not just meet the public who will be affected by your recommendations, but also to learn from those in attendance at your meetings. You need to be open to their legitimate concerns and their suggestions, and I hope tonight you will be doing that.

I am also aware that, in order for the process to be as open and as fair as possible, to be true participatory democratic process, the major user groups need to be consulted with during all phases of a proces, not just during those times when it is required by the letter of the law to do so. I am also well aware that other groups, including the Audubon Society and Sierra Club, seem to be privy to the decision-making process within public agencies, and their opinions seem to hold more weight than other park-user groups.

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Dog-user groups have historically been excluded from the planning process -- not just here, but in other areas. Signs go up, fences go up, and all the dog people are expected to obey the new law of the land simply because it has been so posted. Well, if all of life were so simple, wouldn't that worthwhile for everyone? But the best way to insure that a new land use policy is respected is for the people who are most effected by it to be directly involved in all stages of development of that policy.

Most people who use Fort Funston, and other GGNRA lands, are deeply concerned about the environment, about sustaining the habitat for the swallow and other species. They believe that there is a better way to work toward achieving common goals; and that is: to work together on these issues. They don't want to be excluded from the process, and they bring enormous amounts of energy and talents to the challenge that are before you tonight. Please give them your full attention in your due considerations and your deliberations.

Thank you.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Alan Hopkins and Steven Krefting.

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STATEMENT OF

ALAN HOPKINS

MR. HOPKINS: Yes. My name is Alan Hopkins, and I'm from Golden Gate Audubon Society. I support the closure of the area at Fort Funston.

One of the things that I thought I'd bring up, a lot of you -- I don't know how aware you are of Fort Funston. But all these people who are wearing these cute little dog T-shirts, that's graffiti. That's painted on the facility at Fort Funston, and I find it really appalling that people will wear graffiti to support their cause. I mean, this is not how you support the National Park Service. This same person has graffiti-ed many of the sea walls along Ocean Beach, and, you know, I just find it appalling.

Yeah, well, feel free.

I'd also -- I have spent much time out at Fort Funston. I've discovered that I can go visit Fort Funston from the parking lot north of the main parking lot, right off of the Great Highway. Fort Funston is not a pleasant place to visit if you don't like dogs, if you're a bird watcher, if you try to look at a bird and you're surrounded by 20 dogs.

What's wrong with this picture? There are no other user groups here. Why are there no other user

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groups? Because it's not pleasant to use. I could talk about the science involved in the bank swallow, but this is not the proper use of a park. I don't want to exclude the dog walkers, but something is wrong when there's only one use for the park.

On the environmental front. You know, there's so many people who have made great sacrifices for saving species: Loggers lose work to save the spotted owl, and to save salmon. Farmers lose work because they can't use the water to save salmon and other species. Farmers have to stop farming areas for the kit fox. Fishermen get angry because they can't shoot California sea lions that are taking their salmon. I mean, these people are making major sacrifices to save our endangered species, and I would think that people could at least, in the most affluent place in the world, could at least walk their dogs in a little different area.

Thank you.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Steven Krefting, and Mort.

VOICE: Where?

MR. HOPKINS: I'm glad you asked. Golden Gate Park has -- No, I'm sorry. My time is not up and I'd be happy to answer your question. Golden Gate Park actually has a large area that's designated as --

VOICE: Have you been there?

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CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Okay --

MR. HOPKINS: It is, it is more than a quarter of a mile long. It's at the end of Sunset Boulevard. Also, if you

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Let's --

MR. HOPKINS: Well, please, your duty, your duty, as a dog owner is to get Park & Rec to take care of that. Also, Fort Funston will be -- I mean, Crissy Field will be open. We have worked with dog walkers at Crissy Field, and, soon, there will be a huge amount dog walking area at Fort Funston. You have not been ignored.

Thank you.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Okay. Steve Krefting and Mort.

STATEMENT OF

STEVEN KREFTING

NATIONAL PARKS AND CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION

MR. KREFTING: Good evening, Commissioners.

My name is Steven Krefting. I'm the regional grassroots representative for the National Parks and Conservation Association. NPCA is America's only private nonprofit citizen organization dedicated solely to protecting and preserving and enhancing the U.S. National Park System. On behalf of NPCA's over 400,000 members, 65,000 of whom live in California, I appreciate the

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opportunity to present the Association's comments on this proposed year-round closure of 12 acres at Fort Funston to off-trail recreational use.

NPCA strongly supports the proposed action to protect the bank swallow colony, enhance native plant communities and reduce human-caused impacts to the coastal bluffs and dunes. This is an entirely reasonable proposal. An objective assessment of the situation suggests that this is the minimum action necessary to protect this resource.

I would note, for the record, two legal mandates that apply to the situation. The first was already read earlier, the mandate of the Organic Act that established the National Park Service. That suggests that these things should be preserved unimpaired for future generations. This mandate applies to every unit of the park system, whether it is designaged a park, a monument, a recreation area, or a seashore.

The second is from Section 1 of Public Law 92-589, the act which established the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, and I quote:

> "In the management of the area, the Secretary of the Interior shall utilize the resources in a manner which will provide for recreational and educational opportunities consistent with

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> sound principles of land use planning and management. In carrying out the provisions of this Act, the Secretary shall preserve the recreation area as far as possible in its natural setting and protect it from development and uses which would destroy the scenic beauty and natural character of the area."

Following this mandate, the Park Service, in the General Management Plan, drafted in 1980, which was a public process, states:

> "The natural appearance of Ocean Beach, Fort Funston [and it names several other areas] will be maintained and, wherever possible, along the ocean shoreline, the dune environment will be restored."

These are the laws and the policies that govern GGNRA. NPCA believes that these various sections are quite clean on how the Park Service is charged to manage this area. It is clear to me, from repeated visits to Fort Funston, that the proposed closure is absolutely warranted and necessary. In fact, it is likely that this action may still not be adequate to fully protect the resources there.

I know the Commission is aware that the Fort

Funston bank swallow colony is one of only two remaining on the California coast, and that they are listed as a threatened species under the California Endangered Species Act. It is our moral responsibility to care for and protect our ever more stressed natural resources. Rather than complaining about the inconvenience caused by this closure, San Franciscans should be thrilled to be stewards of such a unique natural resource, as the bank swallow colony in the bluffs at Fort Funston. Fort Funston dunes are but a small remnant of what was once the most extensive dune system in the west. I'll skip the rest here.

Let's not be so greedy that we can't afford to give but a few acres back to the plants and animals that lived on them for thousands of years before we moved to the neighborhood. Over 80 percent of Fort Funston is still available for dog walking.

Thank you.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Thank you.

Mort, and then Mike Dunn. Just says, Mort, M-o-r-t.

STATEMENT OF

MORT GINSBERG

MR. GINSBERG: My name is Mort Ginsberg, and a long-time San Francisco resident.

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I want to thank you all for staying here at late as it is. It's almost bedtime. I want to particularly thank Mr. Sayres for being here, and the representative for PAWS. Thank you, both, for being here. I really appreciate that. I'm sure everybody else does, too.

This is not a recreational process. I've been walking my dogs out at Fort Funston for almost 20-some-odd years now. In the last 3 or 4 years, I don't find myself being -- I don't find that recreational, you know, the use -- I'm not relaxed. This is a very stressful situation for me. I think that, somehow, there trying to take the rug from under us, if you may. I mean, I'm totally tongue tied right now. This is very upsetting, actually.

People don't realize that dogs give us sight, aid our hearing, and companionship. I mean, the most important things I have in my life are my dogs -- other than my wife and my children.

(Laughter.)

I'm not exaggerating when I say that walking my dogs is probably the most wonderful thing I do during the day. It's the one thing I do look forward to. I think there's a concern here that we're going to lose this right. I think that this is only the beginning of what I feel is going to be an ongoing process. So, I don't want

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to come back here again. I'm hoping that, somehow, we can resolve this thing so that we don't have to have this kind of a confrontation again. It's very upsetting.

As far as the swallows are concerned, I love birds, and the birds have been coming back for, my understanding is, for 90-some-odd years, I mean, without fences and with the attendant dogs and people, and so on. I mean, after all these years, why are the still coming back? I rest my case.

Thank you.

(Laughter.)

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Mike Dunn, and then Eric Finseth. Mike Dunn?

(No response.)

Eric Finseth.

(No response.)

Hazel Wala?

(No response.)

No. Laura Hake. It's one I called before because she didn't put down what she wanted to talk about. Not here?

(No response.)

Corinne?

VOICE: She left.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Nancy Stafford.

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(No response.)

Joy Durighello?

(No response.)

Francine Podenski, and David Perry.

STATEMENT OF

FRANCINE PODENSKI

MS. PODENSKI: I have just a couple of points to make. First of all, I agree with a lot of what's been said here tonight, and I don't have a lot to add. But there are some points that I think may have gotten lost after all this time, because, now, it's -- what? -- closing in on midnight, and we're not done yet.

Earlier in the evening, I just want to remind the Commissioners that there seems to be a lot of questions about the validity of the science that's been used to validate these closings, or the proposed closures. And I would really encourage you to, for yourselves, consult a variety of scientists not associated with any of the stakeholders in this room -- which might be kind of hard to do, because we've all been asking these scientists.

I think that the repeated reference to voodoo science -- and I know that, when I went onto the web, something I learned that I felt interesting -- we keep hearing there's only two coastal colonies of bank swallows

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left. That may be true; but, according to the information I found on the web, bank swallows really prefer rivers. They don't really like oceans too much. These are actually odd colonies. So, to say there's only two left, we should be saying that it's amazing that we have these two strange bank swallow colonies. And the one at Fort Funston has been coming back for decades. We should be looking at that more an anomaly instead of an alarm.

I also would like to emphasize that urban parks are not wilderness areas. I'm very pleased, or I was very pleased, when Golden Gate National Recreation Area was first formed. It seemed like a really good idea. But this is an urban area. This is not a wilderness area. And I think that how the Golden Gate National Recreation Area is managed needs to reflect the community around it. And I believe the enabling legislation and the original agreements required that.

I would really like to see the accessible trail, that no longer exists at Fort Funston, replaced as soon as possible. I think that one of the biggest tragedies -- and this is not about dogs, this is about people who can no longer go there. There were quite a number of senior citizens going there regularly, and disabled people, that can no longer use Fort Funston. And that is not legal, actually.

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I'd also like to see native plant gardens created in low traffic areas. I think they're fabulous, but I think to put them in high-traffic areas is a mistake and a misuse of resources.

Thank you.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: David Perry, Karen Hu, Stephen Bajze. He already spoke, didn't he?

VOICE: No.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Karen Hu, okay.

STATEMENT OF

KARIN HU, PH.D.

DR. HU: I'm Dr. Hu. I agree with most of the prior speakers protesting the closure.

I teach a course in scientific methods at City College. This semester, in fact, I'm using the GGNRA proposal as an example of the national epidemic of scientific illiteracy. I'm going to address the idea of looking at non-native species.

The proposal discusses the invasion of non-native species, the eviction of the ice plant. It's already been established that the swallows do not need native plants. But I like California native plants. I make regular visits to wildflower havens, like Edgewood, the Matt Davis Trail at Mount. Tamalpais, Chimney Rock at Point Reyes. I plant California natives in my backyard.

I, myself, I'm a California native, with my roots going back more than 150 years. But I'm troubled when I see the implication that native is good simply because it is native, and that non-native is bad. That exotics need to be evicted simply because they're non-natives. Not all natives are good. For example: The majority of insect pests are natives, and there have been enormous benefits from some non-natives. Ninety-nine percent of our crops are non-native. All livestock, except turkey, are non-native. And, perhaps, many of the good people in this room are non-native.

(Laughter.)

And the ice plant at Fort Funston is non-native. The benefits? It's breathtaking in the spring. It's green all year. It's robust. It's healthy. It doesn't require maintenance. It holds the sand down. It provides a safe landing area for hang gliders. And it works well with park users.

I don't bring my dogs to Edgewood, Mount Tamalpais, of Chimney Rock. It's not appropriate. And while ice plant might not be appropriate in wildlife areas, that is, it should be eradicated in wildlife areas, Fort Funston is not a wildlife area. This is San Francisco, an urban area.

Commissioners, please don't allow Fort Funston

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to become a nature exhibit behind fences. Thank you.

(Applause.)

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Stephen Bajza?

(No response.)

Ron Gillam?

(No response.)

John Keating?

MR. KEATING: I'm here.

STATEMENT OF

JOHN KEATING

MR. KEATING: Thank you, Commissioners, for hearing us out.

I do want to say, before I get into my three minutes, just as a point of order, I want to request that the Commission have another opportunity for public hearing so that all these people, who were here earlier and could not make their comments, have an opportunity for a fair hearing. I hope you can have a motion, seconded, quickly carried, to allow a full and fair hearing. It's now after midnight. I note that many people have been passed over.

Now, to begin my brief comments.

What I had hoped to say was directed to Amy Meyer. And Ms. Meyer, I wanted to thank you, and the people like you, who, 20 years ago, had the wisdom to insist that this Advisory Commission be created, as a

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condition for having the Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I think, back then, those of us in the environmental community were worried about back-room deals. We wanted to make sure that the citizens were protected. The value of this public citizen protection body is still there. And I hope it's not lost just because of the changed circumstances that we now presume that the people in the back rooms have an idea that we would like. So we presume that they're right, but your value is still there.

Secondly, we're engaged in a fabulous experiment with Fort Funston, as to whether the National Park Service can manage an urban area. The experiment is beginning. I don't think you should kill it, or allow it to be killed, before you have a chance to develop the experiment and see if you can manage an urban park. Don't eradicate it before you have a chance.

Now, you heard, briefly, from the gentleman from the NPCA. I think he misspoke, or misquote you, as to the interplay between the enabling statute and the general manadate. You can talk to your own lawyers about it. But what the Park Service lawyers said, the last time they briefed it before the Ninth Circuit in the Canyon Lands Case, they said that the Park Service has to apply the enabling statute for the individual park, and make

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sure that applies. This enabling statute requires you to do planning processes to insure the urban recreational use continues.

Now, Mr. Hopkins spoke for the Audubon Society, and he said: We have to protect the bank swallows. Everyone is for that. I'm proud that we're in here in a situation where we'll all environmentalists. The question is whether it's right, and we need to look at the truth. We should not be afraid of the truth. We should not hide from it. We should embrace it. You should do the full analysis of whether you're helping the bank swallows or hurting them.

Thank you.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Thank you.

Lisa Vittori, and then Valerie Hancock. Are either of those two people here?

VOICE: Yes, I'm here.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Valerie Hancock, and then Tom Kanaley.

STATEMENT OF

LISA VITTORI

MS. VITTORI: My name is Lisa Vittori. I work with the park. Sometimes, I work as a contractor, and sometimes I work as seasonal. And I just wanted to show you my real resume. I have, you know, of course, a

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resume, but this is the kind of work I do (indicating): I take out native plants -- I mean, not native plants, exotic plants, all day long. Okay? I've probably taken out a hundred thousand to two hundred thousand exotic plants.

I'm here because I feel like I'm in the middle of a civil war. And this is profession, but my dogs are my family. One of the reasons why the Park Service is in this situation, right now, is that, over the last 5 to 1 years, every single area in a 3-mile radius has basically gone on leash, or no dogs at all. And Fort Funston is one of the last places people can go with dogs, on leash or off leash. And, quite frankly, I used to live in Pacifica. There's almost no place in San Mateo County you can go with your dog, right now, to actually play.

There's a certain -- one of the reasons why I'm here is because I feel like I've been forced to take a position. I never read the Fort Funston Forum because it's too painful, because people that I respect a lot have done things that I, that I can't believe. The thing that I learned from the people that I work with at the Park Service are things like inclusion and in talking to all the stakeholders. I was working for the Park Service when this was filed and I found out that the people that I was working for were going behind the back of the people that

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I believe in to implement a policy that they knew was going to be upsetting to a large portion of the park's users.

So, I wanted to say that this is bad on several levels. One is that it's bad science, and people have talked about that a lot. At the last restoration conference I went to -- I've been doing habitat restoration for 10 years. At the last, the main speaker was a man who has also been doing habitat restoration for a long time, who said that this is not a science, it's an art. And, you know, one of the problems with it that often, in public forums like this, we're forced to take a position, and we don't really know it's a huge experiment.

I also know that there have been many studies, or there's been only a couple studies, of the impact of dogs on public lands, and I've done one of them. And that data was never used in making decisions about something else. There's very few studies anyplace. The one study that I did -- and, obviously, I'm biased, you know, I did it with a bunch of other people, some of whom were biased in the other direction -- and we found the dogs went about ten feet off the path in any given area.

I don't actually care what you do with Fort Funston, because I think that the problem is bigger. The problem is, is that you need to have a lot of areas where

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dogs can go and be dogs, and then you won't have the incredible pressure you have on Fort Funston. And the other problem is that you need to include people, like Ed Sayres, in the meetings just like you include the Pete Hollerin, who is the president of the Native Plant Society in San Francisco, and the head of the Audubon Society, because they are all part of the same decision-making process. We all want the same thing, but we've got to work it out so that we do it together. Or else you've got a whole bunch of people who are going to disobey your laws and ruin your projects. And that's a really stupid thing to do.

Thank you.

(Applause.)

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Valerie Hancock, then Tom Kanaley.

STATEMENT OF

VALERIE HANCOCK

MS. HANCOCK: Hi! I'm Valerie Hancock.

Well, I just want to say I'm really tired, and I'm sure you are, too. So I'll make this really short and put some smiles on your faces. Just pretend that you're hearing a gigantic echo from what everyone tonight has said in opposition of the closure at Fort Funston.

Some things that I just don't really understand

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is the park mandate talks about preserving scenic beauty and protecting the area unimpaired; and, yet, they want to put this big, ugly fence up. Which, to me, is, you know, a total contradiction.

It's clear to me, just listening to tonight's speakers that more studies need to be done regarding the bank swallows. There's just too much conflicting information. It looks like there's just no sound evidence here to prove anything. It also looks to me like there's definitely a special interest group who has their stakes they're trying to make in closing that area of Fort Funston, and that's wrong. This is public land and it should be reserved for the public.

I just want to emphasize that, you know, we really need relief from living in an overcrowded city. The quality of life issues need to be preserved for people's wellbeing. And if people do have dog companions they want to play with and walk with off leash, I think they should be given an area to be able to do that. I think, you know, we're all taxpayers and we all should have land to use it some respect of what people like to do, as long as they're not damaging the area, or infringing on everybody else. And I think this area is an area that should be recreational use, and it can all be used together, with everybody's interest in mind.

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Thank you.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Thank you.

Tom Kanaley, and then Susan Schliz. Are either of those people here?

(No response.)

Patricia LaCava?

VOICE: She's gone.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Lana Bajsel.

STATEMENT OF

LANA BAJSEL

MS. BAJSEL: Hi! My name is Lana Bajsel, and I'm in outside sales so I'm typically not at a loss for words. But the difficulty in this situation for me to speak tonight is an emotionality that I have and keeping that in check.

My animals have gotten through some very tough times in San Francisco. I've been a user of Fort Funston for over 20 years and generations of dogs. It's a very important aspect of my life. It got me through difficult moments, and this is what I owe to them, as my canine companions. But, more importantly, I think that this -- we do, are obligated to have an open space and are allowed to have to our companion animals in a free-range, or free-run situation. I think it's very important for everyone involved. I don't think anyone denies that true

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bond between your companion animals, as well as, you know, the human.

What really disturbed me the most was: I was walking down the path as they were putting the last padlock on the gate. And I can't even remember. I would be remissed in identifying the people who were there. It was one of the park ranger, in uniform, and someone else. They were putting that last padlock on it, and I just turned around and I made a comment. I said, "I thought there was a court decision barring you from putting that padlock on that gate." And the person looked me, turned their head and looked at me, and said, "We can do what we want."

And that was -- I couldn't believe it. I just almost felt like I dropped dead. I just couldn't even -- I was actually speechless, because that was the attitude that the GGNRA and the rangers had, like, we can do what we want. And that was the whole forum with these public meetings, or lack thereof.

This is like this is a very important forum tonight. I really appreciate this opportunity. But I'm also feeling that we are a little bit of a stepchild in our concerns and our needs, simply because we're always last on the agenda. We were in the last meeting. It's late. I think that we're probably not getting everyone's

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full attention because we're all very tired after a very long day.

I would appreciate, perhaps on the docket next time, not having two very important issues like the Discovery Museum and the Fort Funston Closure on the same meeting night and perhaps give us a dedicated evening where we can really build our case, so that you can understand what our needs are and what our concerns are. But I do appreciate this opportunity this evening and hope that you will find the Fort Funston Closures are not, indeed, applicable to anything.

Thank you.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: All right. That completes the speaker list that I have. I noted that -- I was keeping a tally -- that there were 12 people who signed up that apparently were gone. It's typical that we will lose a couple. But that fact that were 12 who left, I think, bespeaks the lateness of the hour. The problem, of course, is that we had another issue that was on the agenda that was time sensitive, too. The first two public hearings that some of you were at, you weren't on the agenda. We told you privately and publicly that you could be on the agenda if you asked, but you never asked. So that's why, that's why you were last on those two agendas, and I think the people who were here knew that and

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understood that. It was too bad, but that's, you know --

So, the thing that I would like to do is to ask the Superintendent if we can extend the public comment period. And the reason is because our next agenda, in September, is already full and it would be late again. And the public comment period ends in the middle of September anyway. So, if we had another public hearing in September -- which we probably shouldn't and can't -- it would be beyond the public comment period. I don't know how our October agenda looks. I know we got, we got Fort Baker coming back up in October, don't we?

So the -- Mr. Superintendent, is that a possibility, extending the public comment period so that we can accommodate those who did not have a chance to speak? Most people got their chance, but there some, obviously, who did not.

SUPERINTENDENT O'NEILL: Yeah. I think we got to look at the commitments we already made for the September agenda and work out the time. I have no objection to extending the comment period in order to make sure we provided ample opportunity for the public to express their concerns, either in writing or orally. The only reason I'm hesitating is to make sure all the commitments that we have already given to others, and trying to work out a six-month schedule, that we're

sensitive to that. So I don't have that in front of me.

But I think, in the spirit of being responsive to public interest in an issue, we want to look at trying to make sure that we provided ample opportunity and ways to do it. And I think just the lateness of the hour we're a little bit tired after this. So, I think we want to look for a way to be able to address this in a fair way.

So, I'll get back and we'll look at the schedule and decide, given the comment period, what needs to be done with respect to any extension of the comment period and the ability to present additional testimony before the Commission.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: I appreciate that. Thank you, Brian. But maybe the key thing is, then, once we establish that schedule, how do we notify the folks that are interested?

SUPERINTENDENT O'NEILL: Well, I think we would do it through the notice process that we use. I think we have a sign-up sheet. So I think, if there are people who want to be notified of future Commission Meetings, and if you're not already on the notice list, there is a sign-up list there and we update our list constantly. So, we'll keep the list back there, for sign-up for anyone who is not on the list, wants to make sure they're notified of any upcoming meetings, just make sure you sign up so we

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can get you on the list.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Amy.

MS. MEYER: Well, I would also encourage anybody who even knows someone who couldn't come, or can't come, or has more to say and didn't feel they got everything said while they were here, to put down these other thoughts, or additional thoughts, on paper and send them in. Because, the one advantage of paper is that it's more durable, in some ways, than speaking. We obviously have to take this under advisement on what to do. We still have a lot of thinking to do.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Okay. We still have some items on --

VOICE: Do you have all the written comments?

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Yes. We have gotten copies of all the written comments that have come in. As I said at the top, that's, I think, over 200 now, given both sides of the issue, and we have copies of them. I know I've read almost all of them, and there's a lot. But it's a good way -- you had a question, too, Doctor?

DR. HU: Yes. I suggest that, perhaps, just the 12 speakers, who did not get their opportunity, be invited to speak at the next hearing. That would only need a short period of time.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: That'd be a good idea, yeah.

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Because, if they put their address on the list -- most people do; but not all -- we can contact them. What's that, you want it earlier in the evening? Yeah, we all would. I don't know how we can guarantee that, because our next two agendas are already full, but we'll try.

The rest of the -- Betsey?

MS. CUTLER: At the risk of delaying this anymore, Mr. Chairman, I would offer, as a suggestion, that we roll over this, if possible, that we roll over this public hearing 'til the next meeting, and put the Fort Funston on first, and make a time certain of either a half-hour or 45 minutes, or an hour, to take whatever we can do in that period of time, if that's possible. I just offer it up as a suggestion.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: I would suggest that it be a continuation of this public hearing --

MS. CUTLER: A continuation --

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: -- not a new public hearing.

MS. CUTLER: Exactly.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: And that we just hear from people who have not yet had an opportunity --

MS. CUTLER: But make a time certain so that they realize that it's not going to be 200 people that can come and speak. But however many, the 12 that weren't able to come tonight, and then some additional others, so

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it doesn't take the full four or five hours of our meeting.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Okay. We'll try.

Redmond.

MR. KERNAN: There was a question raised regarding the legislative history. I think it was Lydia Bosch who raised it. And I would be interested in getting the enabling legislation pertinent to this from the Senate, the House, and the House Report. I think it was referred to as a 1978 hearing. Maybe the legislation was before that, in '61. I'm not sure. But there were a couple of events that were referred, one a hearing held by the Advisory Commission in '78; and, then, the legislative history of Fort Mason, which was 1961, I believe.

MS. MEYER: Fort Funston?

MR. KERNAN: Fort Funston, sorry, there are two of them. Fort Funston. And, if we could have that, the pertinent elements of that history, that would be instructive to me.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Okay. There were two other questions that I wrote down. One was: Were the posts pressure treated? And that's a pending question. Another one was: Historically, at Fort Funston, was there plants or was it bare dunes? Those are also two pending questions.

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We do have more on our agenda. You people are welcome to stay, if you want to hear the rest of it.

The Superintendent's Report.

SUPERINTENDENT O'NEILL: I waive it.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Committee reports. Any committees that met that have a report to give? Committee Report? Jack has one.

SAN FRANCISCO COMMITTEE REPORT

PRESENTED BY JACK SPRING, CHAIR

MR. SPRING: The committee met on the 18th of August. Pretty much, we have just this one item on the agenda, which was the Fort Funston Closure Notice. We were briefed on the notice. There was a considerable discussion to the closure notice, of course. We talked about the National Park Service's regulations, the public use of the park, and the National Park Service's mission; and we talked about the areas involved. We saw the area on maps that were shown here.

We noted that Fort Funston consists of about 422 acres. The closure involves about 43 acres, which is about a little less than 20 percent of the park. And we looked forward to the meeting tonight.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Thank you, Jack.

MR. BENNETT: I have a question.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: You have a question. Yes,

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Gordon.

MR. BENNETT: Jack, were any people from the SPCA or the Audubon Society at the --

MR. SPRING: What's he saying?

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: The answer is: No.

MR. BENNETT: Okay.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Neither side was represented.

MR. BENNETT: Okay.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Despite what you heard tonight in the public hearing, there's been no secret meetings of Commission Members with any of those groups.

MR. BENNETT: So this was just a meeting with the committee and staff?

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: That's right.

MR. BENNETT: Okay.

MR. SPRING: That's right. Normally, our committee does not take an active -- take an action. We're not allowed to do that unless we're part of a public hearing.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Other committees, other questions?

(No response.)

Non Agenda Items? Redmond?

MR. KERNAN: Do you want a committee report from the Presidio Committee?

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CHAIRMAN BARTKE: If you insist.

MR. KERNAN: Well, I don't.

(Applause.)

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Well, really, if you got something serious that needs to be reported.

PRESIDIO COMMITTEE REPORT

PRESENTED BY REDMOND KERNAN, CHAIR

MR. KERNAN: Well, we did meet. We weren't idle. And, so, we had a presentation of amendments and design of Mountain Lake Park, which would deepen it and change the planning around it, which was generally well accepted. We spent most of our time on the vegetation management plan. It was a very good meeting.

I must thank Michael Alexander for a great background study of what Major Stokes was thinking -- Jones, sorry, it is late -- Major Jones' report. It was very helpful to us, and we have some recommendations that we made to staff. Which I think are, hopefully, well received.

We, then, also got an update on some specific landscape pilot programs that were being conducted on three different locations in the Presidio, which were also very helpful.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Yes, Michael.

MR. ALEXANDER: In conjunction with that, I

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want to thank the staff for respecting my request and including a copy of the Jones' plan for reforesting the Presidio in your packets tonight. It's about a, in truth, about a four or five page read. Most of the rest is listing of plants and where they are to be put. It is what the idea of the Presidio Forest Plan was to be. It's not what we got, but it's what Jones foresaw and recommended. And I highly recommend it as a base document for understanding what's going to be a very vigorous discussion in a couple of months about the Presidio's vegetation, and how it's going to be managed over the next 50 to 100 years.

So, I want to thank staff again for providing that, as I requested.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Anything further? Non-agenda items? Dennis?

MR. RODONI: A quick item, Rich. There was a letter in our packet from the Marin County Board of Supervisors. At some point, Brian, could you give us a memo or a comment on that?

SUPERINTENDENT O'NEILL: Yeah.

MR. RODONI: You don't need to do it now. I mean, just send it to us, even.

SUPERINTENDENT O'NEILL: Yeah.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Good idea. I have a plane to

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catch, in just a couple of hours, so, we're adjourned.

(Whereupon, at 12:3 a.m., the meeting of the Advisory Commission was adjourned, to reconvene at 7:3 p.m., Tuesday, September 26, 2000, in the same location.

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ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING

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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2000

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GGNRA Park Headquarters

Building 201, Fort Mason

San Francisco, California

The meeting was convened, pursuant to Notice, at 7:30 p.m., Chairman Rich Bartke presiding.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

RICH BARTKE, Chair

AMY MEYER, Vice Chair

MICHAEL ALEXANDER

GORDON BENNETT

REDMOND KERNAN

DOUG NADEAU

TRENT ORR

LENNIE ROBERTS

DENNIS RODINI

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COMMISSIONERS PRESENT (Cont.:

FRED A. RODRIGUEZ

DOUG SIDEN

JACK SPRING

DR. ED WAYBURN

ALSO PRESENT:

For the Golden Gate National Recreation Area:

BRIAN O'NEILL, General Superintendent

FOR THE PRESIDIO TRUST:

CRAIG MIDDLETON

CAREY FEIERABEND

FOR THE GOLDEN GATE NATIONAL PARKS ASSOCIATION:

MICHAEL BOLAND

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MICHAEL FEINSTEIN

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P R O C E E D I N G S

7:30 P.M.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Good evening, ladies and gentlemen. I'll call to order the regular meeting of the Advisory Commission to Golden Gate National Recreation Area and the Point Reyes National Seashore.

The Advisory Commission was appointed by the Secretary of the Interior to give advice to the Secretary through his local designees, who are the superintendents of the local parks. We're not park employees. We've volunteers, as you are, and just people who love the parks. Our job is to listen to the public and, after doing that, to give our advice to the Park Service.

I need to apologize for Mel Lane. He couldn't be here tonight. He is arriving on a plane, but his plane got into too late so he is not going to make the meeting. But he promises that he'll be here next meeting. Susan Allan also called. Her mother was taken to the hospital this morning, so she can't be here. But she said, "It must not be too serious because Mom is mad about the whole thing."

Item No. 1 on the agenda is the approval of the minutes. These were mailed to us this last week. There has been one correction noted, and that was on the vote that was taken on the Fort Baker request for postponment. Well, actually, the vote was on approval of the Schematic

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different: We're actually following the agenda pretty closely.

We're now with the Fort Funston Closure Notice. This was a public hearing which took place last month at our regular meeting. Actually, the public hearing had been closed at the end of last month. But, because of the lateness of the hour -- which was after midnight -- there were a number of people who had signed up to speak but who had to go home, and, therefore, were not heard from. So we contacted those people, and there were 14 listed by name, who were invited back to give their comments tonight. So this is not really a reopening of the public hearing, but just to pick up those people who had been here for the public hearing, but didn't get a chance to speak. Of course, it's not required that they speak, but we want to give them the opportunity.

I have heard from one, Susan Scher, who could not be here tonight, either -- which is too bad. But I would like to remind everybody that the public comment period has been extended to October 6. So those who wish to give us written comments may do so, either tonight, or any time between now and October 6. At that date, October 6, the public comment period will formally close, and no more comments would be receivable after that date. But there is plenty of time, if you wish to submit written

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comments, to do so. In fact, written comments are easier for us to deal with than verbal comments because we can copy them, we can mark them, we can keep them, and refresh our recollection later.

I'm just going to go through the list of the names that I have. And, by the way, this is a typed list that was taken off the handwritten list, so I'm not sure that these names are correct, or that I'll pronounce them right, but we'll start with Nena Beach, and then Chris Vulpe. Are those people here?

(No response.)

Nena Beach, not here?

(No response.)

Chris Vulpe?

(No response.)

Mike Doane?

(No response.)

Eric Finseth?

MR. FINSETH: Here.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Okay. You're first. And after him, a person named Corrine, from San Francisco. We don't have anything more than that. Is Corrine here?

(No response.)

Would you like to come up to the podium? Then Nancy Stafford would be after this speaker.

STATEMENT OF

ERIC FINSETH, ESQ.

MR. FINSETH: In opening, hello, Lennie.

MS. ROBERTS: Hi.

MR. FINSETH: I'm Kate Forrest's boy, as you might remember.

MS. ROBERTS: Right.

MR. FINSETH: My name is Eric Finseth. I'm an attorney with Wilson, Sonsini, down in Palo Alto.

The reason I am here tonight, coming all the way from Palo Alto, as you may be aware, around the Bay Area, dogs and dog owners are being shut down. Generally speaking, there are vanishingly few places remaining in the Bay Area where people can walk dogs off leash. As a consequence, literally every weekend -- and my wife estimates on average three times a week -- we drive from Palo Alto all the way up to Fort Funston to be able to walk our dog off leash.

Environmental concerns are legitimate and deserve weight and consideration. In my view, however, they need to be rationally evaluated. We need to look carefully at the actual environmental impact of human activity. And we need to consider the collateral cost of restricting the human activity in the name of environmentalism.

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In this regard, I am concerned about what I understand to be the Park Service's position and behavior with respect to an analysis of the environmental impact. I have been informed by Mr. Keating, the attorney for the Fort Funston Dog Walkers, that the Park Service, at this point, is declining to make publicly available the environmental impact data that it has been collecting on the impact on the bank swallows that has happened this year, since the closure. That is incompatible with fair, open, public analysis of what's really going on. And it strikes me as behavior that is more consistent with people who are trying to assert control, perhaps, for the joy of asserting control, or using the environmental arguments of pretext for what they seek to do, rather than openly and fairly evaluating the matter.

I find the proposed Fort Funston shut down, albeit partial, strikingly similar to what has recently happened down at Stanford, in our area. Stanford University, up 'til now, has generously allowed the public to use the Stanford Hills as an open area where people walked and taken their dogs. And Stanford has recently shut the entire area down and literally has guards posted everywhere, and is locking people out and dogs are forbidden. And, again, they were using a pretext of the Red Salamander that they wanted to protect. And the

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reason it's a pretext is because Stanford itself plans to develop much of the land down there. They use it as a pretext to assert a regulation. And they're using the sort of presumed oral legitimacy of environmentalism to shut down all opposition and exceptions. And I'm concerned that that not happen in the Fort Funston case.

I would urge you to consider the impact on people around the Bay Area, particularly where, at least in our instance, you see the importance of it, and the fact that there are no other outlets at this point.

I believe that we should strive to make this a free society and not one that is becoming more repressive and more rules-bound and more regulated in every respect.

Thank you very much.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Thank you.

MR. FINSETH: Just one thing for me to point out. The notice we received for this meeting said Tuesday, the 29th. I think today is Tuesday, the 26th. I just want to point that out so that you're aware there are a number of people who may have wanted to speak, but received a typo, and, therefore, inadequate notice of tonight's meeting. Just so you're aware.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Okay. Thank you.

MR. FINSETH I can submit a copy.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Thank you. I didn't know

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that.

Is somebody named Corrine from San Francisco who wanted to speak?

(No response.)

Nancy Stafford?

(No response.)

Joy Durighello?

MS. DURIGHELLO: Yes.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: And David Perry?

(No response.)

STATEMENT OF

JOY DURIGHELLO

MS. DURIGHELLO: My name is Joy Durighello, and I'm an instructor at City College of San Francisco.

I'm here to speak in favor of the closure. My reason are all those reasons that have already been given. I don't think there is any point in repeating them again. I would like to comment on some of the things that I heard at the last meeting.

We saw a pie chart that showed that 86 percent of the uses at Fort Funston were dog walkers. And, to me, that begs the question: If Fort Funston is such a unique and beautiful place, why is its use being dominated by a predominantly single, special-interest group?

I believe that Fort Funston needs to be seen as

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something greater than a sandbox, with a wonderful view. It's a very valuable natural resource, and it's absolutely the last remnant that we have to pass onto future generations of what the land was like before it was settled by so many people. I think the problems that have arisen now are a response to great population pressures, and everybody has their needs and wants. And this fighting and bickering that's ongoing is a kind of absolute stance on both sides of the fence, and I don't think we'll get us very far.

I support the closure because it is still a fraction of the 200-plus acres in Fort Funston. I'd like to ask the dog walkers if we -- I think the total is 36 acres at this point. Maybe you see this as a whittling away of your choices for walking your dogs. The question is: Are we going to see open space, which is in itself such a treasure, given over to destruction? And I say "destruction" because I don't think we're kidding anybody when we say that 200, 300, 400, whatever, animals of any species, running together at the same place, does not cause some type of degradation. It does happen. Don't deny it. We have to work with that dilemma. We have people with needs, all kinds of needs.

I urge this Board, this Commission, to consider that it is a federal park, and I believe there is a

federal regulation that requires that pets within the federal park be restrained. I don't understand why that law has not been enforced, and I don't understand why that law is not being invoked, unless I missed it at some point of the discussion. But I've read the law. There is a number on it, 36 Code 2.15, I think, something like that. It's on the books. Where is it? What happened to it? Why was it ignored?

Thank you.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Thank you.

David Perry?

(No response.)

Ron Dillon or Gillon?

(No response.)

Tom Kanaley?

(No response.)

Patricia LaCava? Okay, you're next, then Haley Whala, it looks like.

STATEMENT OF

PATRICIA LA CAVA

MS. LA CAVA: First, I'd like to thank you for inviting us all back to speak. And the first thing, I do have a speech prepared, but I would like to address the woman who just spoke, first of all.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Excuse me, as a matter of

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protocol, you're remarks should be directed to us.

MS. LA CAVA: Oh, okay. Well, I'd like to talk about what she said. One of the things that she said is that the dogs being at Fort Funston are causing an environmental impact.

My favorite places to walk my dog previously was the Presidio, Land's End, and Fort Miley. I haven't been to the Presidio for four years because I can't take my dog there. Basically, when all that land was closed down to dogs, everyone started going to Fort Funston. If there is a problem there because of too many dogs, it's because we were forced there, rather then being allowed to walk our dogs where we could previously. And I think that's a really important point, because that's also going on in the city. With the closure of many parks to dogs, they're becoming more concentrated in certain parks and it's becoming a problem.

So, you know, I would like to comment on that, you know, this is why 86 percent of the people there are walking dogs. It is because we can't go to Ocean Beach and Fort Miley and Land's End and the Presidio anymore.

The other thing that I'd like to point out, basically just give this to you as comment, is: In one of the parks in the city, which is now closed because of native plant restoration, it's a barren hilltop. Kids go

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up there and they throw their bottles down and break them after drinking their beer. I used to walk to the top of that hill every morning. Every morning, I picked up a bag full of glass. The last time I was up there, I had to leave. I couldn't let my children play there because there was so much broken glass. I know that I personally clean up plastic bags and fishing lines, and all kinds of garbage from the beach, when I walk my dogs. I know that other dog walkers do, too. If I wasn't out there walking my dogs everyday, there'd be a lot more garbage in the parks.

And I could read this, if I have time. What I'd like to say with this, is that the city of San Francisco is renowned as being one of the most beautiful cities in the world. Within the city, one of the most beautiful spots is Fort Funston. There probably aren't too many tourists going there, but it does provide the residents a relaxing alternative to Pier 39. It is necessary for the people to be able to go there and see how beautiful nature can really be, and it helps them justify paying their outlandish rents.

The GGNRA was established for the maintenance of needed recreational open space. Well, I need Fort Funston recreational. All of us in San Francisco do. If we look at the rate of closures at Fort Funston since

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1991, if it continues within my lifetime, all Fort Funston will be closed to the public. My son goes with me to enjoy it, and I hope my grandchildren will get to, as well.

The National Park Service has asserted that they wish to close the land for the bank swallow. Out of curiosity, I looked up the bank swallow habitat expecting to find a slim sliver of land, of which Fort Funston constitutes a reasonable part. I found that the bank swallow, also known as the sand martin, riparia riparia, resides from Western and Central Alaska, Central Utah, and Central Quebec, and Southern Labrador, Southern California, Western Nevada, Southern New Mexico, Southern Texas, Northern Alabama, Eastern Virginia, North and South Carolina, and that was only in the United States. The also abound throughout Europe and South America.

This isn't bad science on the part of the National Park Service. Pure and simple, it's fantasy make believe. Why they really want to close down Fort Funston, I don't know; but I do suspect certain reasons. But it isn't because of the birds. Granted, I'm no expert, but the bank swallow population maps shows quite clearly that they're a heck of a lot of them in the world. There is, however, only one of me and my preferred habitat is Fort Funston.

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Thank you.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Thank you.

Haley Whala, 451 Niatic Avenue?

(No response.)

Laura Hake?

(No response.)

Okay. Well, that concludes the speakers that were left over from last month. And, as I indicated, the one, Susan Scher, who said that she could not be here, and I hope that she sends her comments in writing.

Next item on the agenda is the Fort Baker Committee Report from our Ad Hoc Committee. Our interim chairman is Gordon Bennett. This is update, or a progress report, Gordon?

FORT BAKER AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMISSIONER GORDON BENNETT

MR. BENNETT: Well, I'm honored to be singled out as the special agenda item for Committee Reports.

We've been having a good time at the Fort Baker Committee Meetings. We've been having work sessions that have been focused, this last month, on the RFP. We've got a healthy selection of interested people, including members of the audience, that are tossing their ideas in. We are going to have a work product available to this Commission within a few weeks. So everything seems to be

(No response.)

Other non-agenda items?

(No response.)

Our next meeting will be here in this room on October 17, that's a Tuesday evening, at 7:30 p.m. Note that that's not our usual meeting date, but it's only three weeks from tonight. That will be followed by a meeting on October 21, which is a Saturday, at Point Reyes, in beautiful downtown Point Reyes Station. Our next meeting, after that, will be back on our fourth Tuesday evening, which is November 28.

Any questions?

(No response.)

We're adjourned.

(Whereupon, at 9:15 p.m., the meeting was concluded to reconvene Tuesday, October 17, 2000, at this same place.)

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I hereby certify that this is the transcript of the proceedings held before the

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2000

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GGNRA Park Headquarters

Building 201, Fort Mason

San Francisco, California

The meeting was convened, pursuant to Notice, at 7:30 p.m., Chairman Richard Bartke presiding.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

RICHARD BARTKE, Chair

AMY MEYER, Vice Chair

MICHAEL ALEXANDER

SUSAN GIACOMINI ALLAN

GORDON BENNETT

ANNE-MARIE BOOTH

BETSEY CUTLER

REDMOND KERNAN

DOUG NADEAU

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COMMISSIONERS PRESENT (Cont.:

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LENNIE ROBERTS

DENNIS J. RODONI

FRED RODRIGUEZ

DOUGLAS L. SIDEN

JOHN SPRING

EDGAR WAYBURN, M. D.

ALSO PRESENT:

For the Golden Gate National Recreation Area:

BRIAN O'NEILL, General Superintendent

FOR THE PRESIDIO TRUST:

CRAIG MIDDLETON

STAFF LIAISON:

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P R O C E E D I N G S

7:30 P.M.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: The meeting will come to order.

This is the meeting of the Advisory Commission to the Golden Gate National Recreation Area and the Point Reyes National Seashore.

There are still some seats over here, to the other side, if you can't find chairs. There are also agendas at the back, by the door, where you came in. If you need an agenda, you can follow along.

As you can see, this is one of our heavier agendas, tonight, so we want to move with some alacrity in order to get through it before midnight, if possible.

The first item on the agenda is the approval of the minutes of the October 17 and October 21 meetings. Last month, we had two meetings: One here and one at Point Reyes. Those minutes were mailed to the Commission Members a couple of weeks ago.

Do we have any comments on either of those sets of minutes?

COMMISSIONER WAYBURN: I move for the approval of both sets of minutes.

COMMISSIONER RODONI: Second.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: They've been moved and

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seconded that both sets be approved, as submitted. Is there any comments or questions?

(No response.)

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: All in favor say aye.

[Members voted unanimously in favor of the motion.]

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Opposed say no.

(No response.)

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Those minutes are adopted.

As a matter of introduction, the members of the Commission, that are seated up here, each have their names in front of them, so I won't introduce them all. They are appointed by the secretary of the Interior to give advice to the Park Service. The Commission Members are not paid; they're volunteer citizens, as most of you are. They've been appointed because they have some experience in local government, or public affairs of some kind. The Commission members range all the way from service of just a couple of months, all the way to a couple of decades.

The two gentlemen on my immediate left are employees. Brian O'Neill is the General Superintendent of Golden Gate National Recreation Area. Craig Middleton is representing the Presidio Trust this evening. We'll be getting reports from them later.

The next item on the agenda is the Fort Funston Closure Notice, and it's going to take a couple of minutes, but I want to set this into context in order to explain to people who are here what it is that the Commission has dealt with, with this issue.

First of all, in the area of public comment, this Commission has had four sessions in which public comments were received: January 18, March 21, July 18, and August 29. Then, we even heard from a few on September 26, who had been missed on August 29. But, on August 29, the public hearing was closed. So I hope that everybody understands that tonight is not a public hearing; it's already been closed.

However, there was an eight-week public comment period. During that period of time, we received a number of written communications. I've been told that the estimate is something like 1,500 written communications, and that included significant amounts of material from SF Dog, the SPCA, and Habitat Restoration.

Next, at the request of members of the public, we reviewed the transfer from the city of San Francisco to the Park Service of the area now known as Fort Funston. That included -- we all have copies of the voter pamphlet, the ballot arguments and Proposition F of October 1973, the late but emphatic endorsement of Willie Brown. We

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have a bit on the spending, in which this proposition spent less than anything else on the ballot, less than $700. Yet, it passed with the highest number of votes of anything on the ballot on the November 6, 1973 election, getting over 75 percent of the vote.

We've also reviewed the agreement that was signed between the City and the Park Service on April 29, 1975. There's two deeds, May 22, 1975, and September 17, 1975, that we have copies of.

As far as planning documents go, we've reviewed the San Francisco Master Plan, the San Francisco comments to our General Management Plan, and Golden Gate's General Management Plan of 1980, which was adopted after I don't know who many hearings. Just in San Francisco alone, there were over 100 hearings before that Master Plan was adopted, General Management Plan.

We've also reviewed federal laws and regulations, which included the National Park Service's Organic Act; the 1978 Amendment to the National Park Service General Authorities Act; Director's Order No. 55; the Code of Federal Regulations, specifically 36.2.15; and, specifically having to do with Golden Gate, Public Law 92-589, which established Golden Gate; the Advisory Commission's Pet Policy, which was adopted on September 27, 1978; the Code of Federal Regulations Compendiums --

there's three of them -- dated July 8, 1996, December 19, 1997, and August 24, of this year.

We've also reviewed the findings and order from the Federal District Court, dated April 26, of this year. In fact, I went so far as to look up the cases that were cited by Judge Alsop in that, all of which had to do with Park Service closures: Henderson v. Stanton; Mausoff v. Babbitt; and Spiegal v. Babbitt. It was interesting that, on appeal, in all three of those the Park Service prevailed.

We also checked with other federal court cases that had to do with closures, one of which, in fact, involved Golden Gate, Bicycle Trails Council v. Babbitt in 1996, in which this Commission was involved. That case held two things: One was that all units of the Park Service are treated the same; there's no difference between National Parks in urban areas, and National Parks in rural areas. The second is, quote:

> "As long as the evidence supports the Park Service determination, the court is not free to substitute its judgment for that of the agency."

The members of the Commission also made site visits to Fort Funston, and, of course, have available their own contacts with members of the public and their

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own opinions.

If you're looking for copies of the summary report, there are some at the back table; but it know comes to the Commission for action. And, so, that's where we are right now. The chairman of our San Francisco Committee is Jack Spring. Jack, were you going to pass this off to someone else?

COMMISSIONER SPRING: Well, I was going to give you my report from our last meeting, which was November 7. At the start of that, we were updated on the Camera Obscura and the nominating of that for the National Historic Register. Then we went into the Fort Funston Closure Notice, for about the fourth meeting in a row. There was a great deal of discussion. The result of that discussion was that we should suggest to the Commission a series of resolutions to stimulate discussion and modification or change by the members of the Commission, who have not had the opportunity to participate in these kinds of discussions.

So, in the fact that there are three resolutions that are drafted very roughly, and by only a few of us, so that they need a lot of polishing, and Amy Meyer has agreed to introduce these and talk about these resolutions and make some changes, and so forth.

COMMISSIONER MEYER: Okay. I'm going to

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present the first resolution with regards to the closure of 12 acres. This is the issue which brought matters to a head. I'm going to read the resolution into the record. All the Commissioners have it; it's the top sheet among the sets of papers that you have:

"WHEREAS, The Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA) is part of the National Park System and subject to its policies and regulations as well as to federal law, and

"WHEREAS, the GGNRA has proposed to close 12 acres of Fort Funston to

"Reduce cliff and bluff failure

"Encourage the restoration of natural habitat

"Protect the lives and habitat of bank swallows, a species listed as 'threatened' by the State of California Endangered Species Act

"Assure the safety of visitors and pets, and

"WHEREAS, the naturally eroding cliffs of Fort Funston have lost many feet of land since the GGNRA was established, exacerbating loss of species habitat and creating safety issues, and

"WHEREAS, this Commission has, during an extended comment period between January and

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October 2000, heard testimony from park users and other interested parties on four occasions and has received approximately 1,500 written comments, and

"WHEREAS, this Commission, in part at the request of the Fort Funston dog walkers, has reviewed applicable National Park Service law, including the GGNRA enabling legislation, the hearing record on that legislation, the House and Senate Committee Reports on that legislation, National Park Service regulations including Title 36, Chapter I, Part 2, Sec. 2.15, 'Pets,'..."

The sentence I would particularly call out of that is Section 2:

"(a) The following are prohibited:

"(2) Failing to crate, cage, restrain on a leash which shall not exceed six feet in length, or otherwise physically confine a pet at all times."

"... the National Park Service Director's Order No. 55 of September 8, 2000, and the September 15, 2000 'Notice of New Policy Interpreting the National Park Service (NPS) Organic Act, the results of the 1973 election at which 66.8

percent of San Francisco voters approved the transfer of lands from the jurisdiction of the city to the GGNRA, the 1975 agreement between the city of San Francisco and Federal Government for the transfer of the city lands to the National Park Service, the 1977 City Planning Commission 'Staff Response to GGNRA [Management Plan] Alternatives,' the General Management Plan for the GGNRA approved in 1980 after Bay Area-wide public hearings, the city of San Francisco's Westside Plan ...

And the pertinent section reads, in part:

"Policy 1, Fort Funston: Maximize the natural qualities of Fort Funston, conserve the ecology of the entire fort and develop recreational uses which will have only minimal effect on the natural environment."

"... the results of several court cases [cited by Mr. Bartke] regarding NPS land and resource management, and the sustainability plan of the city of San Francisco, now, therefore, be it

"RESOLVED, that the decision of the GGNRA superintendent to close twelve acres of Fort Funston to dogs is appropriate and necessary, and be it further

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RESOLVED, that, in preference to permanent closure, the Commission requests the superintendent consider removing the fences and having a trail through the area accessible to dogs on leash."

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Any comments?

COMMISSIONER MEYER: Well, I think I would just present that one straightforward.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: All right. It's now open to Commission or question on the proposed resolution, as drafted by, I think, a couple of members of our Commission.

Redmond.

COMMISSIONER KERNAN: I have a concern that we haven't recognized that the plan for Fort Funston is somewhat old, in that: It's 20 years, or more, I think, in age and should be updated. I would suggest a further resolve, which would be that this Commission request that the National Park Service, as early as practicable, update the General Management Plan for Fort Funston; and, in that process, work with neighbors and user groups to see that that plan reflects not only conservation, but how people fit into that plan, which, by just emphasizing the conservation aspects, doesn't indicate how people fit there. One could fence off the entire park, for

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conservation.

So, I think the plan needs to be revisited. And I would suggest adding that further resolve.

COMMISSIONER MEYER: All right.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: I would like to point out that the Chair has not accepted a motion or a second.

COMMISSIONER MEYER: That's right.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: And we have not -- therefore, we don't have to put this in the form of an amendment to the motion because we don't have a motion. It's open, wide open, for discussion.

COMMISSIONER KERNAN: Well, I move the resolution with my addition to it.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: I was actually encouraging to not do that until --

COMMISSIONER KERNAN: Okay.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: -- we get a lot of ideas on the floor; and, then, maybe somebody can frame a single motion.

COMMISSIONER KERNAN: But you want more discussion, okay.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: No, we're going to discuss with a motion, for awhile, at least.

Speaking only for myself, I certainly sympathize with what you've said. When I brought it up

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myself a couple of weeks ago, I was told that that would raise false expectations because there is no money in this budget, or next budget, or the next budget, to do that kind of a plan -- which is regrettable. I'm not sure that that should stop us from saying what we want to say, but the reality is that the plan isn't going to get done very soon.

COMMISSIONER MEYER: Well, Rich, I also think that this is a highly focused resolution. There are other resolutions here. There is no reason why what you say can't be a separate resolution. But this resolution is specifically to deal with the closure of 12 acres of Fort Funston, which became the subject of a court case. And I would hope we would stick to that one subject in this resolution.

COMMISSIONER KERNAN: I would only suggest that we consider the subject I mentioned because I'm not sure there will ever be money requested unless there is a need to update the plan; and, therefore, money will be requested at the point there is a recognized need. So I think it may help to get it on record. Whether it's separate or this resolution, I don't care. But I think -- I feel one of the issues is operating without a plan that's current enough that people that it represents the wishes of all those involved.

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CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Okay. Hold that thought.

Fred?

COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: I just wanted to draw attention to the, or to ask a question concerning the last clause about the area being accessible to dogs on leash in the trail there. Is -- and this is silent with respect to the rest of Fort Funston. It's my understanding that, notwithstanding the federal legislation, there really isn't an enforcement of the dog-on-leash in the other areas within Fort Funston. Is it -- is there going to be any change with respect to that?

COMMISSIONER MEYER: Do you want me to take it?

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Yes.

COMMISSIONER MEYER: We have a series of resolutions here. It seemed wise to start with the one that spoke specifically to the matter that went to court. We've had to handle this ourselves. Because of the nature of it, this has been handled within the members of the Commission. Usually, when we work on resolutions, we work with the staff and the language sometimes gets smoothed. But, in this case, this is a separate resolution to hang by itself. That topic will be taken up in another resolution.

COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: Okay.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: But the question specifically

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is, Fred, as I understand it, was not necessarily the fact that there not be a permanent closure, and that there be leashes; but whether or not the enforcement would follow, either whether that was done or not done.

Trent?

COMMISSIONER ORR: I don't have any -- actually, I like this quite a bit; but I have a correction at this point. I may have some discussion a bit later. It's a technical matter. In the long "Whereas," three lines from the bottom, the name of that document is not the Westside Plan; it's the Western Shoreline Area Plan.

COMMISSIONER MEYER: Oh, sorry.

COMMISSIONER ORR: It's an area plan, and this is a specific subset of the general plan. It's incorporated as part --

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: We don't have the need for that many words.

[Laughter.]

COMMISSIONER ORR: That's my only comment, for right now.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Do you want to make anymore?

COMMISSIONER ORR: No. I'll wait and here more of the discussion.

COMMISSIONER MEYER: Actually, I heard what Fred said better after I listened to Rich's comment. I

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think what you seem to be saying, Fred, about that last resolve is the Commission requests the Superintendent to consider removing the fences, having a trail through the area accessible to dogs on leash and enforcing the regulations that would keep a dog on a leash. I think that that's necessary. That makes sense.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Other comments?

(No response.)

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Now does somebody want to make a motion on this proposed resolution?

COMMISSIONER MEYER: So moved.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: It's moved amd seconded, as drafted, except for the name of the city's plan.

COMMISSIONER ORR: Are we going to add a clause saying, "consider removing the fences, having a trail through the area accessible to dogs on leash and enforcing the leash --

COMMISSIONER MEYER: Regulations?

COMMISSIONER ORR: -- the leash regulation?

COMMISSIONER MEYER: The leash regulation required by the --

COMMISSIONER ORR: Or enforcing the national leash regulations, the Park Service leash regulations.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Okay.

COMMISSIONER MEYER: NPS leash regulations.

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CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Got it. That is part of the motion, then.

Redmond, did you want to bring up your point?

COMMISSIONER KERNAN: I'm willing to have it be a separate resolution.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Have you looked at the other drafts to see if they would be --

COMMISSIONER KERNAN: They wouldn't be able to.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: It does not fit. Okay, we'll do it separately, then. All right. Discussion on the motion.

Michael.

COMMISSIONER ALEXANDER: I think we've all reviewed the legislation, and it's been pretty enlightening to me because it is, it is -- I'm not a lawyer, so I read it as a lay person does. We have lawyers on this panel, and, goodness knows, there are enough lawyers around. I read it as a lay person.

COMMISSIONER MEYER: Read it as -- what, Michael?

COMMISSIONER KERNAN: A lay person.

COMMISSIONER ALEXANDER: As a lay person. And as I've read the Organic Act and the long series of regulations and court decisions, and further regulations and further court decisions and interpretations, that bind

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the National Park Service and bind this Commission, because we took an oath to uphold the law, I don't see a lot of wiggle room. And, so, I'm going to support this, this resolution because I think this is what the law says. Now I appreciate that we have heard from some people that they believe that the law says something else. We have a much larger issue in this country, right now, that is being settled. That's why we, that's why we have courts. And it's my understanding that, that a case questioning the law has been, has been filed. If that's, if that's the case, so be it. That's what the courts are for and we'll get a ruling. We'll get an appropriate ruling on this issue. Until then, though, I feel bound by the law as I understand it, and as it has been presented, quite persuasively, to me by the, by the Park Service and its solicitors. So, I will vote for this resolution.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Any other comments?

Trent.

COMMISSIONER ORR: Well, I just briefly, to take a -- not to say that what Michael just said was grudging; but I'd just like to say that I think there, there is some principles here. I mean, I'm not voting this just because I feel bound by the law. I think that the law is absolutely right there. But I think that, to me, it's really an issue of what national parks are for, and that

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obviously is expressed in the law. But the principle beyond that is a very important one. I mean, I think that we have in Fort Funston a really remarkable area that has some extremely rare and valuable resources within our city.

What the Park Service is trying to do is find a way to preserve those resources to enhance them, to bring that population of bank swallows back, to save a little bit of the remaining dune communities we have here in the city. And I think, in and of itself, that's an extremely valuable thing to do. And I think that the notion that, in this area, especially with the second resolve, that we would even think that the fences could go away as long as people were willing to have their dogs on leash, which does not seem to me to be a really onerous burden in a national park.

So I just wanted to have someone say, for the record, that I think there's -- there are a number of principles involved here that I think are very important ones that make me quite pleased to vote for this resolution.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Lennie.

COMMISSIONER ROBERTS: Well, I'd like to add to that a bit. I agree with what Trent has said, and I also wanted to add the broad consideration that we have to do

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about visitor enjoyment of the national parks. We have to keep in mind that we are, we are really -- we need to take into account the mandate of the Park Service for providing for all visitors, and having a single use in a national park actually will exclude other potential users.

From my perspective, I am happy to see this park used by many dog users, dog walkers and dogs and owners, but I think that there dogs off leash become a problem for other users, who may not choose to go there. It's hard to find out about those people who are not there and why they're not there. We've heard a lot from the public that does the park, and I very much appreciate all the comments that we have heard about this. But I think we have to keep in mind many other voices that we haven't heard, as well. So I would support this resolution, for that reason.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Redmond.

COMMISSIONER KERNAN: I think I agree with everybody, but I have a slightly different view that urban parks, perhaps, shouldn't be treated the same as all national parks. Maybe one size doesn't fit all. Maybe one set of rules shouldn't govern all parks. I think there is a distinction between creating an urban park in an urban area, and some of the national parks, Yellowstone, Yosemite, et cetera, who are in wild areas.

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And I think that, if I could make the law, I would have the Superintendent have discretion in some matters that he now doesn't.

But given all that, the law does say what it says, and I'm willing to support it and support this resolution. But I wish that there were more latitude for creativity on the part of the Superintendent, and that there was the opportunity to have ddifferent rules for different kinds of parks.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Michael.

COMMISSIONER ALEXANDER: Two points: First of all, I didn't, I didn't mean to suggest by my statements, but I obviously did, that there weren't other reasons why I supported this resolution. But I think that's -- following the law is the first test, and everything else falls away if, as in this case, the law has to be obeyed.

As to Commissioner Kernan's point, there was a time, I believe in the '70s -- Doug, I think you'll be able to check me on this -- when the Park Service actually did set management standards for three different kinds of parks, one of which was recreation areas. And Congress clearly and specifically, in two instances, wrote into law that that would not be the way the Park Service interpreted the Organic Act. That the Park Service was to treat all units of the National Park System, to manage all

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units of the National Park System by the same standards. They did not want that. So the Park Service had to revise its regulations to conform to the will of Congress. It was absolutely clear. You may disagree, you know. Others may disagree with the intent of Congress, but that's what Congress did, and it did it twice.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Gordon.

COMMISSIONER BENNETT: Could I ask a question? Does anyone know what the San Francisco Westside Plan says? I assume someone does.

COMMISSIONER ORR: Amy read it a minute ago.

COMMISSIONER BENNETT: Could you read again that part?

COMMISSIONER MEYER: Yeah. This is, this takes up all the coastal areas on the west side of San Francisco, such as the Cliff House and Ocean Beach and Sutro Baths. And at Fort Funston it says:

"Objective 9. Conserve the natural cliff environment along Fort Funston.

"Policy 1. Maximize the natural qualities of Fort Funston. Conserve the ecology of the entire fort and develop recreational uses which will have only minimal effect on the natural environment.

"Policy 2. Permit hang gliding, but regulate it

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so that it does not significantly conflict with other recreational and more passive uses, and does not impact the natural quality of the area."

COMMISSIONER BENNETT: And that's San Francisco's policy for that area?

COMMISSIONER ORR: It's part of the general plan.

COMMISSIONER MEYER: It's part of the general plan.

COMMISSIONER BENNETT: Okay.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Other comments or questions?

Doug.

COMMISSIONER NADEAU: I just like to make a mild response to what Red said.

In light of my experience, the only difference between an urban national park and what you would consider to be a more traditional national park is the incredible intensity of use in those areas. And, to me, that factor makes it all the more important that the National Park Service apply the correct standards of preserving resources and not look to lowering those standards. So, to me, it strengthens our resolve to make sure that we do the right thing at Fort Funston.

So I think with that, I'd just would like to say

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I'm delighted with this resolution.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Ed.

COMMISSIONER WAYBURN: I'm prepared to support this resolution, but I have certain comments. Having had quite a fair amount to do with the establishment of urban parks in the United States, and particularly with the establishment of the GGNRA, we were confronted with this problem, among others, early on. And it was agreed at that time that there should be certain exemptions made with regard to dogs, and these were done with the knowledge and advice of the Commission, of the Superintendent of the parks, the first Superintendent. And it was realized that parks in urban areas are going to be up against different plans and projections from parks in what were once wilderness areas. I think that the city allowed dogs in the Fort Funston area. I'm just not acquainted with the later developments, which were just read. But it was not meant to take away any of the privileges which have been allowed before.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Any other comments or questions?

(No response.)

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: All right. Since we're ready to vote on this resolution, I call for a voice vote. If there is a serious split, then we'll ask for a show of

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hands; but, first, a vocal vote. All in favor say aye.

[Members voted.]

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Any opposed?

(No response.)

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: I hear none. The resolution is adopted, as presented.

Amy, back to you.

COMMISSIONER MEYER: Okay. You have two other resolutions here. Some of you, I've had a chance to explain this to; a few of you, I haven't. Because this process was completely outside of this building, it went through a bit of -- we've just had some difficulty. It went from fax to fax.

Please turn to the third page, which is the resolution to rescind the Golden Gate National Recreation Area Advisory Commission 1979 Pet Policy. Now, Rich told me that, actually, we passed this in 1978. I was chair of the committee, but they didn't get around to printing it until 1979 -- just in case that comes up and bothers anybody.

The resolution of 1978 is in conflict with federal law; and, as such, we feel is confusing to the public. And, so, I will read this resolution aloud:

"WHEREAS, in 1978 this Advisory Commission, recognizing that this national park in an urban

area included some lands whose social history was different from that of other national parks, passed a "Pet Policy" resolution in which it sought to accommodate San Francisco and Marin County custom regarding dog-walking, allowing dogs to be walked off leash and under voice control in certain areas, and

"WHEREAS, although not formally adopted by the National Park Service, this resolution was used as a permissive guideline in these park areas by a sequence of national park superintendents of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA), although it contravened National Park Service regulations requiring all dogs to be on leash, and

"WHEREAS, over the years since the establishment of the GGNRA in 1972, and the transfer of the city lands to the GGNRA in 1975, the natural resources of the GGNRA, as well as those of the State of California and the nation, including the habitat requirements of native plants and animals, have been studied and their interdependence has become better understood, and

"WHEREAS, it has become evident that many areas

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of natural habitat in this country have been so affected by human incursion and development that many species have been listed by the state and nation as "threatened" and "endangered" under the federal and state Endangered Species Act [those are two separate acts], and that some of these species live in areas of the GGNRA, and

"WHEREAS, since 1978 the dog-owing population of the Bay Area has increased and areas in other jurisdictions formerly open to dogs have been closed, so that the number of dogs that visit the GGNRA has increased, leading to increasing conflicts with other park users, as well as concentrations of dog litter off trail in areas of natural habitat where it cannot be removed by the dogs' owners, and

"WHEREAS, present circumstances in the GGNRA require the closer supervision of dogs as provided by a leash, in order to fulfill the requirements of law and regulations, and

"WHEREAS, because of loss of habitat and increased dog use, some of the purposes for which the GGNRA was established within the National Park System can no longer be fulfilled

in areas of the park in which dogs are not permitted to run off leash ..."

Now I'm going to ask you turn back to the previous page, because, rather than having another pet resolution, we're going to try to incorporate two other whereases [sic], which you will see here.

"WHEREAS, Director's Order 55 of September 8, 2000 (referring to the National Park Service Organic Act of 1916, the National Park Service General Authorities Act of 1970, and the Redwoods National Park Expansion Act of 1978 [which contained a paragraph]) states as follows:

"'Sec. 3.4 The Prohibition on Impairment

'While Congress has given the Service the management discretion to allow certain impacts within parks, that discretion is limited by the statutory requirement (enforceable by the federal courts) that the Park Service must leave park resources and values unimpaired, unless a particular law directly and specifically provides otherwise,' and

"WHEREAS, the September 15, 2000 'Notice of the New Policy Interpreting the National Park

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Service (NPS) Organic Act' states 'All NPS personnel must conduct their work activities and make decisions affecting the National Park System in conformance with the interpretation in this Director's Order' and twice states 'conservation is to be the predominant,' now therefore be it

"RESOLVED, that the GGNRA Advisory Commission rescinds its 1978 resolution."

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: All right. We're open for Commission discussion on that combined resolution.

Redmond.

COMMISSIONER KERNAN: I don't find it on our agenda. This is to rescind a policy that applies to the total GGNRA. I think it should be discussed, but I don't think we should move on something that hasn't been calendered, noticed, that people have not been alerted to. There are areas that I can think of where I think the Director's Order can be met, the resources can be protected; and, yet, you could have dogs off leash. West Pacific Avenue comes to mind. It's got a fence on both sides.

I'm just not prepared to deal with something that hasn't been calendered so that those who might be

affected would have an opportunity to address the issue. As I understand it, to the extent our policy contravenes the Director's Order, the Park Service will not implement our policy; they will implement the Director's Order. So I don't think we need to do this, and I don't think we should do this, because it has the appearance of changing a policy for which people have not had an opportunity to address this Commission.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Okay. Other comments?

Trent.

COMMISSIONER ORR: Well, I would take an opposite view of that. I mean, it seems to me to be completely in line with the resolution we just passed. We're recognizing that we have a policy. I mean, if it happens this month, or if it happens in the future, say, next month, that doesn't particularly concern me. The problem is that, as Amy said, we have a policy out there that is blatantly inconsistent with the law, is illegal, is unenforceable; and, so, leaving it out there only leads to confusion. It leads to people coming in and saying: Well, there's this policy. And that's been part of the misunderstanding and part of the problem that we're addressing right now.

So I am certain -- I don't know what the Commission feels about voting on it tonight. I don't have

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any problem with that myself. Because, basically, we're saying we're removing something that isn't legally authorized in the first place. We have a policy that was never adopted by the Park Service. It's advice that this Commission, this Advisory Commission, gave in 1978. Circumtances have changed.

To me, the most important whereas here is probably the fifth one, while dogs at Fort Funston, a combination of the increase in the number of dogs that come to the park. I guess one thing that isn't mentioned in the resolution is the closure by other park agencies around the Bay Area, including the beaches down in San Mateo County. I know the Marin Open Space District I think is considering some further restrictions on dogs. We're just -- as along as this policy is here, we're going to have more and more people saying: Well, the National Parks are the place you go with your dogs.

It seems to me something that we need to correct. It's something that, as I say, entirely illegal and out of sync with everything else we've said so far tonight. So, I mean, I'm prepared to vote yes for it, but I would like to hear what other commissioners think.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: All right. Other Commissioners?

Ed.

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COMMISSIONER WAYBURN: Is there a motion on the floor?

MR. SHEPERD: Mr. Chairman, point of order.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: There is not.

COMMISSIONER WAYBURN: If there's not a motion, I won't make it.

MR. SHEPERD: Mr. Bartke, I have a point of order, sir.

COMMISSIONER WAYBURN: If there is a motion made, I would move to table it.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Okay. There has not been a motion made. Any further comments from Commission Members?

Jack.

COMMISSIONER SPRING: I might suggest that, one of the reasons that we felt that this kind of a discussion should be held is that the fact that the Advisory Commission passed this resolution some years ago imposed the impression on the public that this was a matter of fact and the policy of the National Park Service; whereas, it is not. So if we remove that policy from our Commission records, I think it would be truthful and forthcoming to do it.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Okay. Gordon.

COMMISSIONER BENNETT: I agree with, partially

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with, both sides of this discussion. I think we should calendar what our policy should be, but I think I would support this proposal. I think it's confusing; I think it's illegal.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Are you suggesting that it go over to a noticed meeting at some time in the future? Or, do you think it should be voted on tonight?

COMMISSIONER BENNETT: No. What I'm saying is that I think this should be voted on tonight. But what I'm further suggesting is that we have now eliminated a policy, if we all agree to pass that. What I'm suggesting is that we calendar, perhaps, discussion about what a new policy should be. If there is one that could replace this, that should go on the calendar for discussion.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: I see. Okay. Other comments? Susan.

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: I agree that I don't feel quite ready. I was really prepared on the closure issue. I'd like to think about this a little bit more. I understand the confusion of two different policies. I think that we're really a little further on the subject now, so we'll really be ready to move on.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Amy.

COMMISSIONER MEYER: I would remind everybody that what this does is remove a basic confusion. The Code

of Federal Regulations, Title 36, Volume 1, Section 2.15, "Pets," says:

"(a) The following are prohibited.

"(2) Failing to crate, cage, restrain on a leash which shall not exceed six feet in length, or otherwise physically confine a pet at all time."

I do not see how this Commission can have a policy out there. We have been told that this is -- what we have done is doing nothing but confusing the public. That is why I feel very stongly that this resolution to remove that confusion -- I agree that we can certainly have a find dog discussion on, you know, other subjects, but we have to get, to remove the discrepancy between ourselves and the existing Park Service regulation. This has been an informal policy. For 20 years, it survived. Circumstances have changed, some of which are cited in the resolutions. Someone else mentioned the closure of the San Mateo County beaches. And, you know, it's just become impossible and the confusion is too great. We have plenty of letters indicating that people are terribly confused. That's why I want to see this voted on tonight.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Michael.

MR. SHEPERD: Mr. Bartke, I have a point of order, sir.

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CHAIRMAN BARTKE: I think you're out of order. But go ahead, what is it?

MR. SHEPERD: I think that Mr. Kernan's suggestion that the item you're discussing now has not been put on the agenda. The public has not had notice of this.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: We're aware of that. We're going to get to that. We're going to get to that.

MR. SHEPERD: I would like to see some public comment on this.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Michael.

COMMISSIONER ALEXANDER: I just want to ask, I want to ask for some legal advice on this. Because I don't want to see us -- I agree that we are inconsistent and that we need to get consistent. But I don't want to get into another situation where we are legally challenged because we haven't, we haven't given proper notice. And can we -- how do we -- I'd like that resolved. As soon as that's resolve, I'm prepared to vote.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Okay. Well, let's get some more discussion.

Trent.

COMMISSIONER ORR: Well, I mean, I'll take a stab at that, which is to say: We are an Advisory Commission. We are currently giving advice which is

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clearly illegal, that is through this 1978 policy. I don't think there's is any problem with our rescinding it now. If someone has a process problem with it, I suppose you could go to a federal court to ask the judge to have us unrescind the policy and go through a formal process to reinstate, and then get rid of, again, a clearly illegal regulation.

I mean, I don't -- someone could bring that lawsuit. I think it would be difficult to win because it really is a nullity. I mean, you're asking a federal court to spend its time recreating an obviously illegal piece of advice that hasn't even been adopted by the National Park Service.

So, I don't -- I mean, the possibility of being sued and losing on that one is remote. I suppose someone could spend their time that way.

MR. KEATING: A point of order. You've had someone request a public comment period. You cannot proceed to rule on an alteration of park use, a highly controversial issue, without taking public comment. You're denying on legal advice one of the -- knowledge of -- public comment is to allow the public to contest the legal advice, which many would tell you that, what has been presented to you as legal advice, is wrong. And the value of public comment that you're obligated to take,

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according to the point of order, is to allow that information to be received.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: We have heard you.

Any further comment from Commission Members?

(No response.)

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: All right. I have -- oh, Betsey.

COMMISSIONER CUTLER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

I'm persuaded that, although sitting as a relatively new commissioner, I would, I would prefer to have all of our policies be legal and not have some that are illegal.

[Laughter.]

I am somewhat persuaded that, perhaps, if the calendar allows, we have, we calendar this for January and vote on it at that time. If that is going to cause a huge problem, then, if there is some way that we can give, rather than a formal vote, an advisory vote, or some sort of an indication of our feeling without making a specific motion, that would be my question.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: All right.

COMMISSIONER MEYER: I feel strongly that we ought to vote on this because it remains a matter of public confusion and it is, it's patently illegal. I mean, that's ...

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COMMISSIONER WAYBURN: On the other hand, we have not had any advance notice of this. And, to be confronted by several resolutions, which we have not seen, I think is not wise for this Commission.

[Applause.]

COMMISSIONER NADEAU: I can see the point about wanting to have a hearing; but, I guess, on the other hand, I don't see that the policy serves any purpose whatsoever. The Park Service never adopted it, they're not following it. The only purpose it serves is to confuse people. So it would seem to me that, going through a hearing on it, would be kind of a silly charade because we know we want to get rid off it.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: All right. Trent.

COMMISSIONER ORR: I'm prepared to make a motion and see where the Commission stands on this matter, but I move that we adopt this resolution rescinding 1979, or 1978, pet policy.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: I'm going to rule that motion as out of order, because I am convinced that the tradition of this Commission, as well as our organic documents, require that there be a noticed hearing and that the public have an opportunity to speak. I'm not speaking to the merits of the resolution. I'm prepared to vote on it, also. I agree with those speakers who say that it's

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illegal and it's going to be silly to have a hearing on an illegal item. On the other hand, we're talking about process here and keeping faith with the public.

I'm going to rule the motion out of order. If anybody wants to challenge the chair, they can make the motion to do so.

[Laughter.]

All right. This matter will be calendered. Unfortunately, we have no meeting in December, so I can't tell you exactly when it will be calendered, for those of you that have an interest in it.

Is there anything further on Fort Funston?

COMMISSIONER KERNAN: Yes.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Redmond.

COMMISSIONER KERNAN: I would like to move that the Commission resolve that the National Park Service, as early as practicable -- and I understand that may be a few years -- update the General Management Plan for Fort Funston; and, in the process, work with the neighbors and user groups.

COMMISSIONER RODONI: I'll second that.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: It has been moved and seconded. Discussion on that motion?

(No response.)

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: All in favor say aye.

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[Members voted.]

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Opposed no.

(No response.)

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Sounds like apple pie to me.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Gordon.

COMMISSIONER BENNETT: Question. It's really directed to Brian, and it's whether we have a policy, or don't have a policy, or whether we have a policy that says this or the other. What is the park going to do? What's the park's position?

SUPERINTENDENT O'NEILL: Well, the Park Service has no other option than to carry out the national policy. I mean, the issue to the degree of aggressiveness and enforcement is an issue here. But any policy that we adopt, from the Park Service, has to be within the purview of laws and regulations we're mandated to carry out. Congress has expressed itself quite clearly on this issue. The National Park Service has adopted very specific regulations. So any regulations we have that carry out that regulation has to be within the boundaries and purview of that regulation. But that having been said, there's probably opportunity to develop a policy within that framework.

COMMISSIONER BENNETT: Thank you.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Are we know through with the

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Fort Funston issue on our agenda?

(No response.)

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Before we move on, I'd like to acknowledge a couple of people in the audience, who have given good service to this Commission, as members of this Commission for many years. I see Jackie Young in the back. Hi, Jackie! And Merritt Robinson, who served for over 25 years on this Commission. Hi, Merritt.

[Applause.]

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: We're not on item 3 on the agenda, the Fort Baker Ad Hoc Committee Report. As a matter of introduction --

If you people wouldn't mind having your conversations outside, we'd appreciate, because we still have some very heavy items on our agenda. We don't mind if you leave, but please do so quietly.

We are now on the Fort Baker Plan on the agenda. To put this into context, we'll go back to the year 1995 when the Base Alignment and Closure Commission moved that Fort Baker was to be transferred to the Park Service by August of 2001. In 1996, which was five years in advance of the transfer date, Golden Gate National Recreation Area started the public planning process with a variety of public meetings, workshops, tours, et cetera, which led to the development of several alternatives.

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particular day to --

SUPERINTENDENT O'NEILL: All right.

COMMISSIONER MEYER: -- have this discussion.

SUPERINTENDENT O'NEILL: I think what we'll do is send an immediate, sort of e-mail out to you and give you several options on dates early in January that might work for you. We're just going to have to pick a date where the larger number of you might be available to meet.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Okay, good.

COMMISSIONER MEYER: And the other thing, Brian, is: Did you get -- this was supposed to come when the dog people were here, but got lost in the shuffle of other things. But have we got an appointment now for some Commissioners, who know Louise Renne, to be able to go in and talk to her about that rather -- never mind, words fail me -- that resolution by Supervisor Leland Yee concerning Fort Funston?

SUPERINTENDENT O'NEILL: We have a meeting set up with Louise Renne on Tuesday, 5 December, at 2:00 p.m. in City Hall.

COMMISSIONER MEYER: And I would hope --

COMMISSIONER ALEXANDER: Don't let the budget part go.

COMMISSIONER MEYER: Well, all right, just for a moment, Michael. I'll be glad to come back to it.

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Lennie, Trent and I, and Rich, all in one way or another, know Louise Renne. Is there anybody else who knows Louise Renne and who would want to come to that meeting?

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Fred.

COMMISSIONER MEYER: Fred, of course.

COMMISSIONER ORR: Tuesday the 5th, at what time?

COMMISSIONER MEYER: Two o'clock.

SUPERINTENDENT O'NEILL: At 2 o'clock. And I'll confirm, I'll make sure we send a note to you all and, obviously, we'd appreciate whoever is able to be there to meet.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Michael.

COMMISSIONER ALEXANDER: I would volunteer for that, but the last time I talked with her it cost her $200,000, which is now reposed in Crissy Field. So maybe I shouldn't go.

The budget. First of all, thank you to the Commission Chair and the Commission Vice Chair, for getting on this, and thank you, Brian, for responding. I just want to remind everybody that we have a -- for getting for a budget workshop, we have a committee of four already established by the Chair, which is ready to go to work and anxious to go to work. I knew you would like

sometimes it gets --

COMMISSIONER ORR: I'll give him a call tomorrow.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Anything else?

(No response.)

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: We're adjourned.

(Whereupon, at 11:15 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to reconvene, Tuesday, January 30. 2001.)

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Golden Gate Club

135 Fisher Loop

Presidio of San Francisco

California

The meeting was convened, pursuant to Notice, at 7:30 p.m., Chairman Richard Bartke presiding.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

RICHARD BARTKE, Chair

AMY MEYER, Vice Chair

MICHAEL ALEXANDER

SUSAN GIACOMINI ALLAN

GORDON BENNETT

ANNE-MARIE BOOTH

BETSEY CUTLER

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COMMISSIONERS PRESENT (Cont.:

TRENT ORR

LENNIE ROBERTS

DENNIS RODONI

FRED RODRIGUEZ

DOUG SIDEN

JACK SPRING

EDGAR WAYBURN, M.D.

ALSO PRESENT:

For the Golden Gate National Recreation Area:

BRIAN O'NEILL, General Superintendent

RICH WEIDEMAN, Chief, Office of Public Affairs

STAFF LIAISON:

MICHAEL FEINSTEIN

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P R O C E E D I N G S

7:30 P.M.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: I call to order the Advisory Commission for the Golden Gate National Recreation Area and the Point Reyes National Seashore.

We're really glad that all of you can come out tonight, even if it's raining. Many of our meetings are very popular, but this may be one of the most popular. The agenda is on the desk out there. If you haven't got one, you might want to pick one up because we have several things on the agenda.

I'm told that there are still some people outside who can't get in. Unfortunately, this is the biggest building that we have, so I don't know what we could do about it. But we want to continue with the public process because this is the meeting that was announced, and everybody is here, so we're going to go ahead.

The first item on the agenda is the approval of minutes, and that was our meeting of November 28. Are there any corrections or comments from members of the Commission regarding the minutes?

COMMISSIONER WAYBURN: Mr. Chairman, just a couple of them. The word "indicator" has been used indiscriminately, I feel, and I can't move to do anything

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about it at the present time. But I would urge that, whoever puts these minutes together, not indicate so many indications.

With regard to these particular minutes, on page 4 there is a note in line 10 that I asked if a motion had been made. I also asked that any such motion be postponed to a later meeting because it hadn't been scheduled, and you said that you would table any motion that was made. I would like to have that clarified, what I was asking about.

On page 12, line 7, the words "...Superintendent indicated that the congressional delegation has a full understanding of the issue," then the word, "since," should be "...and they have the option of influencing what deliberations occur on the fiscal year 2001 budget."

I ask that those be changed.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Okay. That correction can be made. Any other corrections or comments on the minutes?

COMMISSIONER ALEXANDER: I have.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Michael.

COMMISSIONER ALEXANDER: Mr. Chairman, on page 9, the item in which I am quoted as saying I also discussed the soundwall. I would like to clarify that because I realize that I used the term that mislead

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people. This is in regards to the Mountain Lake Project. What I had intended to say, what was in my mind, was that I was requesting a look --

[Loud remarks from audience.]

COMMISSIONER ALEXANDER: I was requesting a look at a, at a berm, a planted berm, that would to absorb sound and keep it from people who were using Mountain Lake. I realized, afterwards, that what came across was the idea of a concrete wall that would wall off 19th Avenue. That is not what I intended. I would like that explained.

Further down on page 9, I think we should alter the language on the south towers of the Bridge. There was some confusion in referring to the south tower. I think a lot of people thought that what was going to rebuilt was the tower, the south tower, that everybody thinks of. In fact, what they were talking about, when they referred to the south towers, were the piers of the approach bridges.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Right.

COMMISSIONER ALEXANDER: I think that should be clarified.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Change "towers" to "approach"?

COMMISSIONER ALEXANDER: The piers of the approach bridges.

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CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Okay.

COMMISSIONER ALEXANDER: Finally, on page 12, in regards to the new business plan for national parks, it wasn't that I only was trying to clarify that Point Reyes was part of the pilot program, but asked, but I -- my goal was to ask that GGNRA be part of that new plan.

I have a couple of other inconsequential corrections that I'll submit to staff.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Anything further on the minutes?

(No response.)

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: They will be accepted with those corrections.

I might point out, for those of you who haven't been to one of our Commission Meetings before, that the Commission Members are nominated by various groups in the Bay Area, and appointed to conduct public hearings and to give advice to the Secretary of the Interior regarding the national parks in the West Bay Area. We're not park employees. We do not get paid for this job. We are citizens, as you are, with an interest in the parks.

Having said that, there's one other change I'd like to make in the agenda, and that is down under item 4, Marin Committee Tamalpais Transportation Report. There are people here from CalTrans, from Marin County, and

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other places, wanting to know if we have any comments on their process. We have received a report from the Marin Committee. Does any Commission Member have anything further to say other than what the Marin Committee has said?

(No response.)

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: All right. Then it's the sense of the Commission that the comments in the Marin Committee Report can go forward, and the gentlemen who are here waiting for that item can go home.

The next item on the agenda is the 1979 Commission Pet Policy. I'm going to try to put this into something of context, or how it looks to me. I have a friend who is a fighter pilot, who refers to OBE, which means "overtaken by events." And I think that's probably where we are.

The Pet Policy was adopted actually by the Commission in 1978, but it's called the 1979 Policy because, for some, that's when it was printed. It was our effort to try to accommodate off-leash dogs in our park. And we've continued that effort now for 22 years, but we got caught, because that's not the law. Anyway, that's why we're here today.

In late 1999, Golden Gate proposed a 12-acre closure at Fort Funston to protect several plant and

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animal species, and birds, and the dog owners protested. There were negotiations, the Park Service offered a compromise. That didn't work. And, so, two groups, the Fort Funston Dog Walkers and the SF Dog filed suit. The matter is not gone to trial, but there was a preliminary order from the federal judge that the Park Service should hold public hearings. The Park Service did hold those public hearings.

[Loud voices from the exterior of the building.]

The last I have heard, which was as of yesterday, the Park Service has made a motion to dismiss the case because it's now moot. That motion is scheduled to be heard on February 22, but there is a case management conference scheduled for February 1, which could bring it to a head even earlier.

During the past 12 months, this Commission has heard from the dog walkers on four separate occasions. In each case, we've heard from dog owners, how important their dogs are to them. We've heard that the city has not provided space for off-leash dogs, that the state and county parks have also not provided space for off-leash dogs. We've heard, at great length, and we're convinced.

The senior staff, in the mean time, from our park, has met with the other land-owning agencies, such as

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the city, San Mateo County, State Parks, to see if there could be some place where this use could be accommodated.

First of all, you have to understand that our Commission is only advisory. Whatever we do, we only give advice. We don't run the parks; we don't manage the parks. Nothing we do could change or abrogate federal law.

I think there's been some misunderstanding about. People have thought that maybe this Commission makes the rules; and, unfortunately, we do not.

[Continued loud voices from the exterior of the building.]

COMMISSIONER ALEXANDER: Mr. Chairman, I am unable to hear what you were saying, and I would like to hear what you are saying.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Okay. I'll try to speak a little louder.

COMMISSIONER ALEXANDER: I'm not asking you to speak louder. I'm asking for a certain level of respect for this Commission's work so that the Commissioners, at least, can hear what you are saying because we are going to be asked to act on what you are saying.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Okay. I'll go ahead with the context that I'm trying to put the issue into.

At the end of our November meeting -- and many

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of you may have been there -- a suggestion was made that we delete the so-called 1979 Policy because we'd been informed by the U. S. Attorney that it was illegal and unenforceable. A couple of members of the audience asked that it he rescheduled because they wanted to speak on that point. And, so, tonight is the night when we have scheduled it for people to speak on that point.

In the meantime, we've received lots of letters. Thank you, those of you who wrote. Written communications are always much easier for us to handle because we can do it at our own pace. You can take as long as you want to write. You can put all kinds of views in there. We can keep them, we can copy them, we can mark them, and we can share them. I went through the last 46 of them this weekend, and there are five points that continually came up that I think ought to be clarified.

First of all, there seems to be a belief that, because this was called a "recreation area" by Congress, instead of national park, there is a different law applying to it; and there is not. Congress has said that all parks must to be administered by the same national standards. And you must remember that Golden Gate was brought into the Park Service not because it was in an urban area, necessarily; but because of it's very rich biodiversity and the number of listed species.

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[Loud chanting from the audience outside the building.]

In fact, in that regard, Golden Gate even exceeds Yosemite. There also was a belief that this is an urban park. It is not. An urban park is a city park or a county park, and that's -- this is a national park that happens to be in places abutting an urban area. There is a great deal of difference.

The second point that was made several times was that off-leash dogs are allowed in some other national parks. And, as I understand it, the allowance is for those weeks of the hunting season when the dogs are actually being used for hunting and for which they have purchased a permit in advance. So I don't think that that is what you really want. Besides, Golden Gate is one of the 335 parks that Congress has not allowed hunting in. So it just doesn't apply.

The third is having to do with the transfer from the city and the MOU has been mentioned.

[Loud booing from the audience.]

I'll tell you what we have from the time when the transfer was made from the city to the National Park Service, for those of you that may have missed it at our last meeting.

From October 1973, we have the Voter Pamphlet.

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We have the ballot arguments. We have Proposition F. We have the endorsement of Willie Brown. From November 6, 1973, we have the vote results, which were 75 percent in favor. We have the spending on the propositions, in which Proposition F was the least supported, under $700 in support; and, yet, it received 75 percent of the vote. We have an April 29, 1975 document entitled, "Agreement." We have a May 22, 1975 and a September 17, 1975 Deeds, two deeds. We have a June 21, 1977 San Francisco comments on the Golden Gate General Management Plan, and we have the San Francisco Master Plan. In none of those documents are pets mentioned, or dog walking mentioned.

The letters that we have seen referred to an MOU, and what is it and where is it? We haven't seen it, either. And I think what people are thinking is that the MOU is actually the document which we have, which is entitled "Agreement." We do have a copy of the Agreement in front of us.

The fourth point is that Congress intended dog walking in Golden Gate. Now, I'm not one of the commissioners that went back and reviewed the records of what Congress said on that point. But I'm told by those who did that there's nothing in the record on that point.

The fifth is: The Code of Federal Regulations can be changed for individual parks. I checked with the

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U. S. Attorney yesterday and I was told that, yes, they can, and that's found in 36 CFR 1.2 (e); but it cannot be changed by the park for itself. The park, by itself, must make a a proposal. It goes up the chain of command, which takes quite awhile because it requires an Environmental Impact Statement. This park did that a couple of years ago on your behalf and it was denied.

So the question before us tonight -- we don't need to hear from you again about how important dogs to you or to us, because we know that. We don't need to hear again about how off-leash dogs ought to be allowed in that park because we've heard that. What we want you to do is to join with us in formulating a public policy about what we can do about it. What we want to hear from you is what we can do, given the strictures within which we are operating.

I'm going to begin the public hearing. I've already received enough people signed up to last for a number of hours. If everybody reduces their comments to three minutes, it will still take a number of hours to get through the ones that have signed up just with the ones which I have in front of me, and there are still people signing up outside. I will call more than one name at a time so that those who are outside, or somehow not close to the podium, can begin to work their way up. When you

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get to the podium, speak from the podium because we are recording this. Give us your name and, if you represent a group, please tell us what group you're representing; and, then, reduce your comments to three minutes.

Now the purpose of public hearings always is to steer public policy. And, so, if you want to help us to steer public policy, please focus on what this hearing is about, which is: What can we do together to solve this problem? We don't need a public hearing about the 1979 Dog Policy. That thing, we're told, has been a dead doornail for 20 years. Well, we tried. But the question now in front of us is: What can we do about it? What is there that we can do? And, at the end of the discussion from the public, the Commission will try to formulate something, a plan of action, on what we can do to both protect the park resources and to give you what you need.

Some people have asked to speak in advance of others, and I'm going to call on those now. Supervisor Gavin Newsom is here.

[Applause.]

STATEMENT OF

GAVIN NEWSOM, SUPERVISOR

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

SUPERVISOR NEWSOM: Mr. Chair, Commissioners, thank you very much for this opportunity to speak

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tonight. It goes without saying that the depth and breadth of concern is extraordinary. There are literally hundreds and hundreds of people streaming in from the parking lot as we speak. This has to have exceeded, I imagine, Mr. Chair, all of our expectations in terms of concern. It goes without saying I believe very strongly that any decision you'll make tonight, short of making a decision not to make a decision to reverse the 1979 policy, would be an extraordinary mistake.

[Applause.]

In an unprecedented move, an unprecedented move, the City and County of San Francisco did not pass one, did not pass two, did not pass three, but four emergency measures, yesterday at the Board of Supervisors, telling you to delay tonight's vote.

[Applause.]

I don't think that's ever happened in the history of the City and County of San Francisco's Board of Supervisors. That's a pretty extraordinary statement.

I have three resolutions in front of me. I won't read them. But suffice it to say, one goes so far as to suggest -- it's not a threat, but it is unanimous consent at the Board -- that, if a decision is made to remove the privilege, the right, of off-leash dog runs at GGNRA, the City and County of San Francisco will take

action, looking back towards the 1972, '73, '75, et cetera, to look at reversionary policy, the prospect of taking back some subtle form of jurisdiction so that we can maintain the right in the City and County.

[Applause.]

Not only was that passed unanimously, those are the words of the resolution, not mine. But I'm told that the Mayor was desirous of signing these resolutions before the Friday deadline because he, indeed, is supportive of the spirit behind those resolutions, the words behind those resolutions. So you have unanimous consent. That's pretty extraordinary.

[Applause.]

And I hope that, I hope that speaks loudly. Look! I have only a few moments, and I appreciate literally a thousand-plus people here that wish to speak more passionately than I. But you've really got to take a hard look at this. Don't make a mistake. Don't wedge your relationship with the city by doing something that I believe, very strongly, is unnecessary. That the City and County of San Francisco feels is unnecessary. Conservation? Yes. You've done an extraordinary job in a lot of respects, but at what cost conservation? We've got to balance the needs of the community. We've got to balance the needs of dog walkers.

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[Applause.]

Without getting into too much detail, I do want to make you aware, and I'm sure many of you are aware, in a very small, dense, urban environment as San Francisco, with 220 parks and recreational facilities, only 17, now 18, parks in our community allow off-leash dog runs. The effect your decision would have tonight on the neighborhoods of San Francisco is short of extraordinary. It will have a prolific, a profound effect on the quality of lives for thousands of San Franciscans. Not just the 150-plus thousand people with dogs in San Francisco, but the thousands and thousands of residents that use our neighborhood parks. Do not make a shortsighted decision. Work with the City and County of San Francisco. Collaboratively, we can do much more than by dividing the community and by dividing the so many voices that are left out of tonight's proceeding.

I highly urge you to delay action. On behalf of the City and County of San Francisco, we'll repeat the mantra: This is unnecessary, and do not wake this sleeping dog.

Thank you all very, very much.

[Applause.]

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Will the Supervisor accept a question, please?

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MR. SAUNDERS: I have a few comments here.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Excuse me, sir, you're out of order. The Supervisor still has the floor.

MR. SAUNDERS: I have a suggestion here.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: You're out of order, sir.

Mr. Supervisor, did the Board yesterday understand that it doesn't mean hardly anything whether we vote for or against the motion? Because, first of all, we're advisory; and, second of all, the U. S. Attorney has told us that our policy had been dead for more than 20 years. Did the Board understand that?

SUPERVISOR NEWSOM: The Board understands that, in our capacity of legislatures --

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Thank you.

SUPERVISOR NEWSOM: -- in the City and County of San Francisco, but your voice matters. By definition, it matters.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Let me ask another question.

[Applause.]

SUPERVISOR NEWSOM: Tonight's decision sends -- you can send the right message or the wrong message. So I want to hear --

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Let me ask about the message that you send.

SUPERVISOR NEWSOM: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Our staff has been meeting with your staff, and the other land-owning agencies. What I would like to know is: What did the Board decide to do to increase the number of areas that people can walk off-leash dogs in this city, as most cities do?

SUPERVISOR NEWSOM: Yeah. We've had a task force meeting for the last 24 months, and I honestly could say, to the extent that we have failed, we have failed to address this issue proactively. But to the extent that you can exacerbate that failing tonight, it would have a profound effect on the quality of lives of San Francisco residents. You cannot, Mr. Chair -- and I'm sure you can appreciate this -- redress the problems of the past. But you have an obligation, I think, and an opportunity, to fix the course for the future by making this advisory measure tonight, loud and clear, that you will not tinker with those failures of the past and set this appropriate course. I would highly urge you to do so.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Well, sir, we will commit ourselves to continuing to meet with you to resolve those questions if you will commit your staff to meet us halfway.

SUPERVISOR NEWSOM: I'd rather meet you -- I will meet on this issue. I will absolutely commit not just interest, I will commit myself, my staff, and I'm

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sure I can speak for every member of the Board, a very newly elected body, that we all will commit to working together collaboratively with you if you do the right thing tonight. And that's the one condition. Please do the right thing and we will work with you. That's an assurance.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: We're now making some progress.

[Applause.]

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Supervisor Tony Hall is here. He is speaking next.

Sir, you're out of order. Would you please sit down and take your turn.

STATEMENT OF

WILLIAM SAUNDERS

MR. SAUNDERS: I have a suggestion. I have a suggestion, for what it's worth. I believe that one thing that concerns the Board is that someone will bring in a dog, who is off the leash, and will bite somebody, and there will be a suit against the Board, or rather against the people who run the parks. And I have a suggestion to avoid that, and that is to ask of everyone, who wishes to walk a dog off the leash, to put in a card that states that under no condition will they hold the Fort Funston, or any other government groups, responsible for the

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problems with a vicious dog. And under those conditions, I believe that it would be much easier for people to walk their dogs if they would put in such a letter.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: May we have your name, sir?

[Applause.]

Supervisor Hall.

STATEMENT OF

TONY HALL, SUPERVISOR

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

SUPERVISOR HALL: Ladies and Gentlemen, I'm Supervisor Tony Hall.

[Applause.]

Thank you.

I represent the 7th District in San Francisco, which encompasses Fort Funston. Moreover, District 7 is home to a number of dog owners who are outraged at the possibility that this Commission might rescind the 1979 Pet Policy.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: You understand --

SUPERVISOR HALL: I urge this Commission to refrain from eliminating the pet policy. At the very least, you should delay your decision and consider seriously the tremendous effect that such an action would have on the surrounding neighborhood parks in San Francisco. Dog owners currently have the ability to use

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the GGNRA lands as an area to exercise their dogs and let their dogs run free. If the Commission eliminates this ability, these dog owners will be forced to utilize neighborhood parks which, in turn, could create a problem between children, who use the neighborhood parks, and dog owners. The impact on the local parks will be overwhelming.

I would also like to remind the Commission that the rescission of the pet policy would be a violation of the National Park's obligations to the City and County of San Francisco. As such, if the Commission does rescind the pet policy, the City would have the right to exercise its reversionary interest in the deed transferring Fort Funston, Rodeo Beach, Crissy Field, and all the other properties included in the 1975 transfer to the National Park Service.

Please be cautious in your decision tonight, I urge you, on your rescission of the pet policy.

Thank you.

[Applause.]

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Is the representative from Senator Jackie Speier's office here? Yes. Would you come up, please. She will be followed by a representative of Assemblyman Kevin Shelley.

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STATEMENT OF

JACKIE SPEIER, STATE SENATOR

CALIFORNIA STATE SENATE

PRESENTED BY BARBARA NANNEY,

ASSISTANT DISTRICT COORDINATOR

MS. NANNEY: Good evening, Commissioners. Thank you very much for allowing me to speak tonight.

My name is Barbara Nanney. I am the Assistant District Coordinator for State Senator Jackie Speier.

Senator Speier represents Western San Francisco and also Northern San Mateo County. Fort Funston and Ocean Beach are included in the Senator's district. She very much wanted to be here tonight. I actually thought she was going to be here, but there's an energy crisis and she was unfortunately unable to come. She asked me to read a letter this evening on her behalf.

"Dear Advisory Commission members:

"On behalf of concerned constituents, many of whom are here in this room tonight, I respectfully urge you to reject the resolution before rescinding the 1979 Pet Policy allowing off-leash dogs on GGNRA properties.

"As you will no doubt hear tonight this evening, the potential closure of GGNRA areas to off-leash dogs is a highly charged and

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emotional issue. Thousands of dog owners have come to depend on places like Fort Funston to exercise their dogs on a regular basis. They take their responsibility for their canine companions seriously and cherish the experience of playing with their dogs off-leash at recreational areas such as Fort Funston.

"Members of dog groups such as SF Dog and Fort Funston Dog Walkers take their responsibility to care for GGNRA properties seriously as well. Fort Funston Dog Walkers host a monthly cleanup of Fort Funston and provide bags for dog owners to pick up after their pets. I believe dog owners have amply demonstrated their commitment to maintain the cleanliness of Fort Funston and other GGNRA area.

"As you know, the National Park Service currently allows off-leash dogs in many national parks across the country when those animals are used for hunting purposes. In addition, special regulations allow for hang-gliding and off-trail bicycle riding. The people before you this evening are asking for a similar special regulation for their animals.

[Applause.]

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"Of the 1,500 comments received by the GGNRA late last year regarding the permanent closure of 12 acres of Fort Funston, approximately 1,100 were opposed to the closure. It is clear that the majority of San Franciscans favor retention of the pet policy allowing dogs to run off-leash. I strongly urge you to listen compassionately to their pleas and reject the proposal before you this evening.

"Sincerely,

"Jackie Speier."

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Would you accept a question, please.

[Applause.]

As I announced at the top, we're here to solve the problem. And what we get from the letters from the many people who are here, and who are not here, is that one of the reasons for the pressure on the national parks is that the state park does not allow off-leash dogs. Would you please convey the question and suggestion to the Senator that we would like her cooperation. If she is asking for us for something, she has to meet us halfway.

MS. NANNEY: I can speak on Senator Speier's behalf and say that she is committed to finding a solution to this. I would just have to voice the comments of

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Supervisor Newsom that she hopes that you will do the right thing tonight by not rescinding your pet policy, and she is more than willing to come to the table to help find a solution to more off-leash dog areas for San Francisco.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Did she understand that the pet policy has been illegal for more than 20 years?

[Loud booing from the audience.]

MS. NANNEY: Senator Speier has been briefed on this issue by the National Park Service, and has been told that. However, we also understand that there are special regulations that can be created for individual parks, and that is what the Senator is looking for.

Thank you.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Thank you.

[Applause.]

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Is the representative from Assemblyman Kevin Shelley's office here?

STATEMENT OF

KEVIN SHELLEY, ASSEMBLYMAN, MAJORITY LEADER

CALIFORNIA STATE ASSEMBLY

PRESENTED BY SUSAN WALSH

MS. WALSH: Good evening, Commissioners, Superintendent. My name is Susan Walsh. I'm here to represent Mr. Kevin Shelley, the Majority Leader of the California State Assembly. He represents the western half

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of San Francisco, Assembly District 12.

I am here to urge you to take his written statement submitted to you this evening very seriously. And I'm going to read a short statement from him.

"I regret not being able to join you in person tonight because of legislative work in Sacramento. But I am pleased to express my strong support for retaining the existing pet policy for the GGNRA. I pledge that I, and my offices, will do everything possible to preserve off-leash dog walking for the health and happiness of thousands of dog owners and their pets throughout the Bay Area."

[Applause.]

Thank you.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Now we're getting somewhere. I have two more Supervisors who wish to speak. I have Jake McGoldrick, and then Tom Ammiano.

[Applause.]

STATEMENT OF

JAKE MC GOLDRICK, SUPERVISOR

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

SUPERVISOR MC GOLDRICK: Honorable Commissioners, my name is Jake McGoldrick. I'm a member

of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors.

I don't want to be repetitive here tonight. Being myself in a position to hear a lot of comments on various issues, I know that redundancy is something that we'd all like to avoid. However, there is no redundancy in the ability of people to their dogs and have them go someplace to be able to run. Notwithstanding the fact that you have something that you feel is a legal obligation, I think that you have a social obligation standing here before you, with all these people, and I think it's very important that you take that first and foremost into consideration.

As you know, and as my esteemed colleagues on the Board of Supervisors have already stated here a few minutes ago, we are considering, amongst other measures, the possibility of excercising our right to be able to take this land back, and I don't think we want to get involved in that. So I hope you'll make a decision here that will be very reasonable on behalf of the people here, as you can see, who have a need that is far more important than a provision you yourselves have to admit may no longer be operative -- is obviously no longer operative and should not be put into operation in this city.

[Applause.]

So please do whatever you have to do to change

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your rules and regulations, and please abide by what is an overwhelming sentiment in this city -- I'm sure you will all agree -- that there is very strong evidence here.

Thank you very much.

[Applause.]

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Do you commit yourself to helping us find some place to have off-leash dogs?

VOICE: Repeat the question.

SUPERVISOR MC GOLDRICK: Excuse me, could you repeat the question, please?

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Yes. You spoke about the social obligation, as your other board members have done. Do you accept that as an obligation of your own?

SUPERVISOR MC GOLDRICK: An obligation to try to find someplace for people to be able to run their dogs?

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Yes.

SUPERVISOR MC GOLDRICK: Absolutely. And I think the first place for them to be allowed to run their dogs is on the lands where they've been running the dogs for nearly four decades. And I think you ought to deal with that.

[Loud cheering and applause from the audience.]

I think what's very important is that there be some opportunity for us to develop a cooperative relationship, rather than a relationship here, which

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obviously is not in the best interest of the people who live around here, irregardless of what level of government we're dealing with. We would be very happy, we would be very happy to enter into a dialogue with you about how we can accomplish what is a need for the people of the city of San Francisco. We hope that you will, in good faith -- obviously, we will -- enter into that dialogue with you. Absolutely. Absolutely.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: All right. Thank you.

SUPERVISOR MC GOLDRICK: Let's talk. Let's talk.

[Applause.]

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Tom Ammiano is next.

STATEMENT OF

TOM AMMIANO, PRESIDENT

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

SUPERVISOR AMMIANO: Esteemed members, I've been on the Board of Supervisors for six years. In dog years, that's 25.

[Laughter.]

I know that this is a particularly difficult time for you, and I do appreciate your patience and forbearance, but I think it's really time to listen to the people. In New Jersey, we say dawg; and, in San Francisco, we say off-leash.

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[Applause.]

We, on the Board of Supervisors, are under some state and local mandates called Sunshine and the Brown Act, which means that many things are discussed openly and in public. And I think that had that applied to this esteemed board perhaps we wouldn't be at this moment where there's a line drawn in the sand.

[Applause.]

I would advocate, I would advocate more public discussion of issues, such as this, because now it's coming across as very autocratic and draconian. As Supervisor McGoldrick stated so well, it seems like the dialogue has stopped and there's silence on one side, and there's a lot of anger on the other side. And, if there is anything the Board of Supervisors can do -- I know that my colleagues are here, Supervisor Hall, Supervisor Yee, Supervisor Newsom -- we are open to that. But it seems to me that people have spoken.

PG&E talks about power and rolling blackouts. There's another kind of power here and it's people power, and it must be listened to. I implore you to listen to it, and I assure you that I will help facilitate any dialogue that is necessary so that there can be balance, because balance is what it's all about.

Thank you very much.

[Applause.]

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: I have received a request that Supervisor Aaron Peskin be allowed to speak.

[Applause.]

STATEMENT OF

AARON PESKIN, SUPERVISOR

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

SUPERVISOR PESKIN: Superintendent, Commissioners, my name is Aaron Peskin.

I want to start by acknowledging and thanking the Mother and Father of the GGNRA, Ms. Meyer and Mr. Wayburn, for giving us this park, that we can have this debate about tonight.

[Applause.]

And Superintendent O'Neill, I've known you for many years in my old capacity at the Trust for Public Land, where, indeed, I helped you acquire lands that are now part of the GGNRA.

In my 15 years in public land use, not in my 14 days in public policy, I've been involved in acquiring lands throughout the Western United States. And I have seen instance after instance where, under the enabling legislation that created, say, Great Basin National Park, where historic livestock grazing was continued to be allowed under the enabling legislation. That human beings

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and legislatures could make legal constructs that would allow the kind of historic activities there to continue to flourish. I know we can do the same thing here.

Let me add my voice to the chorus of voices that you've heard from the Board of Supervisors. If, indeed, we need to change certain laws in order to make urban parks than the Yosemites and Yellowstones of the world, we can do that, and this Board of Supervisors --

[Applause.]

-- is committed to trying to bring the various user groups together and make the legal constructs that we need to make in order for us to continue to accommodate what we all want to see at Crissy Field and Fort Funston.

So thank you very much. I look forward to a constructive dialogue. I hope that you will not rescind the pet policy tonight. I think, in the next three or four months, we can bring the parties together and achieve what we all want.

Thank you.

[Applause.]

COMMISSIONER MEYER: Mr. Peskin, you seem familiar with some aspects of the national parks. And I want to, by way of question and just dialogue with you, you may or may not be personally familiar with the section of the law that we have been confronted with, as a board,

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telling us that what we passed, as a recommendation, in 1979 did not, was not legal, was not either -- it was illegl and unenforceable. And that section 36 of the Code of Federal Regulations, 2.15 Pets, which says that a -- to simplify it -- a dog has to be on a leash in a national park. Now you have spoken of one way of getting at this, which is to look into the future possibility of seeing how this, you know, how this law, were it comes from and why. But one of the things we are faced with is that we have, at this time, lands in this park under the jurisdiction of the National Park Service to which we are, as a commission, only advisory. We have lands that are very large for their habitat, for their ability to support in this park the largest collection of rare and endangered species of any park in the country.

[Interrupted by loud booing from the audience.]

So that, we have an unusual set of obligations.

VOICE: How many dogs are on the endangered species?

COMMISSIONER MEYER: The need to have dialogue, I appreciate what you have said. But what we've heard so far is city people, state people. I didn't hear the state -- the state people sent aids, and no one wants to ask an aid, well, what would you do in the state park system?

[Interrupted by loud booing from the audience.]

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What would you do? Because it's not the responsibility of an aid to answer. But the fact is that the state has a system which does not allow dogs off leash at all on the lands that are far more numerous than ours. So if you are willing to participate in a dialogue, are you willing to participate in a dialogue that crosses over many levels of government, and also many different types of users? Certainly, from the audience, we have a large number of off-leash dog, or dog owners who would like their dogs off leash. And we also have people who, for other reasons, want to use the parks in other ways, or have had some conflict about it.

We are under obligation to follow the direction, as my chairman has said, of our attorney, who has told us that what we have had as a recommendation that was used for 22 years by the National Park Service is, in fact, illegal and unenforcable. That's where we are.

SUPERVISOR PESKIN: Commissioner Meyer, let me respond to that. And let me respond to that in the following way, and let's see what everybody thinks.

I am the president of a nonprofit called Great Basin Land and Water, which spun off from the Trust for Public Land. For the last 80 years, the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe of Indians, the cities of Reno, Sparks, the counties of Washau, the state of California and the state

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of Nevada have been fighting and litigating over the water rights in the Truckee River. In 1990, under the leadership of Senator Bradley and Senator Reed, all of those various constituents came together and they put something together that the United States Congress passed, Public Law 101618 because there was agreement. And I suspect that we can do the same thing.

Are there going to be some compromises? You bet there will be. Will we continue the historic use that so many people enjoy and that is so vital to so many people in San Francisco, and throughout the Bay Area? Yes. Will we protect some things that need protection? Sure. We have to have that conversation and once everybody agrees to it, we have to make it law. And, so --

[Applause.]

-- Commissioners and ladies and gentlemen, I have no doubt that your solicitor is giving you correct legal advice. I have not doubt that the 1979 Pet Policy was, you know, conflicted with, you know, other laws. That's not the point. The 1979 Pet Policy really isn't the issue. The issue is: We made the 1979 Pet Policy because we wanted to legitimate what had gone on. And, indeed, since that point, everybody from the Western Regional Director, on down the line, has continued to nod and wink, including the Superintendent; and, now, it's

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coming home to roost and we've got to do something about it. But it's a human construct and we can do it. I know we can do it, and we want to do it. So let's do it.

[Applause.]

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Thank you, Supervisor. I think now we're making some progress.

Michael.

[Applause.]

COMMISSIONER ALEXANDER: I have a questions, Mr. Chairman.

Supervisor Peskin, you're my Supervisor, and I'm very glad that you are. I think you understand the issues here because you've been on both sides of this issue. I --

[An alarm began to sound in the room.]

I'm going to pause while we find out if we have a problem or not.

SUPERVISOR PESKIN: Mr. Alexander, you might have to call me with that question tomorrow.

[Pause.]

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: I'm told that that is a false alarm and there's not a need to evacuate, but you can make your own decision on that.

[Applause.]

SUPERVISOR PESKIN: Commissioner, go ahead. I

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can try to answer.

COMMISSIONER ALEXANDER: All right.

[The alarm continued to sound.]

We are told, as you have said correctly, we are told by legal counsel, who advises us, that the policy, which was passed in 1979, long before I ever came on this Commission, is illegal. I feel like I am caught between a rock and a hard place on this. I am hearing from Supervisors don't rescind. And I think what you and I will agree is an illegal recommendation. I see that as simply a procedural step. I am most interested in having a dialogue on this issue. I think there are solutions, but why is the procedural step, which simply, I think, clears, clears some confusion out of here? The reason this is all come up is that it was cited in a lawsuit against the Park Service as a justification for keeping the policy. We -- and, when it came to our attention, that it was an illegal justification, we became obligated to rescind it. Can we -- why can we not rescind this policy tonight, and then move forward into a discussion about the appropriate solution?

[Loud negative comments from audience.]

Aside from the symbolic feeling that people have about it, as a substantive matter, would that help, would that help us to start talking and working towards a

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solution?

[Loud negative comments from audience.]

SUPERVISOR PESKIN: I think the answer is: No. but let me tell you why the answer is no. The answer is no because it's a bad way to start a conversation.

[Applause.]

Don't misunderstand me. I'm not posturing. I'm not being political. What I am saying is this: Look! I'm sure that this piece of paper that has existed for 22 years may technically not be legal under 36 CFR 2.11. That's not the issue; that's not the point. The point is: How do we get Superintendent O'Neill out of a tight legal fix by changing the law? That's the issue. And before we change the law, how do we reach some agreement that accommodates a variety of interests and preserves the historical use of the beaches and all, and so many areas that have been used by off-leash dogs.

So what I would say is this: Why don't we start the conversation and propose how we might make things different, rather than start the conversation by saying we're rescinding this policy? So what? It's been there for 22 years. Why not keep it for another year, or two, while we figure it out?

[Applause.]

Thank you, Commissioners, and good luck.

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[Applause.]

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Thank you.

I'd like to move on now with out public hearing. And, as I do that, I will do as I said before: I will call two or three names in advance, and then --

VOICE: Supervisor Yee is here.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Yes, I know. I know, I know, I know, but we have hundreds of people who have signed up to speak, and we've got to get some order to this or we're never going to finish. I think we've got enough sign-ups to keep us here for seven hours. There are still some people who have signed up for preference on the calendar, and the next one is Ed Sayers.

[Applause.]

STATEMENT OF

ED SAYERS, PRESIDENT

SAN FRANCISCO SPCA

MR. SAYERS: Thank you very much. I'm Ed Sayers, President of the San Francisco SPCA, representing 95,573 members.

[Applause.]

I just want to also reiterate our appreciation for having a hearing, because hearing would imply listening. And despite what we've read in the media, we believe that, upon listening and giving due diligence to

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what you have heard, you will allow user groups to work with you, and contribute to the process of an equitable plan for recreational activities in the park.

Our commonality with you is the love of these spectacular natural areas and our shared concern for the responsible stewardship. Through dialogue, we will have solutions. But if the doors remain closed, we will have only reactions, emotions, likely litigation, and no real solutions.

Off-leash recreation for dogs is a positive, responsible, quality-of-life experience that, as you can see from this turnout, from the media coverage, is an experience that is deeply cherished. You, as committee members, are representative of the life balancing that we are all engaged in: Work and professional commitments, family and school commitments, community and volunteer commitments. So in the course of our 80-hour weeks, we have this one hour of off-leash recreation with our pets at Fort Funston or Crissy Field and it's cherished exhilaration that resonates to the quality of life in the Bay Area.

[Applause.]

Many of us who bring our dogs to Fort Funston literally have to spell Funston in front of our dogs because they become so excited when the hear the magic

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words, "Want to go to Funston?" The fact that we tell them, the fact that we receive their joyous answer, is all part of the passionate reaction to the prospect that this exquisite sliver of our busy, overcommitted lives is going to be prohibted if the pet policy is rescinded.

[Applause.]

The Citizens Advisory Commission worked diligently on that policy 22 years ago, and it has served the community well for over two decades. We are fortunate that we do have some of the policy's authors still serving on the Commission. Today, the challenge we face is how to modify that policy to address the user-group issues and the responsible protection of the resources. Yes, there are national implications and there are national complexities to be faced in that challenge. But there is significant relevance to all parks to learn from our process.

Off-leash recreation for dogs is not going to be unique to San Francisco. It is going to be an issue for hundreds of communities over the next five years. And we not only get to address the complexities of our issues but set the example for the rest of the country.

[Applause.]

We are not fully informed on what the GGNRA faces by its lack of compliance with the National Park

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Service Guidelines, or the liabilities that arise from that. But we can become informed through an inclusive process, and I guarantee you will be amazed at the creativity and the commitment of the representatives of the dog advocates, as well as advocates of other constituents that share the love of these park lands.

Inclusion with the community has been the foundation of the success of the San Francisco SPCA. Today, we are the only city in the world that guarantees to save the life of every homeless dog or cat in San Francisco.

[Applause.]

It is a national model that is now being modeled in dozens of communities around the country. When it comes to animals, San Francisco will never be in alignment with national policies. We will always be leaders in shaping new policies based on empathy for what our animals contribute to our lives.

[Applause.]

Yes, the city of St. Francis, the city where people leave their hearts, the only no-kill city in America, is very special in its regard for animals, and we should all be extremely proud of our compassionate reputation.

This is a hearing. Please listen carefully.

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Please postpone your decision this evening. And please accept our invitation to participate in a process with you to create equity for all constituencies in the use of GGNRA. We can be a team. We have a shared vision: responsible enjoyment of these spectacular lands.

Thank you very much.

[Applause.]

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Thank you, Mr. Sayers. We accept that invitation. Sounds like we're all on the same team.

I would like to caution people in the audience. I understand your enthusiasm, but it's taking up a lot of time. I was given a list of literally scores of people, who are outside in the weather, who would like to speak. So I'd like to move this along as fast as possible.

The next speaker is Arthur Feinstein. And after that, Supervisor Yee.

STATEMENT OF

ARTHUR FEINSTEIN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

GOLDEN GATE AUDUBON SOCIETY

MR. FEINSTEIN: Commissioners, I am Arthur Feinstein. I'm the executive director of the Golden Gate Audubon Society.

[Applause.]

Thanks. I appreciate that, not the boos. Thank

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you.

Obviously, there is a lot of passion here, and we've been involved in this issue for many years, as have all of you. And it's not one that's going to have an easy answer. But I am here to remind people that are more things in this world than us and our dogs, and our children. There are other living things that have been here before we were here, and they deserve a little bit of recognition, and a little bit of appreciation, and a little bit of understanding that they, too, need to share the same world that we do. And on these beaches --

[Interrupted by remarks made by audience.]

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: May I ask for your courtesy, please. We're going to try to be courteous to everyone. These are our neighbors and let's hear everybody out.

MR. FEINSTEIN: And on these beaches that we're fighting over, there are critters that depend on them for their existence. There are endangered species. There was laughter before, but there really is. There are species that have existed for thousands of years that are down to the last hundred or two hundred that may just go extinct.

I think that, if this was not an issue that you're passionately, individually concerned about, you would say: Oh, wait a minute! I'm very sympathetic to endangered species, but is it time to let that go? I

don't think so. I'm not here to say no dogs on the beach. In the past, we've taken that position. I think looking at this crowd and what we're hearing now, and the pressures that are on San Francisco, there needs to be discussion about how to work this all out. I think the Supervisors --

[Applause.]

I think the Supervisors have recognized that they have an obligation to find some city parks where this can happen so that the precisous resource that we have --

VOICE: Har-har. Har-har.

MR. FEINSTEIN: -- that the city parks take their share of the burden of having off-leash dogs so that there is less pressure put on places that have very important, special natural resource values for species like the snowy plover, and others, the bank swallows that we're also concerned about, that have no place else to go. There's only two bank swallow colonies in the entire --

[Interrupted by remarks made by the audience.]

MR. FEINSTEIN: Come on, Folks. I'm not making things up. I'm just telling you the facts.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Excuse me. May we have your courtesy, please.

MR. FEINSTEIN: So I'm suggesting that we do all work together, but one of the goals -- and I'm glad to see

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that a lot of the speakers previous to this have been saying that, which is: We are all interested in being stewards of our resources here at the National Park System. And that stewardship includes saving some of these lands, and I hope the majority of them, for the critters that have no place else to go. And if the dogs need, if there needs to be a compromise and some of the lands on the national park lands be open to dogs, let's work that out. But let's remember that there are the critters that need their own part of the shore, and let's not be greedy -- huh? -- because they don't have a choice, we do.

[Applause.]

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Thank you.

Supervisor Leland Yee.

[Applause.]

STATEMENT OF

LELAND YEE, SUPERVISOR

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

SUPERVISOR YEE: Honorable Commissioners, I guess this is a rather heated issue, and so on. You know, the test of leadership is how you bring people together. And I think that what you have before you is an issue that basically is dividing and tearing San Francisco apart. I hope that, somehow in some way, that you will allow the

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city to work with you to try to bring people together.

I think that one of the difficulties about San Francisco is that we don't have a whole lot of real estate to accommodate everybody's needs. I think that one of the beauties of San Francisco is that some way and somehow all of us have found a way in which can allow the different interests of San Francisco to still have their say in this city.

The San Francisco Board of Supervisors passed unanimously a resolution that did several things: No. 1, it asks the representatives on this body, from the Board of Supervisors, to plead with your colleagues, and to ask you to put this issue off, so that there can be further discussion about the dog policy.

Secondly, it asks that the San Francisco City Attorney look at ways in which we can somehow accommodate the different needs so that we can, in fact, have a more balanced approach to dealing with those individuals who want their dogs off-leash, and those individuals who want the dogs on-leash.

I think that one of the things that I have tried to do in my capacity on the Board of Education and the Board of Supervisors is, in fact, to find ways in which we can, in fact, bring people together.

My heart goes out to you because it is an

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extremely difficult task. But my heart goes out to all those individuals who are behind me, and other individuals that are outside, because they are asking you for some compassion and for understanding. Somehow we've got to find a way so that all of us can live together. It is absolutely unacceptable, it is absolutely inappropriate that somehow we will divide our community over this particular issue.

A city that somehow knows how, got to somehow figure out a way in which we can accommodate those particular needs. Don't, tonight, close that door to that possibility that all of us can walk out of this room with hands together. You cannot somehow shut out these individuals who absolutely need their place in the sun.

And, so, the Board of Supervisors want to work with you. We are not in a mode of somehow fighting against you whatsoever. You are part of that solution, but we are also part of that solution. Help us somehow come together for a final solution that all of us can live with.

Thank you very, very much.

[Applause.]

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: I'm going to ask again that you hold your applause because it just takes up time. I know that you're enthused, but the boos and the applause

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-- this is not a melodrama, even though it seems like it.

I'm going to call the names of three people, and please come up and speak. The first would be Joan Booth. And, by the way, I'm reading your handwriting so I'll do the best I can. Then Martha Walters and Jennifer Schwinn. After that, then, I'll call some more.

STATEMENT OF

JOAN BOOTH

CRISSY FIELD DOG GROUP

MS. BOOTH: Thank you. I'm Joan Booth, and I'm with the Crissy Field Dog Group, a very recently formed group, which has come together remarkably rapidly.

I have something that I would like to leave, for the record, which is an on-line petition, which currently has 3,400 signatures on it, printed out as of this afternoon, gathered in three days.

[Applause.]

I'd like to make a very important point. Two years ago, Mr. Bartke, you said that an appeal was made to the federal government to grant a special legislation for the GGNRA. I cannot believe that, if a similar appeal were made today, it would not be looked on much more favorably from several points of view. Firstly, you would have behind you, if you would allow us to support you and help you, all of the people in this room. You obviously

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would have the San Francisco Board of Supervisors. Two years ago, I suspect you did not have the people of San Francisco with you because you were -- we were not called upon to join you. We would be now, and we would be prepared to support you.

I speak for, I think, the people in our group. We certainly would be prepared to support you and give you all the help we can. We have 3,400 names here all of whom, I'm sure, would be prepared to sign on to that. That's not very many people, but the fact that they were gathered in three days I think is very indicative of the level of support that you would receive from the people of San Francisco.

Secondly, and I speak personally against my own political inclinations here, because I did not vote for the current administration, however, I think that, quite frankly, you would receive a more favorable hearing in Washington today than you did two years ago from the secretary of the Interior. The new administration, I suspect, is more likely to look favorably on such an appeal.

Finally, I think the point is very important to make, with regard to San Francisco and the special qualities of this city. San Francisco is an exceedingly, densely populated city. And to say to the dog owners of

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San Francisco and the Board of Supervisors that we need to open more off-leash areas in city parks is absolutely true. If that's possible, we need to do that. However, the thing that makes San Francisco as a densely populated city, livable for many of us, is not the city parks; it is the GGNRA lands, which are much more extensive and are very special.

[Applause.]

Those are lands, for me, as a dog owner -- I have a Labrador Retriever. This is a breed that needs to run, and a dog that needs to swim. These are not things that can be done in the city parks. The GGNRA lands are absolutely crucial to the happiness of my dog and to many other dogs:

And, finally, I would speak to questions that Ms. Meyer made with regard to state parks. Absolutely, we would love to see off-leash areas in state parks. But quite frankly, that is not a solution to the problem here. Because those of us who take our dogs for a walk everyday are not going to go to the state parks. We're looking for places within the city, and that is why we need the GGNRA lands.

Thank you very much.

[Applause.]

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: I'm going to ask, yet again,

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that you hold your applause. I'm also going to ask the speakers be careful to keep within three minutes. Because, at the present rate, we're going to be here well after midnight. I think all of us begin to lose focus before that.

Martha Walters, and then Jennifer Schwinn, followed by Chris Grothe.

MS. WALTERS: I think her name is Griffith.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Griffith.

MS. WALTERS: Griffith. Also, Supervisor Leno is here. He wanted to speak after I did, if that's okay with the commissioners.

STATEMENT OF

MARTHA WALTERS

CRISSY FIELD DOG GROUP

MS. WALTERS: Good evening, Commissioners. My name is Martha Walters, and I'm speaking on behalf of the Crissy Field Dog Group and of my dogs, Buddy and Jimbo. I've had the great privilege of walking several generations of dogs off-leash on Crissy Field for over 23 years.

Tonight, I would like to address the issue of banning dogs off-leash in the GGNRA, and, in particular, Crissy Field. Specifically, I will maintain that it has been the intent of the Park Service to incorporate

off-leash dog activities in the planning process for Crissy Field, and that the Park Service and the Golden Gate National Park Association have worked together to implement these plans. Recently, I have carefully reviewed the following Park Service documents that are relevant to the Crissy Field issue: The 1994 Presidio General Management Plan Amendment, the 1996 Crissy Field Environmental Assessment, and the 1996 Finding of No Significant Impact Report, or FONSI. There are numerous citations in these documents that address off-leash activities. Due to time constraints, I will give a brief overview of these documents.

The Crissy Field Environmental Assessment considered all of the environmental impacts for off-leash dog walking at Crissy Field. Page 4 of the Crissy Field FONSI states, quote:

> "The Park Service will work with the SPCA and dog-walker representatives to begin an active education program as soon as possible. The Park Service will enforce voice control and clean-up requirements and will monitor the results of these efforts."

According to Park Service personnel, the Park Service has played a very active role in discussing off-leash-dog-related issues at Crissy Field with a number

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of city dog organizations, for the past several years. In addition, Crissy Field restoration activities have included barrier fencing around the dune fields and the 2-acre marsh to prevent dogs and other animals from going into these areas. Clearly, the Park Service has favored off-leash dog activities in feasible areas at Crissy Field for many years.

I truly hope that we all can reach viable solution soon and keeping the dogs off leash in appropriate areas of the GGNRA.

Thank you.

[Applause.]

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: And you yield to Supervisor Mark Leno?

MS. WALTERS: Yes.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Supervisor.

[Applause.]

STATEMENT OF

MARK LENO, SUPERVISOR

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

SUPERVISOR LENO: First of all, let me thank you very much for having these few moments to speak. I appreciate very much your task tonight because I'm so often in your hot seat. I just want to say, clearly --

and I'll try not to repeat anything that others likely have said -- this is a very important issue. A very, very important issue to my constituents and to all of San Franciscans. We deal on a micro level what you're dealing with on a marcro tonight.

I've had ongoing meetings in my office with those folks who are using, among the many parks in San Francisco, Duboce Park, excuse me, Dolores Park and Duboce Park, for a variety of purposes. Sometimes these purposes cross each other and we're trying to work out some reasonable solution to that. And I think that's what we're trying to do here tonight: Work out some reasonable solution.

When the voters of San Francisco voted for the charter amendment in 1973 to approve the transfer of the lands, they required that the deed include the restriction that the property be reserved by the Park Service, quote, "... in perpetuity for recreation and park purposes, with a right of reversion upon breach of said restriction."

The deed itself contains the following reversionary wording, quote: "... to hold for so long as said real property is reserved and used for recreation and park purposes."

"Recreation" is the recurring theme throughout the enabling legislation. Throughout all of the enabling

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legislation it's about recreation. And that was done for a purpose, and I think that purpose was to include that wording so we wouldn't have to be in a gathering like we are tonight. When the first ever urban recreational areas were created in the National Park System, it was the Golden Gate National Recreation Area and the Gateway National Recreation Area. The difference in the wording of the statutes is telling. Whereas in the Gateway National Recreation Area it speaks merely to preserve and protect for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. The Golden Gate National Recreation Area envisioned an open space that would be forever reserved for recreation. Additionally, the land would be planned and managed pursuant to public review and public process. That is what was clearly intended, though this is what has transpired.

The closures at Fort Funston commenced in 1991 when 7 acres of recreational space were fenced off. This was supposedly for the protection of bank swallows. In 1993, three additional acres were closed. Again, the understanding was that bank swallows needed protection. In 1995, 25 additional acres were closed and the same reasoning was given. However, in each of these cases, there was no public review and no public input and no notice to the city, along with no Environmental Impact

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Analysis. Now, in March 2000, the Park Service closed 10 additional acres.

A resolution that I introduced at the Board of Supervisors yesterday, and approved by unanimous vote -- and I know that many of my colleagues have spoken before me tonight -- states that should you -- and we really truly hope that, for all of the reasons you will have heard tonight, you will not rescind the 1979 Pet Policy -- we will have no choice but to begin taking the necessary steps to exercise our reversionary interests in the deed transferring Fort Funston, Crissy Field, and all properties of the 1975 transfer to the National Park Service, or to seek specific performance of the deed provisions, specifically recreation and park purposes.

So I hope that you will please understand the serious impact this will have on life in San Francisco, within our neighborhood parks, because dogs are meant and born to run. If they can't run in a park, they're certainly not going to run in the streets. So we have to make sure that they run in the parks.

Thank you very much.

[Applause.]

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Supervisor, will you accept a question? Perhaps you missed the question that was posed to your fellow Supervisors. During the past 22 years,

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this park has bent the law as far as it could to accommodate off-leash dog walking. During that period of time, the city and the state have begun banning off-leash dog walking. What we want from you is a commitment that you will work with us to change that around and to make it happen.

SUPERVISOR LENO: Without a doubt. That's why we're here, to work together.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Thank you very much.

SUPERVISOR LENO: You bet.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Now we're getting some place.

SUPERVISOR LENO: Okay. Thank you.

[Applause.]

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: This is Jennifer Schwinn, then Chris Griffith, and then Steve Courlang.

STATEMENT OF

JENNIFER SCHWINN, MEMBER

CRISSY FIELD DOG GROUP

MS. SCHWINN: Hi! My name is Jennifer Schwinn, and I'm a member of the Crissy Field Dog Group.

We ask you to consider the large number or people and dogs who lives will be negatively impacted today if you rescind the pet policy. There are an estimated 150,000 dogs in San Francisco, which correlated to approximately one dog for every five people, and one

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dog for every two households. Rescinding the pet policy and forcing them to rely only on the remaining city parks will cause tremendous overcrowding and create a degradation in their quality of life.

I had a much longer speech prepared, but you asked for suggestions. I think first and foremost you need to delay the decision and cooperate with the city and citizens of San Francisco, and the state of California, in seeking a Part 7 Exemption under a new administration in Washington, which is expected to be more amenable to such an exemption than the past administration has been.

Secondly, I'd create a citizen task force to work with you and support the exemption, and use the petition we submitted tonight, which shows an overwhelming support for off-leash dogs walking in GGNRA.

And, lastly, we ask you to change the regulations to fit people's lives, rather than asking people to change their lives to fit the regulations.

[Applause.]

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Chris?

STATEMENT OF

CHRIS GRIFFITH, ESQ.

REPRESENTING

CRISSY FIELD DOG OWNERS GROUP

MS. GRIFFITH: Hi! My name is Chris Griffith,

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and I'm an attorney. I'm representing the Crissy Field Dog Owners Group.

What I wanted to talk to you about briefly was this issue of the legality of the pet policy. I understand that the U. S. Attorneys have informed all of you that this policy is illegal and unenforcable. First, I would ask you this: If it is unenforcable then why rescind it? Why not wait until you have a complete planning process and have talked to all these people here today that want to help plan for these parks?

What I'm asking is that you maintain off-leash dogs walking during the time period that you negotiate with the city, and with other agencies, to develop a plan that is workable for all. That you do not rescind the policy tonight and put up signs tomorrow and start giving out tickets.

The other thing that I would like to address is this legality. And I want to say that the U. S. Attorneys are just people like the rest of us, and they are fallible. They do not make the laws, nor are they ordained with the power to interpret them. And I beg to differ with their opinion, as do many other attorneys in the room tonight. The enabling statute for the GGNRA, as I'm sure you have all read, says that this Board and the management of the park is to preserve the public use and

enjoyment of certain areas, and provide for the maintenance of needed recreational open space.

In addition, the federal law, the United States Code that governs the National Park Service says that each area within the National Park Service shall be administered in accordance with the provisions of any statute made specifically to that area. And this is not a policy that it is against the law. It also says that the Organic Act, which you might know is the act that governs all the Park Service, all the park system, says that, to the extent -- says that there are general provisions that apply to the whole park system, and to the extent that those general provisions are in conflict with another specific provision applicable to a specific park, they are not enforceable. And that is exactly what we are dealing with here: a general regulation in the CFR that is applied broadly to all of the parks and is in conflict with the enabling statute for the Golden Gate National Recreation Area.

As you all know, Part 7 in 36 CFR allows to take care of that. I won't talk about that further, since I think we've already talked about it. But I do want to point out that the committee, out of this group that put together the pet policy in the late '70s, recognized the special needs of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area,

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and they said:

"Ordinary guidelines outlined in the Code of Federal Regulations do not really apply in an urban area. People and their animals have been visiting the park for too long to apply an all-inclusive arbitrary policy."

And those are your words, this Commission's words, not mine. So I ask you to delay rescinding the policy until there is time for a careful and inclusive planning process.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Thank you.

[Applause.]

Steve Courlang is next, and then Anne Farrow, and then Lindsey Kefauver. Are any of those three people here?

(No response.)

I've asked you to not applaud, please, because it delays things. Steve Courlang, Anne Farrow and Lindsey Kefauver.

STATEMENT OF

ANNE FARROW, CO-CHAIR

SAN FRANCISCO DOG OWNERS GROUP

MS. FARROW: Good Evening. My name is Anne Farrow. I walk at Fort Funston, and I'm the co-chair of San Francisco Dog Owners Group. But I want to let you

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folks know we did not bring all these people here; this item on the agenda did.

I'm not going to repeat some of the things that have already been said. The people who have already spoken have spoken clearly what I wanted to say. I think I'll just ask you a couple of questions.

Why, if the Advisory Commission was aware that the pet policy was not the way to assure our rights, did this Commission not go through the necesssary legal steps to be sure that an exception to the Park Service General Regulations was granted? This, I think, is what the solution is, is to go through the steps for a special exception to the General Regulations.

Thank you.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Thank you.

[Applause.]

I don't see Steve, so Lindsey Kefauver, Wendy McClure, then Linda McKay. You're going to be Lindsey tonight? Okay, tell us who you are.

STATEMENT OF

KAREN HU, PH. D.

DR. HU: I'm Dr. Hu. Many of you saw my last study about the recreational use at Fort Funston. Today, I'm going to talk about the recreational use of non-dog places, like Lobos Creek Valley. Or maybe I should call

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them doggone places. Because there used to be dogs there, but now they're gone.

I'm a native San Franciscan, and I grew up with Lobos Creek Valley literally in my backyard. After school, friends and I, or just me and my dog, would go there, out to the woods, out to the meadow.

How many of you visited Lobos Creek, anybody?

It's a pretty rare place, but it's beautiful. There's gentle, rolling mounds of native plants. At the entrance, there's a sign, with pictures of two rare plants. Good photographs, clear photo. And it's fortunate to have the photos because you might not be able to actually see the plants unless you have sharp eyes.

You see, visitors are required to stay on the constructed walkway to gaze out at the plants. It's somewhat like a Disneyland exhibit. Actually, it's more like Martha Stewart does native plants. I say that because it's a habitat. It's not a restoration. It's not at all like the original. The original is sand dunes, it was sparse vegetation. The habitat is a plot of land, fenced off, densely planted, a romanticized native plant habitat that requires lots of busy hands to build and maintain. Let's be honest. This is not habitat restoration. This is recreational gardening.

[Laughter.]

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Do I begrudge the green team this garden? No. Even while I'm not allowed to bring my dog there anymore, there should be a place for recreational gardening. There should be a place for threatened and endangered species. There is room enough for all of us.

It was also like Disneyland because it wasn't like this when I -- it wasn't crowded. In fact, I was the only person there. No one else in sight. This is amazing in a city that has 15,000, over 15,000 people per square mile. I was puzzled. Where are those folks who don't go to Fort Funston because of all the dogs? I would expect at least one of them to be at the Lobos Creek Valley. It was a Sunday afternoon, the sun was out, the birds were singing. The birding is excellent there. So, here are the native plants, here are the birds, where are the visitors?

Subsequent visits have the same findings. No one, with the exception of two boys skating on the walkway, was seen.

I continued my search for these hypothetical dog-fearing park visitors at Lands End. I went on a sunny weekday afternoon. I saw fewer than 30 people. There was one child. The majority of visitors were solitary men enjoying nature.

[Laughter.]

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Now, if you went to Fort Funston and you only saw 30 people, you would wonder: Where is everybody? Are they all at a GGNRA Meeting? Conclusion: Please stop talking about those hypothetical thousands of other visitors, the ones who are not counted because the dogs have chased them away. They exist, but they already have 95 percent of the park.

[Applause.]

You've squeezed us into smaller and smaller places and now you want us to go. Please, don't kick people out of the park.

Thank you.

[Applause.]

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Next speaker is Wendy McClure, followed by Linda McKay, and then we have Supervisor Sandoval following that.

STATEMENT OF

WENDY MC CLURE, CO-CHAIR

SAN FRANCISCO DOG OWNERS GROUP

MS. MC CLURE: Hi! I'm Wendy McClure. I'm co-chair of San Francisco Dog Owners Group. My focus, with the San Francisco Dog Owners Group, is advocating for city off-leash recreation. I, personally, and all of us in the executive committee, have worked very closely with officials over the last 4 years advocating for more

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off-leash use.

And, before I begin, I'd like to thank everybody here that's a pro-dog supporter for being here. The executive board of SF Dog has worked really hard to get all of you here tonight, and we thank you. It's overwhelming to all of us. But I'll cut to the chase here.

It's obvious this is an important issue. And it's not just important for the citizens and for the Board of Supervisors, but it's important to SPCA, Animal Care and Control, the Police Department, for all San Franciscans, Rec & Park. It's because it does impact our city.

Think about it. There's 750,000 people logged in at Fort Funston alone; 87 percent of those folks are accompanied by dogs. That's something like 652,000 people that would impact the city parks if you close just Fort Funston alone. And you can say to me: Big deal! It's not your concern. But it is your concern because you have been invited into our city numbers of years ago to take care of this land that is our land, for our citizens here at San Francisco. We trusted you, and you've betrayed us.

[Applause.]

I ask you, I plead with you, to do the right the thing. Do the right thing and uphold your agreement with

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the citizens of San Francisco.

Thank you.

[Applause.]

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: We have Linda McKay and then Supervisor Sandoval.

STATEMENT OF

LINDA MC KAY, CHAIR

FORT FUNSTON DOG WALKERS

MS. MC KAY: I'm Linda McKay, chair of the Fort Funston Dog Walkers.

I had a whole speech planned on what a Section 7 is; but, clearly, you understand it because it's been discussed this evening. What I'd like to offer, you're asking for solutions, there's several.

We turned out 1,100 letters just on 12 acres on Fort Funston. I can guarantee you many people in this room don't care about those 12 acres. I can't imagine the volume of mail that you're getting on this particular issue. So I'm a little surprised that a Section 7 Rule was requested and that we weren't informed because we are such a resource in that area. Can you imagine the volume of mail that we can turn out to Washington for that kind of ruling, and the cooperation you find with people when they understand that you're working on our behalf to bring something to us that's really, really important?

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I have to tell you I'm bothered by the feeling that you're the enemy. I'm not comfortable at all with that, and I would really like to move past that with you. So I think that you can definitely look to our support for that.

The other thing is that we have an organization at Fort Funston. There's one formed at Crissy Field. These are organizations that can do outreach education, cleaning, whatever is required to make those parks more usable for other people who are willing to do, and have always been willing to do. We've been in existence since 1992, have monthly cleanups, and try to tell people what's going on and educate new people. Unfortunately, we're the only people doing that. Many people who come to the park don't understand where the safe and dangerous areas are because it's not well marked. So those are rules that we're willing to play and will continue to play.

Thank you for your time.

[Applause.]

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Supervisor Sandoval has asked to speak. He will be followed by Laura Cavaluzzo, Kathy Roth, and then Lydia Boesch.

STATEMENT OF

GERARDO SANDOVAL, SUPERVISOR

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

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SUPERVISOR SANDOVAL: Good evening. Thank you for the chance to say a few words. I'm a person of few words, actually, so I will get straight to the point.

I urge you to not rescind the current policy. In particular, I urge the members of the San Francisco delegation not to rescind, not to vote to rescind the current off-leash policy.

I think it's pretty obvious that you've got a political problem on your hands. You could run for mayor on this issue, and somebody will.

[Laughter.]

No, but seriously. It's bad public policy, and you know that, and you can tell that by the amount of people who are here tonight. It no way gives you an idea of the amount of people who have e-mailed and have called and have written and have come by the office. And, so, it's a small fraction, especially since it's raining. You know you've got a problem here. You got so many people.

So, again, I would just ask you to not rescind the current policy. I think we all need to work better. We need to work together, and we need to look for another solution that meets everybody's needs.

Thank you very, very much.

[Applause.]

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Supervisor, just as an aside,

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more than one of us on this Commission has been a mayor, and we don't want it again.

[Laughter.]

I asked your other Supervisors, who were here earlier, and I'll ask you: During the last 22 years, we've bent the law as far as we could to accommodate off-leash dog walking. During that same period of time, the city and the state restricted off-leash dog walking. Will you do what you can to reverse that?

SUPERVISOR SANDOVAL: You're asking me if I'll make a tough choice to rescind the city's policy, and yes; I will.

[Applause.]

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: I think the name is Kathy Roth, and then Lydia Boesch. Oh, no, Laura Cavaluzzo. Laura? She's coming up. Then Kathy, I think it's Roth, and Lydia Boesch.

STATEMENT OF

LAURA CAVALUZZO

MS. CAVALUZZO: Commissioners, Superintendent, my name is Laura Cavaluzzo, and this is my third time standing before you to express my thoughts on this issue.

I've spoken about the physical, mental and societal benefits of off-leash recreation and how very much the Golden Gate National Recreation Area means to my

quality of life. I've skewered the National Park Service's Fort Funston bank swallow protection plan using research and words of the government's own scientists. And my statements, and those of thousands of my fellow San Franciscans, have apparently made no impact on you at all. So this time, rather than try to tell you anything, I'm going to ask you some questions, instead, and I'll be very interested to hear any answers you might have.

How can you call our off-leash dogs an environmental threat after what the Park Service itself has done to our beach at Crissy Field?

[Applause.]

How can you recommend our banishment from Fort Funston under the guise of eco-preservation while sanctioning the bulldozing of habitat at Fort Baker to build a hotel?

[Applause.]

How can you call yourselves a citizens Advisory Commission when some of you are former employees of, and most of you are appointed by, the very department you're supposed to be monitoring?

[Applause.]

How can you claim to be a liaison between the citizens and the Park Service when you blithely dismiss the needs and concerns of thousands of citizens without so

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much as word of explanation?

[Applause.]

How can you say that off-leash recreation is illegal in national parks when 45 national parks allow dogs off leash for the purpose of hunting?

How can you say that the 1979 Pet Policy was never enforced when letters from Park Service Regional Director Stanley Albright to Senators Cranston and Seymour confirms that it was the guiding policy on these lands as recently as 1992?

And finally, why, when this policy has been in force for more than 20 years, are you suddenly in such a rush to rescind it?

[Applause.]

When we gave the National Park Service our beaches and bluffs, the citizens of San Francisco were promised that our recreational access to these lands would be protected. Instead, the Park Service has taken the recreation out of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area and replaces it with artificial native habitats we must look at from behind fences; hotels in which we have no need nor desire, nor the wherewithal to stay; and trails and beaches we can not enjoy with our dogs. Your job was supposed to be to insure that this kind of abuse never happened. If you can't or won't do that, we, the citizens

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of San Francisco, request that you step down.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: The next speaker is Kathy Roth, then Lydia Boesch.

STATEMENT OF

KATHY ROTH, M.D.

DR. ROTH I was going to stand here and talk, as a medical doctor, about the mental and physical health benefits of walking your dog, the exercise you get from it, the social interaction, and the health benefits of owning a pet. It doesn't sound like that's really the thrust of what's going on tonight. So, instead, I'm going to stand here as an environmentalist.

I've been an environmentalist for many years. I care passionately about native plants and birds, and I'm usually on the other side from the user groups. I think that this user group is a little different. We don't have any concessionaires. It's not like the jet skis in Lake Tahoe, or in the national parks. There's nobody making money off what we do. There's nobody selling gasoline over it. We don't have a manufacturing group with a lobby, or any of that.

There's a lot of people who took time out from their busy lives to stand here tonight, and it just seems to me there's a lot of land, all of San Mateo County, all the Golden Gate lands in Marin, and all of Point Reyes,

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where dogs are not allowed off leash. It seems that somewhere in that stretch of coastline there must be a place where dogs can run off leash in a significant amount of space that's not right where the endangered species are.

Thanks.

[Applause.]

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Lydia Boesch will be followed by Margory, looks like Cohen; and, then, Greg Hurline.

STATEMENT OF

LYDIA BOESCH, ESQ.

REPRESENTING

FORT FUNSTON DOG WALKERS

MS. BOESCH: Hi! My name is Lydia Boesch, and I've had the extraordinary pleasure and privilege this past year of representing the dog walkers at Fort Funston in all of this controversy. It has, indeed, been the most fun case I've ever worked on in my life.

I've wrote a speech, too. I'm not going to say it. But one thing I do want to give you, first, is when Leland Yee left here, he was accosted by the hundreds of people outside, and they gave him these tablets, these posters, that they signed because they couldn't get in. We've gone through and done a rough count, and there's 600 signatures on here.

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[Applause.]

They need to be a part of the record, but I want to make good and sure that, to whomever you ask me to give them to, you know, we make an accounting of them and that they're safe.

You know, the one thing I want to say is that, as an attorney for these people, I have studied the statute. I have studied the regulations. I have studied, I have studied your internal policies. I have studied what the Department of Interior said. I have studied the documents with the transfer from the city. I know this stuff inside out, and I respectfully disagree with any opinion you're getting that says that off-leash dog walking is illegal at Fort Funston. It absolutely is legal. Every authority I can find says that it is a legal, accepted activity at Fort Funston, and we've got to deal with that. And we are here -- you know, you are here as our citizens Advisory Commission, and you're here to work with us. And, so, you know, please don't just listen to what the U. S. Attorney or Solicitor tells you because there is more than ample authority to support this as being a legal activity.

Like Linda McKay, we don't want to view you as the enemy. You know, the last year, when this lawsuit started, I went to Amy's house to deliver a letter. We

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really were trying to work this out with you guys. Amy told us that if we went to court, if we went to the media, then you guys would rescind our off-leash dog walking privileges. And, Amy, I don't know if you realize it, but that's -- Amy, I confirmed it in writing. And, to me, that's a violation of our fundamental, constitutional rights.

[Applause.]

You know, I'm not saying that for the truth of the matter asserted. I'm saying it because we have seen that. We feel like you guys are against us, and we don't want you to be against us. We want to work with you. And I think you can see, from this, from this, there is ample support, there's ample enthusiasm for this issue.

Thank you for listening and please be willing to work with us, as we get through this.

[Applause.]

COMMISSIONER MEYER: I think there's a matter of truth here. What I told you was: If this case of the Fort Funston, what has become the case of the Fort Funston Dog Walkers, came to a level of attention which brought in the U. S. Attorney and the media, and it came up to that level, you would probably lose the whole thing. This is, in fact, what has happened: That the U. S. Attorney said that what we had passed as a recommendation in 1978 is

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illegal and unenforceable.

What we started this meeting with, but it could hardly be heard in the noise here, was that the policy recommendation we made is not here. It's gone.

MS. BOESCH: But, Amy, it's been -- you know, all of that was premised, and I'm sure you recall that, when you had the hearings back then, you said it's because walking dogs here, I mean, that works in an urban setting, but the general regulations didn't apply in an urban setting. And we agree with that and we're just trying to go from there to where we need to go. We think a Section 7 special reg is exactly what we need to do. But let's talk about it and let's work on it. Let's just don't let this be a one-sided thing.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Okay. Let's move on with the public hearing. Thank you very much. We'd like to receive those legal authorities because we have not received them yet.

I think the name is Margo --

MS. COHEN: Margory Cohen.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Cohen?

MS. COHEN: Yes.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: And then Greg, and I can't read this one, Hewlitt, Hurline, and then Janet Harrison. I can read that one. Okay, go ahead.

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STATEMENT OF

MARGORY COHEN

MS. COHEN: My name is Margory Cohen. My residence is in San Francisco with two Scottish Deer hounds. My dogs have appeared in the opera, on stage with ACT. I have professional dogs. I'm a writer, a trainer, a handler.

The fallout from the lack of off-lead, safe recreation is huge. Walking off-lead with a dog is American as apple pie and motherhood. The idea that we would spend as much time as we do driving cross-town to go to this land to walk with the dogs off lead, safely, and then not take care of it, is a misunderstanding. I'm touch with trainers and other dog writers, vets, and people in the business throughout the country.

In New Jersey, there are towns where it's not legal to walk with your dog in the town square. It horrifies me to think that, if a the leash law is imposed in San Francisco, that will happen here. Because, really, what the no-dog signs are saying is no people. The person who walks alone on the beach is safe with a dog. A woman alone isn't safe on the beach. A man is open to assault. Anyone who has a service dog will also be denied access to the beach.

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I extend my card to you. I'm available to you, to the Supervisors. I'm ever available to meet with you as a private individual, as someone whose life is completely involved with dogs professionally and personally.

So come with me and my dogs as we look at the land, and -- you know, God has -- you know, there's an Indian tribe where they talk about the Great Traveler coming to the earth and walking along, and he made the rivers and the trees, and all of this that you want to protect. And when he came, he came with a dog. God had a dog.

If you put that sign on the beach, even the Great Traveler couldn't walk there. So, here's my phone number. I'm up for you.

[Applause.]

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Thank you very much.

Greg Hurline, Janet Harrison and Misha Weidman.

STATEMENT OF

GREG HURLINE

MR. HURLINE: My name is Greg Hurline, and I'm a computer consultant form Cow Hallow.

My wife and I have a dog named Sophia. The nature of my job and the fact that I work from home restricts my social life quite a bit. Instead of going

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out for a drink or dinner with my coworkers, my wife and I take our dog out for extended walks. We use Crissy Field in the Presidio four or five times a week. This gives my dog a chance to exercise and socialize with other dogs, and my wife and I get to talk with other people out walking and enjoying our wonderful scenery. Being able to enjoy the GGNRA, with out dog off leash, is a major quality-of-life issue for us.

I was planning to tell you more about the socializing aspect of our dog walks, for both humans and dogs, and about how important that is. But as evidenced by recent quotes from both the GGNRA and some members of this Commission, you've evidently already decided to ice-pick the 1979 Pet Policy. Presumably, you've taken this position because the GGNRA lawyers have told you that it's illegal. Presumably, this sudden reversal of policy has nothing to do with the fact that local dog friends held the GGNRA accountable for its Fort Funston closures without appropriate public notice. Presumably, this closure is a result of the increased number of dogs and people using GGNRA lands, as evidenced by a quote of the National Park Service ranger on television last night.

I hope we've dispelled some of these presumptions tonight. Hopefully, you've listened, as our lawyers described the legal basis for retaining the pet

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policy. Hopefully, you've listened as we've described the specific procedure for how federal law and the pet policy can happily coexist.

Hopefully, you've listened to the City Board of Supervisors, who unanimously passed a resolution yesterday, asking you all to delay a recommendation until there is sufficient time for the city to participate in the policy evaluation.

Hopefully, you now understand that a Memorandum of Understanding, which has not been found despite references to it and despite multiple Freedom of Information requests, still is out there and we don't know the specific details of the binding legislation that regards the transfer of land to the GGNRA.

Hopefully, you've listened to the other dog friends here tonight, and the dog friends yet to speak, who have asked you to work with us to preserve a policy that has worked for over 20 years.

However, if you haven't listened and you do vote to rescind the pet policy, then let me make you familiar with a saying that's made its way into common use. Dog friends know all to well what it means to hound something. My dog, Sophia, hounds me everyday when she thinks it's time for her to go out for her walk. Ladies and gentlemen of this Commission, members of the National Park Service

who are here tonight, we will hound this issue. We will hound this issue through the legislative process. We will hound this issue through the political process. We will not go away; we will not lie down. We will not go on leash.

Thank you.

[Applause.]

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Janet Harrison, then Misha Weidman, followed by Patricia La Cava.

Listen! We have literally hundreds of people who have signed up. So please stop the applause and let's get on with the public hearing. These are your neighbors and they want to speak as much as you do. So let's get with Janet Harrison, Misha Weidman, and then Patricia LaCava.

MR. SCHULKE: Pardon me, for jumping in. I'm Richard Schulke, and I'm the City Animal Commissioner for San Francisco. And I'm also an insulin-dependent diabetic, and I don't know how much longer I signed up on the list I would be able to hang in here. I was hoping folks wouldn't mind if I jumped in. I would be very brief.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: That's fine.

[Applause.]

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STATEMENT OF

RICHARD SCHULKE, CHAIRPERSON

SAN FRANCISCO ANIMAL CONTROL AND WELFARE COMMISSION

MR. SCHULKE: Thank you.

Very quickly, Commission Chair, Superintendent O'Neill, Commissioners, Ladies and Gentlemen, my name is Richard Schulke, and I am currently the chairperson of the San Francisco Animal Control and Welfare Commission. I'll keep my remarks brief.

I'm here to speak to you today about the incredibly outraged community of San Francisco constituents who are concerned with the impending changes at the Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I have never, in 8 years, heard so many absolutely both livid and extremely concerned folks, seniors, children, people who have AIDS and other chronic diseases, and just regular folks, who have literally begged me to try and convince you to hold off on the decision to rescind the '79 Pet Policy, which will result in making the GGNRA lands, which were donated by San Francisco citizens, not available to any off-leash dogs, even in areas such as Fort Funston, in which generation after generation after generation of folks have let their dogs run and romp in the joy and exhuberance that all dogs need to experience. Not to

this recreation area.

I thank you for your time.

[Applause.]

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Janet Harrison? I've called that name about three times. I don't see her.

Misha Weidman, Patricia LaCava.

STATEMENT OF

MISHA WEIDMAN

MR. WEIDMAN: Hi! Actually, I'm Misha Weidman. I speak on behalf of my wife and my two 13-month-old children, and my dog, Kit, which I rescued from the SPCA about five years ago, and that is very important to our family.

Like many people tonight, I had a speech, which was going to talk about the importance of dogs and balancing all the interestes that I know you folks have to do, and I'm prepared to throw it out. One of the reasons why I'm prepared to throw it out was because, Mr. Bartke, when you started this meeting, I thought you gave a very considered and dispassionate discussion about what the issues were. And it also seemed to me that you were asking genuinely for help. And the impression that I got from that was that you, in fact, supported the position that the other people here are taking.

I should add one other thing, too; and that is:

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This is the first time I've spoken or really being involved in any public issue. That's how important it is to me. I don't profess to know all of the ins and outs of the political or legal machinations, but I thought your summary was very useful, and I took it as stated.

So I'm a little bit confused. Because, on the one hand, as I said, I got the impression that essentially all of you understood the problem. You understood the importance of dogs and you were looking for a way to essentially implement what obviously all of us want. At the same time, over the course of the hearing, I detected what seemed to me to be some hostility on the part of the board members to other political functionaries who came up and talked, specifically, the Supervisors from San Francisco. And the hostility -- and perhaps that's an unfair word, revolved around the fact that there weren't other off-leash parks that were available in San Francisco. But, surely, you can't be suggesting that the fact that that is also a problem somehow legitimates a policy of off-leash -- of only on-leash dogs or banning dogs at Fort Funston.

So that's the reason for my confusion. I would also like to ask, respectfully ask, the board a question; and that is: Forget the law, for a moment. Do you support off-leash dogs at Fort Funston? And it's not a

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rhetorical question. I'm asking it earnestly.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: I'm afraid we don't have the authority to make that kind of decision.

MR. WEIDMAN: Okay. So fair enough. I understand. I understand, in that case, but I'm disappointed by the lack of an answer. But I do understand that you're an advisory board. You've asked for help in what you can do. I have some suggestions in that case.

The first thing is do nothing. No one has a gun to your head. It seems to me that that is the first thing that you could do. The other thing is that you are not subject to fines or imprisonment. I don't think that the U. S. Government is telling any of you that they're going to lock you up, or fine you, if you simply fail to change the law and you choose not to enforce any legal law.

The third thing is that, if you really do understand what people have been telling you tonight, then what you should do is try to actively support something that I believe you all know is right and reasonable. I certainly support reasonable restrictions on dog use at Fort Funston, if there needs to be. And I may be unpopular for saying this, but if there needs to be seasonal closures to protect the bank swallow, I would certainly respect that. But I don't need to repeat what

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everyone else has said here about the importance of this facility to many, many people in San Francisco.

Finally, what you could do is, frankly, resign in protest, rather than enforcing, rather than enforcing a law that is really totally unfair.

Thank you very much.

[Applause.]

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: The question was asked whether we understand what you're saying, and I think that we do. But I think, perhaps, something that I said at the top did not get understood; and that is: This Commission, we're citizens, we're volunteers. We don't get paid. We're not park employees. We have no employees. We don't enforce the regulation.

The only thing that was on our agenda is that, 22 years ago, we attempted to help you by creating a policy that was a recommendation to the staff. We've been told, since, under the gun to our head of a federal judge, who said that policy is illegal; and, therefore, we said: Okay, we shouldn't have it on the books if it's not legal. I've been given only one brief from, or on behalf of off-leash dog walkers. I checked out all those authorities. I'd be happy to receive the ones mentioned by Lydia Boesch because I'm not familiar with those.

But you should understand that we are advisory.

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We don't run the parks. And whatever we do tonight is simply going to be advice to the park staff. Now, have we got that?

[Audience responds.]

COMMISSIONER SPRING: Patricia LaCava is next, and then Hiedi Zombroni, followed by Mildred Bollin. Are any of those three people here? If you are here, would you make your way up to the podium. Meanwhile, I'll call some more names and see if more people are here. Christy Cameron, Linda Horning. Any of those here? Siabhan Ruck? Judy Walsh? Are any of those people here?

Who are you?

STATEMENT OF

LINDA HORNING

MS. HORNING: My name is Linda Horning. And actually, everybody has been so eloquent I was thinking about forfeiting my time, but I did sort of want to say something.

You guys have sort of been portraying yourselves as these really ardent environmentalists. And, in a way, I really, I really respect you for it. I want someone who is sort of working on the branch of the government to be like you, to be sort of tough and do what you think is right. But I think that you have, you have gone about this whole thing in a sort of sneaky way, and there's been

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this polarization thing that has not been helpful. And I'm, in a way, kind of happy to see, tonight, that we've sort of turned this into a love fest.

But I want to say something, since you are all on this committee, and you're all going to be having a voice about this. And I think that you've received some misinformation, and I hate to put too fine a point on it. But about those bank swallows, they've been referred to as an endangered species. You've heard many times how the dogs or the dog walkers are ruining the habitat. But do you remember the storms of the last few years?

I don't know if any of you have actually been down to the base of those cliffs. Around 300 yards away from where the bank swallows have their little nesting places, there was a parking lot that got washed away in the storm. The cliffs that the bank swallows live in are falling down. The surf is causing them to collapse. It's not the people; it's the water. It's the storms. You can go there on any day and every week a new portion of that has collapsed. And I feel, you know, I mean, if I was living in a house and my house started collapsing around me, I would move. I would think: Hey! Maybe this isn't such a great place.

In all seriousness, I think this is part of the picture, and I just want to make sure that that gets put

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into your minds. You know, when you think about these endangered birds, this is part of whay they're endangered. Not by dogs that bite. The natural environment.

Thank you.

[Applause.]

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Siabhan Ruck?

MS. BOLLIN: Bollin. Am I next?

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: I lost my place. Mildred Bollin?

MS. BOLLIN: Yes.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Gotcha.

STATEMENT OF

MILDRED BOLLIN

MS. BOLLIN: Good evening, Commissioners. My name is Mildred Bollin, and I'm a resident of San Francisco, and a recreational user of Fort Funston and Crissy Field.

I have a large rescue dog that is both companion and a source of security, for me, as a senior citizen, who lives alone. My dog, Sadie, requires exercise. As a large Dobie, she needs to run. I also need exercise. At my age, I cannot run beside her with a leash; however, I can walk and she runs out, and back and forth to me. She chases a ball and brings it back. I walk along and she gets her run in. We both get the exercise we need.

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In addition to the physical health benefits, which exercise provides for both of us, which everyone knows by now is so important, it also provides great emotional, mental health benefits for us both. People and animals need exercise for emotional and mental health. In addition, we both get an opportunity to socialize with our own species. Many seniors get out each day, walking their dogs, and it is their opportunity to talk and know other people. I cannot stress enough importance on many senior citizens' lives to have this interaction with others.

Sadie also gets a chance to meet and play with other dogs. You cannot miss the interest and happiness in a dog's eyes as they romp and play with their own species. This also lessens aggression and frustration in dogs. This does not seem to me so much to give back to the animals that give so much to us, that give us companionship and security, and love and devotion, for some of their closest friends.

I ask you, tonight, for the sake of all San Francisco senior citizens, to please, please, please reject this resolution.

Thank you.

[Applause.]

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Who are you?

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STATEMENT OF

CHRISTY CAMERON, ESQ.

MS. CAMERON: Commissioners, Superintendent O'Neill, my name is Christy Cameron. I frequent both Fort Funston and Crissy Field, sometimes with my dog, sometimes without. I am also a resident of San Francisco and an attorney.

As an attorney, I won't go into in detail, but I agree with many of the lawyers who have concluded that the pet policy is not illegal and unenforceable. In particular, the erroneous statement that it's illegal and unenforceable improperly relies on a statutory misinterpretation that the general mandate of the Organic Act controls over the specific recreational open-space mandate of the enabling statute.

One of the things that concerns me is the timing of this revocation of a policy that is over 20 years. It's very unusual, the timing. And I want to tell you that some of the anger that you're perceiving from this group of people is that it is being perceived as retaliation for certain dog owner groups exercising their legal right to petition the court. This retaliation is in itself a civil rights violation. And, honestly, I wonder if you even realize that?

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[Applause.]

It's not necessary to repeal it at this time. It's been around for 20 years; and, if, as you say, you want to work out a solution, it doesn't need to be repealed. And I want to point out that the Park Service has repeatedly promised that it would allow off-leash dogs recreation in various parts of the GGNRA, and you now propose to break that promise. I appreciate that your lawyers may believe that you can get away with breaking a promise, but I ask you to consider, in addition to the legality -- which is questionable -- what is the morality of breaking that promise.

Thank you.

[Applause.]

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: The next three names are Mike Singer, Francine Podenski, and Karin Hu. Any of those three people here?

(No response.)

After that comes --

STATEMENT OF

FRANCINE PODENSKI

MS. PODENSKI: My name is Francine Podenski. I've enjoyed what is now known as the Golden Gate National Recreation Area with several generations of my dogs during the 30 years that I've lived in the area. I had prepared

a speech tonight, and, for awhile, I wasn't going to read it; but I decided that I am. I'm just warning you.

The National Park Service has, for some time, been pursuing policies that appear to me to be designed to eliminate traditional recreational activities within the boundaries of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area through a sort of divide-and-conquer approach. Previous assaults upon our liberty and the pursuit of our happiness include eviction of the long-established Muir Beach Horse Stables and the horseback riding community that had been there for generations; building a very large conference center at Fort Baker in spite of significant protests from that local community; and ruining the Crissy Field Beach.

Culturally and historically in the United States, there are certain traditions which are sacred. Among those are motherhood, apple pie and the family dog. More often than not, dogs have resided at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington, D. C. -- most recently "Buddy" resided there; currently "Spot" is in residence there. This is a time-honored American tradition, and it's a cherished way of life in our country.

At the most basic level, the issue that we face this evening is a human quality-of-life issue. Generally, dogs don't take themselves to the park. This is a family-centered recreational activity, the lack of which

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negatively impacts not only our dogs, but entire families and our entire community.

This evening, we are here to discuss the National Park Service's kicking the family dog. And for that matter, kicking the American family. The government itself has appropriated space within the GGNRA -- at least that's my understanding -- for off-leash training activities of their own dogs; but wishes to include, or exclude, local families from these similar uses and traditional uses. The do as I say and not as I do, did not sell in kindergarten, it didn't sell in high school, and it has not sold well since.

The name, "Golden Gate National Recreation Area" from the point of view of all of my family and friends and neighbors signifies a recreational area. This is an urban recreational area. It's not a wilderness area, and it's not a nature preserve, and it's even a national park -- at least not the way I see it.

Have we been misled by the phrase over these years, the phrase "recreational area"? Does the enabling legislation mean nothing? Are you, some of you, now trying to change the intention of the GGNRA years after its formation? Are we soon going to be hearing Golden Gate National Park as a title of this place? And do really any of you here, or in other parts of the country,

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really believe that you can totally ignore the original agreements under which we originally transferred this land to your care?

If the National Park Service is, for some reason, unable to find a way to honor the original conditions under which we donated our lands to your care, I would really ask you respectfully to inform us of that. Because, if you're incapable of doing this, or for some reason prevented from doing, because of higher authority, of fulfilling your responsibilities in this regard, we have included in the original land transfer documents a remedy for this eventuality. Now I truly hope it's not necessary for us to enter into a polarity where we are, the city and we citizens are, fighting to take back our land. I don't think that's a good way to go.

I, too, offer my time and my energy to finding a solution. But I think we have to get past the perception -- maybe you don't mean this -- but it is the perception that you're doing backroom deals and sneaking around, and you're not victims. I keep hearing from you: Oh, we have to pass, we have to pass this resolution. It's out of our hands. Well, I would like to -- I'd just like to emphasize that you're not victims. You're our representatives. You can take a stand. You don't have to do what an attorney from the government says you have to

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do. You're there to represent us and to have that dialogue, and we will help you. We will support you in doing that.

Thank you.

[Applause.]

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Did Michael Singer or Karin Hu show up?

(No response.)

Okay, moving on, Gary Fergus; Louie Gwerder, III; Brian Irwin.

STATEMENT OF

GARY S. FERGUS, ESQ.

BROBECK, PHLEGER & HARRISON

MR. FERGUS: Thank you very much.

My name is Gary Fergus. I'm a lawyer with Brobeck, Phelger & Harrison. I'm here on my own behalf.

We started out with I think it was the OTE, overtaken by events, and there were a couple of points that I think are very important to make.

First of all, going to the legality, I guess I have, as a lawyer, address that issue, and I cite you specifically to Section 1(c) of USC Section 16:

"Each area within the National Park System shall be administered in accordance with the provisions of any statute made specifically

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applicable to that area."

Early on, you mentioned that, I believe, Chairman, that there is no reference, with respect to the legislative history, that could be found with respect to this is an urban park. Did I mishear you?

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Yes. What I said was that we found nothing in the record that refer to pets or dogs. I did say that, properly, an urban park is a city or a county park. This is a national park, which happens to, in some places, abut an urban area.

MR. FERGUS: Well, I cite you to -- it is the 92nd Congressional Second Session, 1972. It is the House Report that was adopted when the legislation was passed, and it says:

> "Section 1. The purposes for creation of a recreation area and established the Golden Gate National Urban Recreation Area."

That's at page 4859.

[Applause.]

On page 4857:

> "As a national urban recreation area, this new component of the National Park System will be confronted with problems which do not frequently occur at other national park and recreation areas."

This is the enabling, this is the report from the House. It goes on to say, on page 4852:

"It is expected that the predominant use of the recreation opportunities offered by the Golden Gate National Urban Recreation Area will be the people residing in the nine county San Francisco Bay Region."

There is a quote on the bottom of page 4852 discussing the uses of this area:

"On a nice day, it will satisfy the interest of those who choose to fly kites, sunbathe, work their dogs, or just idly watch the action on the Bay."

Finally, it says on page 4851:

"It is an ideal location for a national urban recreation area for many reasons, but foremost among them must be that the Golden Gate National Urban Recreation Area is located in the heart of one of the nation's major urban complexes."

So there is ample legislative history in support for the fact that this is unique, and it's enabling statute for this particular park supersedes the regulations 2.15. And I beg to differ with the opinion that you received from the Solicitor. I think there is a

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very strong legal question that this policy is legal as issued right now. That there cannot be a regulation that was issued under the Code of Federal Regulations that is inconsistent with the enabling statute. And obviously, looking at legislative history, as to what was the intent of the legislature at the time they passed it, is very critical in understanding what is the enabling statute.

Finally, I would say there are many of us who believe that there are alternatives, seasonal use, perhaps time of use. And there are a lot of people here who are willing to work.

I realize my time is up. I think you, but I believe that -- I urge you to question the premise that there is, in fact, no question that this is an illegal policy. I believe it is legal. I believe that, at a minimum, there is enough doubt that you should take that under very close consideration.

Thank you for your time.

[Applause.]

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: What's your name?

MR. GWERDER: Louis Gwerder. Do you want to talk to that man some more?

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: No.

STATEMENT OF

LOUIS GWERDER, III

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MR. GWERDER: My name is Louis Gwerder, III. I've lived in San Francisco for 46 years. I grew up on the Great Highway, across the street from Ocean Beach. I love animals. I feel that animals with the first dibs to the seashore are the ones who live there and feed there.

Four years ago, I personally was walking on Ocean Beach when I saw a sea lion pup attacked by an unleashed dog.

Thank you.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Next is Brian, I think it's Irwin or Irvin, and then Cindy Del Corto, and Sheila Mahoney.

STATEMENT OF

BRIAN IRIAN, ESQ.

MR. IRIAN: It's Irian, Mr. Commissioner.

I'd like to take just a couple of moments. Everybody seems pretty tired, and I'd to admit that I also am a lawyer, but I'm not from San Francisco. About three times a week, my wife and I make the trek from Redwood City because there is no where in San Mateo County where we can go with our dogs off leash.

[Applause.]

We used to own three Vizslas. We know own two. But except for the lady with the Wolfhound, they can run with the fastest of them. And I've never seen them run up

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the cliff and bother a swallow.

I'd like to start out with something that I think is somewhat self-evident. You said at the beginning that your counsel has advised you that you must do something about this because it's an illegal policy. As my brothers and sisters in the law have so eloquently stated tonight in different words, a town that's too small for one lawyer does just fine with many. And there are many here. I'm not trying to do that as a matter of posturing, but I'd like to get beyond where we've all been.

You're not helpless. You're an advisory committee. You're not being paid. These aren't your jobs. They can't fire you if you just decide to do nothing. And I can tell you, going up Highway 280, rarely do I go 55, and I'm not stopped. But I do have just a couple of quick points, because I'm, you know, I'm tired of this.

You know, I've been doing this for 16 years. Other attorneys have been doing this for just as along. It really comes down to this: You can do nothing and nobody is really going to say anything about it. Or you can do something, polarize the situation. In the law, there is something called a temporary injunction. The nature of it is to preserve the status quo. For each of

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the Supervisors that came up here, you questioned them. You asked them: Are you willing to meet us halfway? I'm asking that question in return. Because, if you're willing to meet us halfway and do nothing just for tonight, you have the entire City and County of San Francisco, you have representatives from the state, you have the innumerable people here, who are willing to meet you halfway and say, if you won't do anything tonight, we can move on to item No. 3 and most of us can go home.

Is there anybody here who wants something done tonight?

[Audience responds in the negative.]

Anybody outside, anybody in the other rooms? Because if anybody wants this taken out tonight --

Okay. I've just taken a little empirical evidence. Please, ladies and gentlemen, let's just shake hands on it. Let's do nothing fof tonight and work on it. Nobody is going to arrest you; nobody is going to fire you.

Thank you.

[Applause.]

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Thank you.

Cindy Del Corto, then Sheila Mahoney, and somebody named Barbara.

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STATEMENT OF

SHEILA MAHONEY

MS. MAHONEY: My name is Sheila Mahoney, and I'm a homeowner and a long-term resident of San Francisco, an animal physical therapy volunteer at the SPCA, a member of Fort Funston Dog Walkers and SF Dog.

Normally, I'm a very rational person, but I came here really angry today. I addressed the Commission in November, or whenever it was, on the Fort Funston Closure, and I read the transcript of your last meeting. You didn't listen to us. You totally ignored the enabling legislation issue and the legislative background. You didn't even try to counter the arguments refuting the four justifications given for the enclosures. You just made it an anti-dog thing. You told us that it was a done deal. So I am a bit surprised today by some pockets of openness that I see. I hope it's real.

I know that you just want this all to go away. The public outcry and the turnout tonight should convince you that rescinding the dog policy will not make it go away. The easiest and best way to keep the promises made over the years, and to resolve this once and for all, is to recommend that the GGNRA formalize that pet policy as a special rule under those famous regulations. Just add it

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to the rules that permit dogs to run off leash while hunting in 45 other national parks and recreational areas. Show us tonight your good faith by not rescinding the policy and let's work together getting that special exemption. Everybody here will write a letter to whatever federal officials we're supposed to write.

Thank you.

[Applause.]

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Did Cindy Del Corto show up? Barbara, Pamela Baldwin, Laurissa Jensen.

STATEMENT OF

CINDY DEL CORTO

MS. DEL CORTO: I'm Cindy Del Corto.

I guess most everybody here represents San Francisco; I'm here to represent San Mateo County. Not only are you affecting the city of San Francisco, but this decision is going to affect San Mateo County. And for those Commissioners that represent San Mateo County, I hope that you have spoken to the officials down there and let them know, you know, this is coming down their way, too.

I also came here to listen to the voices of reason and hoped that they would prevail, and I hope that you are listening to people in this hearing. As our appointed representatives, you should table this, take it

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to the U. S. Attorneys, and say: Look! We've got a problem. We need to collaborate with the cities and the counties to get this issue resolved. Rescinding this pet policy tonight is going to have a drastic effect on hundreds of thousands of people in this area. I truly hope that you take this to heart, not lose the vision that you had in 1979 when you enacted this pet policy -- although it's illegal -- and remember those times when you brought this in under the enabling act of the GGNRA, that it was done in that period. Tonight, maybe you can regain that spirit and bring this to the powers that be so that we can all collaborate to keep our dogs to enjoy the off-leash lands of the GGNRA.

Thank you.

[Applause.]

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Barbara or Pamela Baldwin.

STATEMENT OF

PAMELA BALDWIN

MS. BALDWIN: Good evening, ladies and gentlemen. I'm Pamela Baldwin, and I've been asked to read a letter. But before I do that, I'd like to share just 30 seconds of who I am.

I'm a wildlife artist and I specialize in painting endangered species, and give a portion of everything I make to those people and groups that are

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trying to help those species. And in order to start my day properly, I take my two 21-month-old Labrador Retrievers out to that thing called water and let them swim. And one is ball-centric, so all she does is go back and forth with a tennis ball. But I'm willing to make a deal with you, if we can add a little levity to this, Superintendent? If you keep your raccoons and skunks that come into my yard on leash, I'll keep my dogs on leash.

[Laughter.]

This is a letter that is signed by William Herndon, of the San Francisco Police Department:

"Commissioners,

"I am the hearing officer for the City and County of San Francisco on all matters of vicious and dangerous dogs that are addressed under the Health Code. The Health Code addresses not only biting dogs, but also menacing behavior. I have held this position for about 7 years and have heard hundreds of cases. We've received national and worldwide attention from television, radio and the printed media.

"Dog Court, as the media likes to call it, has addressed many problems that have been ignored by other communities. I was also involved as a

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member of the City and County of San Francisco's Off-leash Dog Task Force.

"The City and County of San Francisco has experienced a huge reduction of all biting incidents [which we would love to have your spokesmen reflect when they're talking on television about how many people are being bitten]. Last year, I believe, we were down over 30 percent and are on track for a larger reduction this year. These reductions, I believe, are a result of the combined effort of the dog community working with the city officials to promote responsible dog ownership.

"Off-leash dog areas are a key ingredient to proper animal management. Dogs need to run, play, jump and exercise. These needs cannot be properly met at the end of a leash. It is imperative that off-leash dogs areas be made available to the public. Without them, we will see a rise in bites and numerous other problems that result from dogs not being properly socialized.

"It is a very important thing to remember that to every dog is attached a person, and that person is the one who needs to be responsible

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for that dog. Off-leash dog walking areas need to be increased, not eliminated.

"I am available to any member of the Commission or member of the public if I can be of any assistance with this issue, or any dog-related issue.

"Sergeant William M. Herndon

"Hearing Officer, Park Station

"San Francisco Police Department"

[Applause.]

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: I'm going to call two more names, and, after that, I'm going to ask what your pleasure is for the rest of the evening. Laurissa Jensen and Claire -- might also be Jensen, something like that.

What I propose is this: That the Commission take no action having to do with the policy tonight, but that we all recognize it for what it is. It was a recommendation, which didn't have the force of law. It's been brought to our attention that it's illegal and unenforceable, but I propose that we do nothing, at least until after the following steps are taken:

Dr. Wayburn has recommended that we refer this matter to the National Park's Advisory Board in order to raise it to a national level, because we're well-informed, but we're not the only park that has the same concerns

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going on.

Secondly, that we ask the staff to continue to meet with the other land-owning agencies, as they have been for the last couple of months, to find out if they can't loosen up their restrictions the way we have so that there is more area because there are more dogs.

Third, that we make the application that's been referred to several times tonight -- excuse me -- not that we make it, but that we discuss with you how it's made, when it's made, if it's made, which comes under 36 CFR 1.2(c).

And, finally, that the Superintendent be asked by this Commission to meet with the interested parties, including the elected officials and the congressional offices who are also aware of this, and to do so within the next 120 days.

Now this is a little bit unusual because, when we have a public hearing, we like to hear from the public that came and signed up to speak. But we're only on page 10, and we literally have dozens of pages left to go. And if this is something that the Commission would be interested in and that you would be interested in, then I will ask this: Is there anyone that wants to speak like in opposition to this, or some such thing?

[Unidentified voice spoke from the audience, but

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not recorded.]

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Yes. My proposal is this: That the Commission take no action tonight having to do with the policy.

Secondly, that we -- actually, first, that we refer this matter to the National Park's Advisory Board, as Dr. Wayburn has suggested.

Secondly, that we ask the Park Service staff to continue to meet with the other land-owning agencies, such as the city, San Mateo County, State Parks, to see if they won't loosen up their regulations to help relieve some of the areas that are under our jurisdiction.

Third, that we discuss with the interested groups the possibility of submitting an application under 36 CFR 1.2(c), which is that which has been spoken to tonight, which would permit one park to do things differently than other parks do, based on local circumstances.

Fourth, that we ask the Superintendent to meet with the groups that have volunteered to meet, and with others who have a stake in this, including the elected officials and the congressional offices, and to do so within 120 days.

[Applause.]

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Now please understand that

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that's a proposal from one individual, and I don't have the consent of the rest of the Commission Members to do that. But I'd like to make this meeting productive, rather than divisive.

[Applause.]

COMMISSIONER BOOTH: Commissioner Bartke, I'd like to support you before I have to leave. I think that's an excellent proposal. We have heard you, I have. And I just want to say that we really are supposed to be here to hear the citizens, and I'm really sad to see that it's seems that a lot of people feel that it's us against you, and you against us, but I've been listening to you.

I support that, Rich. I think that's an excellent step.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Is that a motion?

COMMISSIONER BOOTH: That's a motion.

COMMISSIONER WAYBURN: Seconded.

[Applause.]

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Moved by Anna-Marie Booth, seconded by Dr. Edgar Wayburn. Before the Commission takes a vote, though, are there people who want to speak about this proposal. I saw this gentleman in the front, first.

Do you want to come up to the microphone and tell us who you are?

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MR. BUTEN: I appreciate it, and I commend you on what you just said. You referred to some interest groups. Could you be more specific about who those interest groups are? Because we want to make sure that they deal with basically the people involved, and whether the people involved have access to you and can express their opinions?

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: I was thinking that certainly the groups who have been identified tonight would all be included. But what I'm concerned about is that there appears to me to be a number of people who use our lands, with their dogs, who don't belong to a group and we've got to find a way to talk to them, too. And I'm not sure how that would do, but the staff, I think, could work on that.

[Applause.]

STATEMENT OF

LYNNE NEWHOUSE SEGAL, J. D.

COMMISSIONER

RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION, SAN FRANCISCO

MS. SEGAL: And there is one group that you didn't mention, and I'm very pleased with your decision for tonight. I'm Lynne Newhouse Segal. I'm a San Francisco Recreation and Park Commissioner. Commissioner Meyer formerly served in my position.

This is a great decision. I'm a little upset

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that, when you said that you wanted to talk to all the groups and anybody who felt that they were not represented in your comments should come forward. That's when I decided to come forward.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Okay.

MS. SEGAL: Because we are -- I want all of you here to know that the San Francisco Recreation and Park Commission has been here since before 7 o'clock. I'm not speaking for the Commission because we could not take a vote on this. We can only vote on things that are noticed. We have very specific rules. But the Department knows that I'm here.

I'm the chair of the Parks and Planning Committee of the Commission where all the decisions on parks go first. I want to tell you all, and remind you all, as I'm sure that Commissioner Meyer knows, and as I told Commissioner Alexander and Anna-Marie Booth, that, for all of the dogs that are not allowed to run off leash in the GGNRA, that will come at the expense of soccer fields and playgrounds in our parks in San Francisco.

And please help us out. We know it's a problem. We know there are more dogs now than there were 29 [sic] years ago when you made this other policy. Please help us out. Be good neighbors and thank you very much. I appreciate your decision tonight.

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CHAIRMAN BARTKE: We gotcha.

[Applause.]

MR. SINDELL: Commissioners, I'm the father of two and we're owned by a Boxer. Any Boxer owners?

What you say, it sounds great and it probably is great; but I think it's real important to the public -- maybe I'm slower than everyone -- really understands what we're agreeing to by acclimation before we go home tonight.

Point 2 of the proposal was to refer this to the National -- what was the organization?

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: That was actually point 1, that we refer this matter to the National Park's Advisory Board, which is a Commission similar to this on the local level, except it's national, and because we know that there are other national parks that are dealing with the same problem.

MR. SINDELL: My only question is, then: Would that be giving it to their authority, or would you still retain authority?

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: No. Well, we don't have much authority, but it doesn't give anything to their authority. It's raising their concern that this is a problem here, and it's probably a concern elsewhere and it ought to be dealt with on a national level.

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MR. SINDELL: So that would not take it out of local hands?

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: It would not. I would not expect an answer back from them within the 120 days that we expect a local answer.

MR. SINDELL: Then a hardy congratulations. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Mr. Bonny.

STATEMENT OF

CHARLES BONNY

MR. BONNY: I'm Charles Bonny. I live here in San Francisco. I want to say that I believe I've heard an awful lot of nonsense this evening. I'd like to point out that we are never going to have a world in which there are only humans and dogs. We've got a lot of critters that have to be considered besides dogs, and I very much dislike this having people come here, pushing dogs, as though dogs were the only thing that had any kind of importance.

I want to point out to you people that you have a compromise already. It's not a band of dogs, it's dogs on leashes, to protect the creatures that live in the national recreation area.

Thank you.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Thank you.

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Speaking on the proposal --

[Loud remarks from the audience.]

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: You know, there is an adage that, if you cannot be polite to others, it reflects a weakness in your position. And please don't get into that trap.

Are you up here to address the policy which I have just suggested?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I just want to take one moment of time. I've been on Crissy Airfield for 21 years, from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., and I've never seen a dog attack anything. Fort Funston, the same way. I've been involved with dogs for 55 years.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Is that speaking about the proposal we have in front of us.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Look! We're the stupid ones on the earth. The animal kingdom obeys the natural laws, and it works. Sorry, I think we're barking up the wrong tree.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: You don't think we should do this policy, then?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I think we're misusing time. Time is for life and dogs and people and animals, and everything that's alive, belongs in fresh air and sunshine. People look forward to it. We'd have a

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healthier population, a happier, well-adjusted taxpayer base, economic base.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Okay. I got it.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: A dog has never attacked anything. They're out there and they're happy and they're exercised. I use to lead Sierra Club Dog Hikes on Ocean Beach. We'd have 20 owners, 20 dogs. They all palled.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Yes, ma'am. Next speaker.

STATEMENT OF

JAMIE HOFF

MS. HOFF: I have something to say about that. I ride a horse, I have a dog. I ride a horse in the Fort Funston area, on the beach. I've been attacked by dogs several times. Fortunately, for me, the dogs haven't bit the horse. Fortunately, for me, our horse isn't afraid of dogs, yet. I've had other riders who have actually had dog attacks on their horse and have been severely bitten. I've seen a horse who has been attacked by a dog and its muzzle was ripped open and had to get several stitches. I've seen and, you know, it wasn't myself. And another rider, we've been attacked by dogs. And a friend of mine was attacked by five dogs, all off leash.

I'm not against off-leash as long as the dogs are under control. I want to make it clear that I like dogs. I like to bring my own dog riding, but it's under

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control. If it's not under control, then, if you see horses coming, would you please put it on a leash. Don't trust the dog to go and behave itself because it's too many times I've had dog owners yelling to no avail at their dogs to come back, and they don't.

So I have no other recourse but to buy a bull whip to snap at the dogs. Not to hurt the dogs, but to scare them.

My friend, who has had five dogs attack her, they had the owner yell at her and say it was her fault. She was just walking on the beach, the dogs came at her. Her horse is under control, the dogs are not. And he tried to grab her horse by the halter. I don't know what he was trying to do, but I've had several instances where dogs have come after me. In some cases, the owners try to get the dogs back; and, in some cases, they don't.

And the biggest problem, I feel, are the dog walking services, who have an excess of 10-plus dogs. It's way too many dogs for one person to handle. Sometimes, they are good about controlling them; sometimes, they are not. Sometimes, they let the dogs come at the horses. In one incident, I was trying to stay in the surf, the dog kept, you know, or the owner, or the dog walker service guy, did not do anything to retrieve the dog.

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CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Why don't we suggest that the equestrian community have its input into this process during the next 120 days.

[Applause.]

MS. HOFF: I wrote a letter and I have asked others to write a letter, too. But, you know --

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Anybody who wishes to speak to the Commission -- oh, your name, please.

MS. HOFF: Jamie Hoff, H-o-f-f.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Gotcha. About the proposal --

MS. VITTORI: Two refinements. Just two refinements. I want to find out two things.

No. 1, this is a recommendation to Brian O'Neill. How is Brian O'Neill going to respond to it?

And the second thing is, is this going to go out to Park Service employees?

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Pardon me?

MS. VITTORI: Is this going to go out to Park Service employees so that, in the field, it's understood that dogs can be walked freely and responsibly?

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Well, you know, that's the problem that brought us here tonight.

MS. VITTORI: No. I'm asking about park staff.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: I know. But whereas the Commission doesn't have to obey the rules, the park staff

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does. We will ask that the -- maybe this is implicit in the suggestion I made, not to be explicit, is that we ask that the staff not take any precipitous action to do anything until it's done these things within the next 120 days.

MS. VITTORI: So you're going to ask the staff to hold off to do anything --

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Hold off signs, citations, and so forth, until they come back with a plan.

MS. VITTORI: Thank you very much.

[Applause.]

STATEMENT OF

ANDRE ARMAND

MR. ARMAND: Ladies and Gentlemen and Superintendent O'Neill, I've stayed long to express an idea because I don't -- I have not heard anything about it mentioned here. And it is in the area of remedies.

We are all here tonight fighting for our privilege to walk our dogs off a leash because of the irresponsible attitudes of a very small percentage of dog owners. You have stated in your, in the review of the agreements here, that dogs were allowed under control, off leashes, and I stress the term, "under control." Yet nowhere have I seen any kind of an effort by the Trust or the Commission to educate the public on what control is.

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Nor have I seen any kind of rules and regulations in place which would help be a leadership statement on what is allowable and what is not.

To my understanding, Seattle had a very bad dog dropping problem, and they classified a dog's dropping as litter. And those in control of the dogs who did not pick up that litter were cited for littering. Now that littering bill is a thousand dollars. I want to tell you, if you had that kind of a rule here, all of a sudden there wouldn't be any dog poop anywhere.

[Applause.]

And I would strongly suggest that you do something besides waiting for 120 days for some more to come out. The reason we're here now is because no action had been taken all these years to either help these people create peer pressure that would bring those owners into line, or you people instituting some fines for them digging holes in environmentally sensitive areas, or fining them for not picking up their dog litter. If you had done that 20 years ago, we wouldn't be here tonight.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Thank you. May we have your name, please.

MR. ARMAND: My name is Andre Armand.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Thank you. Each of the speakers needs to tell us who you are so we have a record

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of it.

STATEMENT OF

CAROL ARNOLD

MS. ARNOLD: I'll be very brief. My name is Carol Arnold. I work as an environmental professional. I have a Masters Degree in Environmental Studies. I've worked in the conservation field for many, many years.

I want to emphasize -- well, first, let me tell you I have many passions in my life; but two of the most important to me are probably first and foremost the environment, and the second is my dog. And I want -- I'm probably the person who agrees the most with Mr. Arthur Feinstein in this room on many, many issues. Some of you, I even know professionally.

However, I see very strongly, as Mr. Bonny said -- I think it was Mr. Bonny -- we all live in an urban area. There's a lot more here than just dogs, and that's very true. However, because we do live in an urban area, we can't just run -- and dogs are as important to us as our right arms, and you have to believe that. Just take that on face if you're not a dog owner. It is heartfelt. You just can't run your dog around a living room, which is about all we have available to us. Most of us don't have backyards. We have to go to urban parks and we see, or I see, as a strong environmentalist, an urban park. I know

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you don't like to call it that, but I believe strongly that that's what it is. That's Fort Funston and Crissy Field. We have to be able to go there to exercise our dogs.

The environmental issues can be dealt with. We can make compromises. We can protect the threatened snowy plover and the endangered -- I mean, the endangered snowy plover -- no, threatened snowy plover and the endangered bank swallow without tearing each other apart. We can do it, and I strongly believe in doing it.

So I just wanted to correct -- and if you could pass that on to the National Park Advisory Commission that there are some very strong environmentalists amongst dog owners, who believe very strongly. I think most of the people here would probably consider themselves environmentalists.

Thank you.

[Applause.]

STATEMENT OF

NORMAN BUTEN

MR. BUTEN: Hi! My name is Norman Buten.

I just want to reiterate, to a certain extent, what this lady just said; and that is: As dog owners, we do have a very responsible attitude in terms of dog litter. In fact, when we see a dog coming and the owner

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didn't pick up it's litter, we almost ostracize that person, or reprimand him to pick up their doggie do. And I think most people agree over here, even among the dog owners. I'm prepared to be open to a heavy fine for people who don't pick up their dog litter.

The bottom line to all off us this is: We're a responsible bunch of people. We're prepared to behave as responsible members of the community to promote a harmonious community. And that is picking up the dog litter and doing whatever it takes to live well with other people within our community, including environmentalists, for the birds, et cetera.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Thank you.

VOICE: Are all these people just going to speak or are we back to the list?

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: That's what I'm wondering. Are we back into the public hearing, or are we speaking on the proposal?

[Many voices speaking simultaneously.]

STATEMENT OF

JOHN KEATING, ESQ.

MR. KEATING: I just have a short comment as to the proposal, which I think will give the Commission a higher comfort level in voting for it, and then a suggestion on how to do this.

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CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Who are you?

MR. KEATING: John Keating. I'm the attorney currently on the other side of the litigation in the Park Service and Fort Funston Dog Walkers matter.

You have been told that you had to rescind the policy tonight to get an advantage in the dog litigation. What I'm going to tell you is that it won't do you a damn bit of good if you do -- it won't do you a damn bit of good if you rescind the policy. It won't have an effect in the litigation. Your attorneys have tried this a number of times in the litigation, and it's been rejected. It is a very simple reason why you don't need to do it to achieve an end in the litigation. And the reason is: At Fort Funston, you're closing off all access to the park area. You're not just closing off off-leash dog use. Therefore, the litigation is not going to be dismissed just if you limit off-leash dog walking because we're going to want to walk our dogs there with leashes, and other people, the kids, are going to want to down the sand dunes.

So I hope you understand the tortuous intellectual process we've been in here, where you're thinking that you have to do something to achieve an end, when it's not going to give you that end.

The second point --

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CHAIRMAN BARTKE: You understand, of course, that the Commission is not a party to the lawsuit. We've been to none of the hearings, nor do we intend to.

MR. KEATING: I understand that. And I'm not trying to give you advice. I'm just trying to tell you that maybe it won't have the intended effect anyway. So --

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: But I'm trying to tell you it's not an intended --

MR. KEATING: Right.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: It would not be a goal of ours.

MR. KEATING: Mr. Alexander indicated that you had been informed that possibly would be a benefit for rescinding the policy. I'm not suggesting that that's why you're doing it. I'm just saying that, if in the back of your minds that was a benefit, you don't need the benefit.

Secondly, all of that can be put on hold so you don't need to deal with the Fort Funston matter. So we can sit down and work out a solution, a temporary solution, until that process of meeting and getting a cohesive policy is set up. We've repeatedly requested to sit down. So, the point is that we're willing to talk with you. You don't need to do it.

Now here's a suggestion: You might want to

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consider keeping the process local at the first stage before you bump it up to the National Advisory Board.

Thank you.

[Applause.]

STATEMENT OF

CHRISTINE L. GARCIA, ESQ.

REPRESENTING IN DEFENSE OF ANIMALS

MS. GARCIA: Really quick. My name is Christine L. Garcia, and I'm representing In Defense of Animals. My only request is that you add In Defense of Animals as an interested committee, or interested party, in that committee that you're referring to.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Good. Got it.

MS. GARCIA: I also wrote down all my information, and I'm offering my legal, professional services, just as everybody else is, to faciliatate the amending of 36 CFR 2.15 and 36 CFR 1.2. So please call me if you need any legal anything.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Thank you.

[Applause.]

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Okay. We're now ready for a vote. Discussion from Commission Members on the motion that's in front of the Commission.

COMMISSIONER MEYER: Mr. Chairman, I think that you've brought forth a number of different things, which

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require different treatment. The first one that you brought forth, and I'd like to see it separated from the others, is the one concerning the recommendation to the National Park's Advisory Board, because it's one area of thinking.

Another one has to do with reaching out to, as soon as possible, to have discussion with many groups which would start the process going of trying to come, to figure out how, what we can do to improve the situation here with regard to the groups that are involved, and, ultimately, with other groups in the region. I think this needs a lot of work at a committee level. I don't want to slow the process, but I think that you need to prepare a directive for committees to get some suggestions. We have, for example, coming up this week, the Presidio Committee. We also have, next week, the San Francisco Committee. And this would, you know, help within the Commission.

Another thing that you said, you made a complete round trip from where we were at the beginning of this meeting. And I think it's important to state what we stated, and you've tried to state at the beginning of the meeting but there was so much noise in here, that what we have is a statement made by the U. S. Attorney concerning a policy which we had -- it's not a policy; that's too

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strong a word -- a recommendation which we had made, which was acted on for a period of time by the National Park Service, to have dogs be allowed to go off leash in certain areas. And I think in not voting on that, we need to discuss that separate matter. That, if we don't vote on it, it's because the U. S. Attorney has essentially rendered what we did 22 years ago moot, because we have to follow his advice.

That's at least three separate sections. Did I miss something?

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Can you meet with other public agencies.

COMMISSIONER MEYER: And, then, the fourth one would be other public agencies. One would be with groups and interested parties, and to pick up the full range of interested parties. The last would be to work with other agencies. I simply think you have to break those into four separate matters.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Trent.

COMMISSIONER ORR: Well, first, I just have a question. Are we done with the public hearing? Where are we as a matter of process? Because I don't know whether what I want to say is what I want to say now or --

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Well, I made a proposal and it was -- it's been moved and seconded.

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COMMISSIONER ORR: Yes.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: If the people want to continue with the public hearing, we may do that. I have literally, probably, three or four hundred names of people who have signed up.

COMMISSIONER ORR: Right.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: And we can go through that. I've made a proposal which is now in the form of a motion made and seconded. So I would deem that, if the motion is adopted, this issue on our agenda is put to bed for now.

COMMISSIONER ORR: Well, then, let me speak to the motion. I share a concern that Commissioner Meyer just raised, which is: I'm personally uncomfortable with the elevating the issue to the National Advisory Board at this point because it sounds to me like the other three things you're suggesting -- that is the meeting with the other land-owning agencies in this area, the meeting with interested organizations to deal with what would be a reasonable application for an exceptional rule here in the park; and then the third, which is the Superintendent meeting with interested groups and elected officials, and so forth, in the next 120 days -- I mean, that seems to me to address this. I haven't heard tonight, and I haven't heard from the Park Service, that this is an issue in other parks. And I'm not prepared to send this up to a

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higher level when it sounds to me like the rest of your proposal would deal with it locally.

So I suppose one thing I would say is I would prefer that to be broken off as a separate motion, or voted on separately. Because, otherwise, I'm uncomfortable with voting for the whole thing.

[Applause.]

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: I think it's on the question of parlimentary procedure that, on the request of a member, the chair is permitted to split them into separate votes. And, so, at your request, I'll do that.

COMMISSIONER ORR: Thank you.

[Applause.]

COMMISSIONER ORR: Then, if I could just briefly address the second three. I think I've already said I'm not prepared to send this up to the national level because I just don't think we have the information, or that that's a necessary step at this point.

I want to stress a couple of things here about what I've heard; and one is: You know, the people who are interested in off-leash dog walking, obviously, you feel very strongly about this. We've heard that loud and clear. I have to say that, in this process, we're going to have to involve -- we heard from the woman from the equestrian community; we've heard from Arthur Feinstein.

We've gotten a lot of letters from people. I've actually heard -- I'm involved in the environmental area, and I've heard from various people that knowing the crowd that was going to be here -- and given some of the behavior here tonight, I can understand this -- people did not want to come and speak. I mean, people said to me: Why should I come there when I'm going to be booed and hissed and treated rudely?

In this process, which I'm going to support, you have to understand that there needs to be representatives from the environmental organizations, from interested parents groups, from senior centers, from whoever it is, because this is a national park that belongs to everybody, whether you say it's an urban park or a national -- however you define it, this park belongs to the American people. It's used by people from across the country and throughout the world.

So I just want to make clear my feeling that, you know, this has got to be addressed in -- you know, don't expect this to be a series of closed meetings in the same way that we've been accused of having sort of secret meeting between just the canine community and the Park Service, or members of this Commission. It's really going to have to be all inclusive, and that may take some time.

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Supervisor Peskin used the word "balance," and that's exactly what we're going to have to do here. And I plea to everyone here to come in and -- you know, the thing that I don't like to hear people belittling endangered species, and belittling plants, protecting endangered plant communities as hobby gardening, and that sort of thing. I mean, I think you do yourself a disservice in making those sorts of arguments.

So, again, as we go into this process, I would plead with people to realize that there are a whole complex set of issues here that have to be fit together, and we may not end up with off-leash walking everywhere that everyone would like it to be. Just as we probably won't end up with restored habitat everywhere some people would like it to be. But, again, that's the process I envision. The only reason I'll be voting for this is because I expect that to be the process we go through, and I guess I'll get off my soapbox at that point.

[Applause.]

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Thank you.

Betsey.

COMMISSIONER CUTLER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I congratulate you for your thoughtfulness in putting forth this suggestion, and I fully support it, as well as Commissioner Orr's, and Commissioner Booth's and

Commissioner Meyer's comments.

The hallmark of our democracy is participation, and we've had a lot of that tonight. I, for one, appreciate it. Despite some of the comments to the contrary, I fully appreciate all of your comments -- not the rudeness, I might add.

I would like to emphasize my own concern that the process, this 120-day process, or perhaps longer if it needs to be, be fully inclusive, as Commissioner Orr was starting to suggest, not only with the canine community, but the equestrians, the people walkers, whatever you call walkers, pedestrians, and every other stakeholder. Because this will only work if all of the stakeholders are at the table, and if all of the representatives of the stakeholder groups come to the table fully prepared to compromise. Because this will be a system where not everyone gets, not anyone gets, everything that they want.

With that in mind, I fully support your recommendation.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Thank you.

Dr. Wayburn.

COMMISSIONER WAYBURN: I would be perfectly happy to see this divided. I disagree with Commissioner Orr as to putting it up to the National Park's Advisory Board to the Secretary as putting it upstairs. I think

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that this occurs in other parks, particularly in other urban parks, as well as in San Francisco. I don't believe we're unique. I think that it's worthwhile passing this onto the Advisory Commission to the secretary. This was done on another matter, on wildlife in the national parks, and a special commission, chaired by the late Starker Leopold, made recommendations for a policy which has been followed ever since.

But, on the local level, I had quite a bit to do with establishing the Golden Gate National Recreation Area. It was I who went to Congressman Phillip Burton with the proposal. And the policy that Commissioner Meyer and I made locally was: Doesn't San Francisco deserve a recreation area? And the resounding answer that we got at that time was: Yes. And this is what Congressman Burton acted on. He further said that he would like to have a national park where the people could go by public transportation to their national park.

I confess to be a dog owner and a dog walker myself. And I have had Vizlas for the past 35 years. The Vizla loves to run. She always comes back. This was a policy that we negotiated with the Park Service originally, and I personally think it's valid at this time.

I support what you said about having the Park

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Service negotiate with other interested parties. I'm pefectly happy with dividing this into two parts: local and national. I think the Commissioners should all be reminded that what you have suggested is not permanent, but interim policy, to have effect only for the next 120 days, during which time all of the interested parties can make their suggestions.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Thank you, Doctor.

[Applause.]

Lennie Roberts.

COMMISSIONER ROBERTS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

I wanted to just speak to the first item, which was to refer this to the National Park's Advisory Board. I think it would be premature to do that at this time. There may be an appropriate time later, after we have wrestled with these issues, with all the stakeholders, as Commissioner Cutler suggested. And I certainly support the idea of having all the stakeholders that we can possibly involve be involved. Because we have, as a national park, we have a responsibility to all the users and to accommodate the public use and enjoyment of the parks. Where there may be uses that conflict with the general public enjoyment, we have to look at that. And I think we need to have representatives who have a broad perspective.

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We also have, of course, the responsibility to protect park resources. And, in reference to that, I just wanted to point out that I spoke with Terri Thomas today, who has been, up until recently, in charge of the park's resources. We have in GGNRA 69 rare, threatened, or special-status species of wildlife. Sixty-nine species that are listed either as endangered, threatened or special status. We have 38 rare, endangered, threatened, or special-status plants. So this is 107 species, which is far greater than Yosemite has. And this is not Yosemite in terms of granite cliffs, but this is an extremely special place because we have so many habitats that are very precious habitats.

So that is just one of my biases as an environmentalist. We do need to be concerned about that, as well as the use and enjoyment of the park by the people not only of our local area, but also the broader area.

So I will support the suggestions that we have made, but I think we should hold off on the National Park's Advisory Board, the referral.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Michael Alexander.

COMMISSIONER ALEXANDER: I agree with Commissioner Roberts about that. I'm very pleased to hear Dr. Wayburn say that he is comfortable with separating that issue, the issue of bumping this up to the National

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Park's Advisory Board.

I'm going to ask that we table that at this time. The reason is: I think we need a lot more information. I think we need to go through at least the committee process. I think we need to hear more about exactly what that Board has done in the past on issues that are complex and controversial, and get a better understanding of that. I'd be very happy to bring it back if it appears that that is an appropriate way to go. But I don't think that there is any critical timing -- and please tell me if there is -- to get it underway this month. We can always bring it back next month.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: I know of no critical timing on that. We have -- what I plan to do is to take up the other issues first, and then take up Dr. Wayburn's suggestion secondly. So, if you --

COMMISSIONER ALEXANDER: I will hold my table, then, out of consideration for your process.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER ALEXANDER: And I want to say that I am in support of the other recommendations.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Jack Spring.

COMMISSIONER SPRING: I think that what you're suggesting now is the proper thing to do, and take those issues separately.

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CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Okay. Doug Nadeau.

COMMISSIONER NADEAU: I agree about the National Park's Advisory Board. Over the years, when we've talked about doing something about our dog policy and making it legal, every time we've talked about it, we talk about what a can of worms this is nationally. And I'm afraid that, if we took it at this point to the National Park's Advisory Board, it would, it would be very difficult.

I keep thinking about the Point Reyes Wilderness Proposal that we crafted many years ago, when we, locally, came up with some recommendations that were totally counter to National Park Service policy, and we persisted and said this makes sense in this urban area, and we changed national policy. It was actually -- we changed the law. And I think we can do that here, and I think we should try to do that.

[Applause.]

I guess this is surprise, surprise! Because I was ready to vote at the last meeting to rescind the policy, but that was mainly to sort of clear the decks. I do, I do believe that we can accommodate off-leash dog walking in our park.

[Applause.]

I just want to make one more point. I really want to thank Trent Orr and Lennie Roberts for what they

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said. You guys need to listen very closely to those things. This is not just some trashy urban park. It's an important place, and those are all important point.

The final point that I would like to make is that I'm a little bit worried because this could be a can of worms from a national standpoint. That rather than spending a lot of time workshopping this with multiple oganizations -- I mean, this could take months -- and then coming up with a policy, and then going to Brian, who has to run this up the flagpole, through the Regional Office and Washington, I'd like to suggest that, before we do that, Brian meet with representatives from our Regional Office and the Washington Office, maybe with some Advisory Commissioners present, and maybe even with some members of the Board of Supervisors present, to talk about, without getting specific about what the policy is, what are the chances of this getting through. I would like some assurances. In fact, I wish John Reynolds was here tonight -- he's our Regional Director -- or someone from Washington, because this does have national implications. But I'd like to get a reaction from those folks before we spend a lot of time working with these good folks in the audience, and others, and crafting something in detail.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: I think that's a good suggestion, but I do not want to delay the process. I

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would like to do it concurrently, if we can do that.

COMMISSIONER NADEAU: That's my point.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Okay. Fred Rodriguez.

COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: In your questioning of the various Supervisors, and other representatives, I think what you were looking at is saying that this is a problem that is just, is beyond just this group here. We're dealing with what's going on within the GGNRA, but there's a lot of pressure created by actions that have been taken elsewhere. The fact that there is no place in San Mateo to run dogs, that you need to come up to San Francisco to do it, it would be good to bring these players to the table. We had more than a majority of the Board of Supervisors here, and you have on this Commission, right now, at least three people who were on the Rec & Park Commission in San Francisco, and a former Superintendent, and there are ways of including what goes on in city policy.

I also just want to comment about all the energy that has been used up here this evening. I would hope that we could capture it for other purposes, as well, that help to promote and preserve the GGNRA. Hopefully, a collaboration that wouldn't end on this issue, but would form a base on which to build on other issues and further advocacy.

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[Applause.]

And just as a passing comment, because I know there's just so many attorneys, that I do not, for one moment, feel that, if there were an off-leash ban, we would not be using the area for recreation. I think that there's a lot of recreation that goes there. But I think it is important to hear what the desires are of people that are in the community and see where we can fill those. But not because I feel it's going to be rescinded or taken from us.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Thank you.

Dennis Rodoni.

COMMISSIONER RODONI: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

I welcome your suggestion to bring a closure to this item tonight. I do think that a no-action is appropriate on the proposal for rescinding the resolution. And I would like to comment, though, that I think possibly the recommendations could be combined into one. I do not see any particular benefit in separating the public agencies from the group that would be -- okay, I wanted to make sure of that. Because we've got a tremendous offer of cooperation tonight from Supervisors and State Assemblymen, et cetera, et cetera; and I certainly would like to encourage the Superintendent in this work group -- however it should evolve -- to include all those bodies,

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public agencies and private individuals, so that we could reach an agreement with that group. And I do include, as Trent and Lennie suggested, that we have to include every user to be a part of this group to get a fair resolution for everyone.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Right.

COMMISSIONER RODONI: And, so, I would welcome voting on this resolution; but I would remind the Chair that there is line over there that hasn't gotten any shorter. So we need to address that.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Yes.

Gordon Bennett.

COMMISSIONER BENNETT: I just want to make sure that we include Marin County is this. There are these same issues in Marin County, and we should -- we've spoken, San Francisco has spoken, to San Mateo. Those groups should be included and also Marin County.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Absolutely.

[Applause.]

Miss Meyer.

COMMISSIONER MEYER: Dennis, the reason I tried to separate those two is because they're really two very different trains of thought. One is that, before we can go and say to people in the Region we need to talk to you and we want to know what you want to do do, we need to

find out from the various groups, user groups, interest groups -- stakeholders is probably the right word -- what they're thinking and what the range is of what can be done before one can make any representations to another county, or another agency. And that's why I separated the two.

COMMISSIONER RODONI: The Superintendent to approach the exception issue, without going through the process first, so we knew what the exception was that was acceptable to all of the groups, so that was my point.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Okay. Speaking for myself, I don't know if any of this is going to work. But I made the proposal because you asked for it. So I will now rephrase the motion in this way:

First, that we ask the park staff to continue to meet with the other land-owning agencies regarding other places where this activity can take place.

Secondly, that the Superintendent meet with all the interested parties, stakeholders -- a better word -- including the elected officials and the congressional offices, and let's add, specifically, the agency of the City and County of San Francisco, within 120 days.

Third, that among these discussions be the possibility of an application through the Park Service for a change in the CFR affecting this park.

Fourth -- and this is the one that I made

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explicit, rather than implicit -- that the staff make no changed in its enforcement during the next 120 days.

Those are recommendations and that's the motion that's been made and seconded. Are we ready to vote?

COMMISSIONER SIDEN: Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Yes.

COMMISSIONER SIDEN: Let me ask for clarification on when you say "stakeholders," because there are groups that are not organized. I had one person call me whose dog was leash, but was attacked by dogs not on leash, and she's not part of an organized group. Is there someway to bring in those who also use the park, but maybe not organized into groups?

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: I think we've said that those people are included as stakeholders. Stakeholder does not mean necessarily groups. But all the groups that have been mentioned tonight, all of them, plus all the users of the park. Okay?

COMMISSIONER SIDEN: Okay.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: We're ready to vote. All in favor say aye?

[Members voted: 14 ayes]

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Opposed say no?

COMMISSIONER MEYER: No.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: The motion is adopted.

[Motion carried: 14/1, Meyer dissenting]

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: We now have before us the recommendation by Dr. Wayburn. This has also been moved and seconded, that we forward this issue to the National Park's Advisory Board.

Discussion on that motion?

COMMISSIONER WAYBURN: Mr. Chairman?

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Yes.

COMMISSIONER WAYBURN: I recommend a special commission to study and make recommendations. This is not just to the Advisory Board. It's that the Advisory Board and the Director, if necessary, appoint this special commission of knowledgeable people. This does not reach a conclusion at this time, and it is not just pushing it upstairs.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Okay. I will reword the motion, then, that's in front of us, which is: We ask that the National Park's Advisory Board appoint a special commission to study and recommend on this policy.

COMMISSIONER WAYBURN: Yes.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Michael.

COMMISSIONER ALEXANDER: I'm really quite concerned about this. I don't want to -- I don't want to see us voting. I think we may well be split on this. I don't want to see us voting no on it. And, again, I need

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to understand what is the cricitcal -- is there a critical timing here? If there isn't, can't we just table this for a month so that we have a better understanding of it?

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Well, under Parliamentary rules, if you table it, it's tabled until the Board voted it back off the table. If you want to postpone it to a definite time, that's a different kind of a motion. I would suggest --

COMMISSIONER ALEXANDER: I would ask that we postpone it for a month.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: One month?

[Unidentified member of the audience speaking but not recorded.]

COMMISSIONER ALEXANDER: No. You're not understanding what I'm, what I'm -- I'm talking about something quite different and very specific.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: The motion that is being considered by the Commission at this time had been a part of the former motion, but it was split out; and that is: This body requests the National Park's Advisory Board appoint a special commission to investigate and advise it. Commissioner Alexander has suggested a postponment for one month. I've not yet heard a second.

COMMISSIONER CUTLER: I'll second that.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Seconded. Discussion on the

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-- I believe, on a motion to postpone, you can only discuss the postponment, not the motion itself.

Gordon.

COMMISSIONER BENNETT: I'd like to hope that we can solve this on a local level, so I would like actually to postpone it for the 120 days that we have to look at the local measures.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: That would be a substitute motion?

COMMISSIONER BENNETT: Yes.

[Applause.]

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Okay. Is there a second to the substitute motion?

COMMISSIONER RODONI: Second.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: It's been moved and seconded, the substitute motion, that we postpone the referral to the National Park's Advisory Board for 120 days.

Now, discussion on the -- oh, man! It's later than I thought -- on the substitute motion.

Do you have a question?

VOICE: Are you referring this for a decision or for --

VOICE: Advice.

VOICE: Okay, advice, but not like telling you what you have to do?

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CHAIRMAN BARTKE: That's correct. It's simply -- the question remains local.

Susan.

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Mr. Chairman, I think that it just makes sense. We'll work on this for 120 days and we'll have something.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: I hope. Okay. The substitute motion, then, is to postpone the referral for 120 days. All in favor say aye?

[Members voted.]

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Opposed say no.

COMMISSIONER ORR: No.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: That motion is adopted.

[Substitute Motion (Commissioner Bennett) carried: 12/1, Commissioner Orr dissenting.]

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Is there anything else on this item to come before the Commission?

[Applause.]

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: The next item on our agenda -- excuse me. Somebody asked that the Superintendent respond. He's willing to do that. We will ask him to do that.

SUPERINTENDENT O'NEILL: I want to, first of all, thank the public for, in most cases, your decorum and appreciation. I really do appreciate the thoughtful

comments of people, like Ed Sayers and Linda McKay, in understanding the delicacy and difficulty of the issue that we have to deal with here. We have a park of extraordinary diversity and extraordinary resource values. And there are many, many difficult issues to try to thread through. And I think this Commission, and I know the park has, has tried to be very resourceful in how we have addressed that given constraints that have to work within. I think we want to continue that attitude of being resourceful, but realizing that we have to thread a very difficult needle here on how we do it, and certainly representing the Park Service in the spirit of wanting to see if there's an answer that is appropriate, that's respective of other user interests, is respectful of resource stewardship that we all have a concern with, and that the discussions involve all of the key stakeholder interests. Because, clearly, we heard from a lot of people who felt intimidated about coming tonight because of what they expected would be the decorum, and I don't think we got a full representation of all those views tonight. I think it's important, if we have this dialogue, we understand who those stakeholders are and that they feel like they have a voice that's being heard, respected, and dealt with as we address it.

So, clearly, from the Park point of view, I'm

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very supportive of moving forward in the spirit of tracking on those three issues. We have to make it clear that, in 120 days, we'll see where we're at. And we have to deploy what we call discretionary authority. There's no such thing as not citing egregious situations. I think you all will agree that there are certain situations out there that need to be dealt with on the spot. Under no circumstances are we going to give up that right and obligation that we have to the public that uses the park. So we will continue to use that discretionary authority, and we will do it in a very responsible way.

We have to make it clear, also, that the Fort Funston 12-acre issue is not subject to this resolution. That's in the courts, and that has to complete itself in the courts. And that that is important that that is a separate issue from this broader question.

Other than that, I think we all here are interested in rolling up our sleeves in trying to find creative ways to deal with the challenges that we've got. And I just want to underscore the fact that we feel blessed in this community to have a national park that has the resource values that are every bit as important and significant as the Grand Canyon or Yosemite. And we need to respect those resources in how we use them in responsible ways.

Thank you.

[Applause.]

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Thank you.

Perhaps one last thing on this item. I want to express my deep appreciation for those who gave up their time to speak after they had signed up to speak. All of the names will become part of the official record. We have the names of everybody who signed up, even those that were outside in the rain. They're all part of the record.

Looking at our agenda, Item 4 has already been taken care of. Under Item 3, the Presidio Trust Director's Report, he has submitted a written report; and, so, having submitted a written report, I excused him from being personally here.

The Superintendent's Report, Brian?

SUPERINTENDENT O'NEILL: I'm too tired to give one myself.

[Laughter.]

It was a long night last night and an early morning. And we've got a written report and you can read it and you can ask me any questions you want from it.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Okay. Moving on, committee reports. Are there any committees, other than the Marin Report, which we already received?

Michael.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

PRESIDIO COMMITTEE

COMMISSIONER MICHAEL ALEXANDER, CHAIR

COMMISSIONER ALEXANDER: The Presidio Committee met on December 14. We heard a lot about the long overdue repairs to the PUC Pump Station Building on city property, next to the east end of the Crissy Field Promenade. The Department of Public Works is preparing to repair the plaza, which has been broken up for many years. Unfortunately, what we are going to get are apparently ugly concrete slabs poured over the broken up plaza. Afterwards, we hope that the chain-link fence will be removed.

We received an update on the Presidio Vegetation Management Plan. It is moving towards a finding of no significant impact.

We discussed the Presidio Trust Implementation Plan and its status and the process it will follow. We received an update on the Presidio Interpretation Plan and reviewed the interpretation themes from last Spring's symposium. We received an update on seismic work at the Presidio Visitor Center Building, and we heard an advisory on the ground-cover issues at the east end of Crissy Field.

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That's my report.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER ALEXANDER: Thank you.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Any other committees wish to report?

(No response.)

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Now item 5 on the agenda is the election of officers. This Commission has two officers, the chair and a vice chair.

The floor is now open for nominations.

COMMISSIONER CUTLER: Mr. Chairman?

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Betsey.

COMMISSIONER CUTLER: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to nominate Richard Bartke to be the chairman.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Any further nominations?

COMMISSIONER MEYER: I move the nomination be closed.

[Laughter.]

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: I thought I heard a train go through here.

It's been moved and seconded that the nominations be closed. All in favor say aye?

[Members voted unanimously.]

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Opposed say no?

(No response.)

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CHAIRMAN BARTKE: The chair recognizes nominations for the office of vice chair.

COMMISSIONER WAYBURN: Mr. Chairman, I nominate Amy Meyer for vice chair.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Amy Meyer has been nominated.

COMMISSIONER ORR: Second.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Any further nominations?

(No response.)

COMMISSIONER ORR: Move that the nominations be closed.

COMMISSIONER WAYBURN: Second.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Moved the nominations be closed, and it has been seconded. All in favor say aye?

[Members voted unanimously.]

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Opposed?

(No response.)

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: That completes our agenda for this evening, unless there is anything that is not on the agenda that we have to deal with.

(No response.)

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: No. This meeting will be adjourned in memory of Senator Alan Cranston, Congressmen Sidney Yates and Bruce Vento, and Colonel "Bud" Halsey.

(Whereupon, at 11:15 p.m., the meeting of the Advisory Commission was adjourned, to reconvene at 7:30

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ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING

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TUESDAY, APRIL 24, 2001

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GGNRA Park Headquarters

Building 201, Fort Mason

San Francisco, California

The meeting was convened, pursuant to Notice, at 7:30 p.m., Chairman Rich Bartke presiding.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

RICH BARTKE, Chair

AMY MEYER, Vice Chair

MICHAEL ALEXANDER

SUSAN GIACOMINI ALLAN

GORDON BENNETT

REDMOND KERNAN

DOUG NADEAU

TRENT ORR

LENNIE ROBERTS

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COMMISSIONERS PRESENT (Cont.:

FRED RODRIGUEZ

DOUG SIDEN

JACK SPRING

ED WAYBURN

ALSO PRESENT:

For the Golden Gate National Recreation Area:

MAI-LIIS BARTLING, Assistant Superintendent
for Planning, New Projects and Partnerships

FOR THE PRESIDIO TRUST:

HILLARY GITELMAN, Deputy Director for Planning

STAFF LIAISON:

MICHAEL FEINSTEIN

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P R O C E E D I N G S

7:30 P.M.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: I call to order the regular meeting of the Advisory Commission to Golden Gate National Recreation Area and to Point Reyes National Seashore.

The first thing on the agenda is for the changes to the agenda. After No. 5, Reports, let's add Unfinished Business, which will certainly inlcude the Bolinas Lagoon Letter that we had discussed last time. Under Non-agenda Items, we're told that there will be some folks here from the dog-walking community who will want to address us.

Next is the approval of the minutes of the March 27 Meeting. Everybody got a copy of those. Are there any changes to be made in those minutes?

Ed?

COMMISSIONER WAYBURN: A couple of points I'd like to make. I want to know where was the letter about Bolinas Lagoon, which we took up at the last meeting, I thought, but is not mentioned here. And the other thing is that these minutes, while very comprehensive, are extremely long. I would make a suggestion that an effort be made to reduce the size of the minutes and take out some of the things which are not of great

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they have to.

Michael? Where's Michael? Do we have more?

[Conference with Michael Feinstein and Chairman.]

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Asking to speak on the Advisory Commission's web site, John Keating.

STATEMENT OF

JOHN KEATING, ESQ.

MR. KEATING: Good evening. My name is John Keating. I want you to know I've sat through almost all of these long meetings over the last year. I want to personally commend you all on your public service. I think the park we have is a blessing, and I think its management is really, really important and must be done properly.

You may associate me with the dog-walking groups. I've been trying to assist in getting access to the public input process. But tonight I speak solely on my own behalf.

I come here rather earnestly because I want to warn you of what I'm seeing out at the park, what I'm seeing in dog group meetings I go to, what I'm hearing from Washington. In that context, I want to tell you folks that I've been a long-time activist in many of the environmental groups that you would think would favor

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the kind of changes the park wants to make, with regard to dog walking. The ones I haven't been an activist in, I've been a member.

I go down to the areas of San Mateo that you wish to have included. I talk to the people who go down there to get away from having to look at the fences that have been put up across the open space in San Francisco. I talk to people on the beachs, and I'm really seeing a problem here.

Basically, the problem I see is that there are a large number of people who really care about that issue, who believe a deal was cut on January 23, such that the issue of whether to rescind the dog policy, the pet policy, would be studied, and that there would be no action taken until that studying process had occurred. And they gave up their right to speak that night, or thought they were postponing it, for purposes of working with the Park Service to have it fairly studied. The perception out there on the beaches is that the Park Service has broken that deal. And that's a reality of what people think. You may not agree that the Park Service has broken the deal, but that's the reality of what people have thought.

It appears to many people that there was a policy that passed muster under the law for 20 years,

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and that, all of a sudden, it became expedient for the Park Service to have a new interpretation that suddenly the law should be interpreted differently, such that this policy was no good now and must be invalidated. The Park Service finally had public hearings on it. The public hearing stopped after -- despite the thousand people standing outside in the rain wanting to speak, and the many in the room wanting to speak -- it stopped based on the concept that it would be studied.

Now the Park Service, having achieved stopping the public input process, they say: Gee! The policy is now no. And my perception is that they seek you folks to give them the political cover of a rubber stamp that, indeed, it is null and void. You do not need to agree with the Park Service if they want to do that. You don't have to take any action, and that was the deal.

Now, I want to tell you one thing about all this. Obviously, I believe the changes would be bad public policy. Obviously, I'm sure you're aware, I believe, that the means that the Park Service has used to get to those changes have been illegal, and I believe it more. But more importantly, and why I come to you tonight, is that I think it's a really foolish change, and I'll tell you why:

Because you had a whole bunch of

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environmental, park-loving people, who are members of these dog groups, who believe that they were having an opportunity to talk with you. And it's a basic principle of organization theory that, if you, if you cut off the process by which the moderate groups can work with you, and their ability to have fair public input, many of the people in those groups will go outside of the groups.

So I'm going to give you my prediction of what's going to happen if you carry on with this process of going along with the Park Service and saying that there never needs to be anymore discussion of this, and that the policy that you had before now is void. Three things is going to happen, I think. You're going to radicalize the groups. The groups that you're dealing with probably will become more radicalized. You radicalize the community.

Secondly, many individuals will go outside of those groups. Those groups, they said, are basically filled up with environmentalists who want to work with the park system. Many people are frustrated because they don't believe the groups should work with you anymore because of what they perceive to be bad faith of the Park Service. Those people, I predict, will leave the dog groups, and the moderate dog groups will not be

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what you have to deal with. Then the Park Service is going to have to deal with individuals going out there.

I note you had an excess of a thousand people at a demonstration in San Francisco and no violence, no property damage. I challenge you to find other demonstrations that have people who are acting as mellow like that when they feel their rights have been trampled on.

Okay, that's the second prediction. I'll get to the third real quick.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Yes.

MR. KEATING: The second prediction was that people will go outside the groups and act individually.

The third prediction is that people will form new groups of radical groups. Frankly, it's foolish to allow that to happen because of the political position you're in where you're seeking funding for the GGNRA.

Now, 3,000 people signed a petition in three days. What if a thousand people a day were to start contacting Washington? That's what they're talking about on the beach. They're saying that, if the city doesn't take down the property, take back the property, they're going to call Washington and tell them to pull your funding. We don't want that to happen. We want to work with you.

Secondly, the expansion into San Mateo County. It's doubtful to me that that would enjoy the same comfort level. The possibility that the new administration will have higher agency review of our park --

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Can you begin to wrap up now? You've gone way over.

MR. KEATING: I think that's very likely if you have a lot of people who have given up on working with you. So, I do hope you will keep this in mind, and I wish all Godspeed in keeping this park together.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Thank you. I didn't know that you were going to talk about the dog issue because you had signed up for something else. But there are four people who have signed up to speak about -- three other people, who have signed up to speak about that.

Just to put this into context, you will recall that, in our November meeting that some of you were at -- well, we were talking about the policy, as it was called; but actually what it was, was the Commission's advice to the Superintendent in 1978, which somehow got labeled the 1979 Dog Policy. It never was legally adopted by the park. And we're told that it could not have been, because it never was legal and was always unenforceable. In our November meeting of this

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Commission, we determined that we could simply withdraw that advice to the park because it had never been legal. Members of the audience asked us to not do that because it wasn't on the agenda, which we acknowledged and we put it on our January agenda.

At that time, again it was announced that the so-called policy was never a policy of the park, it was never legal, and it was simply a matter of housekeeping for the Commission to withdraw that advice, which it had given in 1978.

I asked the folks who were there to talk about what should we do about that, given that fact. Most of the folks who spoke did talk to us about what should be done about it. And there seemed to be a consensus that certain things ought to be done in the future. Based upon what we thought was a consensus, the Commission adopted a resolution giving further advice to the Park Service:

First, that the Park Service meet with the various stakeholders; secondly, that they see if there was support in the community for setting aside some areas where dogs could be allowed off leash, and to then move through the federal process of changing the rules, as they applied to this park; and, next, to contact other land-owning agencies to see if they could loosen

up their rules having to do with off-leash dogs.

As you know, state parks, for example, do not allow off-leash dogs at all, and charge a two dollar fee if you bring a dog on a leash, or in a cage.

We asked that all this be completed, if possible, within 120 days, and that the level of enforcement not change during that 120 days. The Superintendent, at the conclusion, spoke and said that he would try very hard to do those things within 120 days; but he was not allowed by law to ignore the Code of Federal Regulations. He made it very clear that he still would have to do some enforcement.

That concluded the Commission's business on that issue -- except for our general oversight role, which we always have. And in the oversight, which we have so far, it appears that the park is ahead of schedule on all of those points. They have met with a number of stakeholder groups. They have met with the other land agencies. In fact, Senator Jackie Speier, who was represented that night, has introduced a bill -- and I think the hearing might have even today -- asking that a committee be formed to study whether state parks would be willing to change their rules. I'm a little disappointed in the strength of that bill, but that's what she did in response to our challenge to her that

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evening.

The Acting Superintendent has informed me that, what they call the rulemaking process has begun. They've gotten the clearance from the Regional Office, in fact from the Park Service, all the way up to the Director. As you may know, we don't even have a Director right now. The former Director resigned January 1, and no new Director of the National Park Service has yet been nominated. So we're a little bit directorless. However, the Park Service has cleared the Golden Gate to begin that process, which begins with the notice, and then a survey, and then it goes on and on. You can imagine what the federal rules are like. It's been predicted that the whole thing might take a couple of years. Anyway, that brings us to where we are today.

There was one unfortunate thing that happened, and it wasn't the fault of the people who were there on January 23, on either side of the table. That one newspaper, and it happened to be the Chronicle, didn't get the story right, and said that the Commission would revisit the issue in 120 days. We never said that. That was not part of our motion. We wrote to the Chronicle and asked them to change it; and, as of today, they have not yet changed it. Other newspapers got a little bit more accurate.

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But, anyway, there was, as we understand, there has been, and is, a perception that this Commission is going to revisit that issue. We're not. We never intended to. We never said we would. It wasn't part of the action. The only thing where we ever mentioned 120 days was that we asked the Park Service to begin their process within 120 days. They said that -- the Superintendent said that he would try to do that; and, in fact, he has tried to do that. And, so, we're still within the 120 days, and seems to have done most of the things that we've asked him to do. Or, at least, he hasn't completed them, but he's got them started.

So that's my personal view of it, at any rate.

Doug, you had a comment?

COMMISSIONER NADEAU: Yeah, a clarification. What you just said made it sound like we're not, "we," this Commission, is not going to have anymore involvement in this issue. And I would assume that, since this is a subject that the public is keenly interested in, and that we generally are the venue through which the public expresses their opinions to the Park Service, that, once the Park Service has some sort of policy that they're thinking about formalizing, they will do that through one of our meetings. If that doesn't happen, I'll be really disappointed.

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CHAIRMAN BARTKE: I'm convinced that it would happen. If the rulemaking process gets to that point, I'm pretty sure that our Commission will be vitally involved and probably will be the ones that will host a public hearings on that.

COMMISSIONER NADEAU: Thank you.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Yeah. But, in the meantime, it's not on any of the agendas that we have. We're just using our oversight role, which we always have and always will reserve to ourselves.

COMMISSIONER MEYER: The only thing I would add to what you said, Rich, was that I understood from neighbors, who watch the -- there was some TV broadcasting of what was said the night of January 23. The TV stations picked up that we said that the 1978 rule could no longer be enforced, and that that was the end of that subject, and regulations take precedence over that kind of Commission rule. And, so, that was where we were left; and, then, everything else Rich said is so.

And, then, it wasn't only the Chronicle. There's a popular newspaper that reaches almost every home in San Francisco, the Independent. They also did not publish the letter that we sent in to try to correct this impression, and we have not been able to correct

this impression. But we're not -- we're going to revisit, as Doug, has said, when the subject is ripe. But, at this time, we have no further action.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Gordon.

COMMISSIONER BENNETT: Yeah. I have a question because it has come up in my community, also.

My understanding was that the park had promised that there would no change in enforcement. That the rangers would continue to exercise discretion, as they had been before. And what that boiled down to on the ground was, that, where dogs had been formerly okay off leash, they would continue to be okay off leash, except in circumstances where they were chasing wildlife, or biting other dogs, or so forth. In other words, the pattern of enforcement would essentially, well, not essentially, would stay the same.

So, No. 1, I would ask Mai-Liis for confirmation that that's true.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Well, let me interject here. It's very clear that that's what we asked the park to do. But, you know, we're advisory and the Superintendent responded -- and I'm going to need some help here, because I'm not sure exactly how he said it. But it stuck in my mind that he was saying that he would do what he could, but he could not ignore the fact that

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this was a federal regulation, and that there was a federal judge now involved, and that he was going to have to enforce. Now how exactly he said that, I don't remember exactly. Do you remember how he said it? Anybody got those minutes here?

COMMISSIONER ALEXANDER: I don't have them, but I vaguely recall that there was something about that the park had discretion on enforcement, and that's about all I remember of it. But, Mai-Liis, maybe you can help us.

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT BARTLING: I think Rich was saying it as accurately as -- I actually wasn't there, so I got a recap of the meeting. But now that a federal judge is involved, there are greater burdens on us to enforce the regulation that have always been in place.

COMMISSIONER ALEXANDER: I see.

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT BARTLING: It's been analogous, or it's been described as analogous, to, you know speeding on the highway. There are speed limits posted and you, you know, people regularly may exceed them. And if you're, you know, reckless about it, you will surely get caught. But there is the ability to also, you know, cite a car for simply speeding. Now that we do have a federal judge involved, we will have

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to step up our education about what the rules and regulations are.

You know, I don't think we're in a position to be ever present. The rangers can't be everywhere. The park police can't be everywhere. So we will still be looking for the problem situations first.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Actually, somebody handed me the transcript. This is a verbatim transcript, and I'm reading from what Brian O'Neill said:

> "Clearly, from the park point of view, I'm very supportive of moving forward in the spirit of tracking on those three issues. We have to make it clear that, in 120 days, we'll see where we're at. And we have to deploy what we call discretionary authority. There's no such thing as not citing egregious situations. I think you all will agree that there are certain situations out there that need to be dealt with on the spot. Under no circumstances are we going to give up that right and obligation that we have to the public that uses the park. So we will continue to use that discretionary authority, and we would do it in a very responsible way."

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Okay. He actually made quite a much longer statement, but that seems to be the paragraph that most at issue here.

Fred.

COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: I just wanted to make one comment, because I thought that there was significant movement from the meeting we had on January 23.

At that time, I didn't think there was any way of getting around the CFRs, the regulations that were there. And this entire procedure of Notice of Proposed Rulemaking is totally new and opens up an avenue that, in fact, there may be a change in the offing. And the thing that happens when that goes forward is that we're part of a National Park System, and there are implications for other locations. And, so, I think that's why it has to go through that process. But at the January meeting, I didn't think that there was a vehicle, other than legislation, to change the process.

And, so, I think that, actually, within the 120 days, much has happened that is of significance to start that process.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Yeah. I've been told that it's not only a new process, but that this park has never ever done it before. That it has rarely, if ever,

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been done in the National Park Service, and that this park had to go to other federal agencies to borrow format as to how to do it. This park did try to do it on this very issues, which is off-leash dogs, some years back and was denied the right to do that by the higher-ups. So there is no experience locally on having done this before, so it's all really new.

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT BARTLING: I would agree. I think we are making substantial progress. We've gotten approval up through our, up through the department, to proceed with the Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking. We're drafting the exact language of that notice now. We understand that the process will take time. It might take a couple of years. And we're not in a position to guarantee that there will be a specific outcome from that process; only that, in that process, the whole intention is, is that diverging points of view get heard. To that extent that's possible, points of view get balanced, values get balanced. And, in the meantime, the regulations really are that dogs need to be on leash, and this is where Brian's comment about our responsible enforcement, combined with education, come in.

COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: You know, even if this is a new process to us, it probably would be

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useful, from our perspective, in terms of communicating to the public as to what we understand the process to be, what the steps are. Because I think it's easier then to work with that, than to have a total unknown. I guess that's what the summits that are coming together are supposed to be dealing with what the process is. And to the extent that we know, and I think to communicate it to the public, would be very useful.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Let's do that, but I would like to hear from the three people who signed, because they've been waiting.

There's Lisa Vittori, followed by Vicki Tiernan. Do you want to come up and speak to us? The third one is Michael Goldstein.

STATEMENT OF

LISA VITTORI

MS. VITTORI: My name is Lisa Vittori. I come as a friend of the parks.

I've worked with the park in many capacities, for the last 10 years. And I believe in the natural resource mission of the park and support its conservation and restoration goals completely. I emphasize goals, because the Park Service's methods have increasingly concerned me, for the last 5 years.

As an employee of the park, I travel up and

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down the coast, from Point Reyes to San Mateo County, and I continually encounter people, both individually and as a communities, who have felt betrayed by the park in one way or another. I have to say that I'm experiencing that at this moment.

My understanding of the January 23 meeting was that we had agreed to hold off for 120 days. Whoops! I left it back there, but I specifically asked you, Chairman Bartke, if we could -- if you would hold off enforcement, and you said that you would, and also citations and signage, and you made that your fourth point.

So I feel like I've just listened to a lot of dissembling and it scares me. As a friend, I'm going to speak to you frankly, as I would any friend who acts destructively and betrays the community trust.

I'm here tonight to specifically challenge your behavior, since the January 23 meeting. At that meeting, my understanding -- and the understanding of the thousand people, or two thousand people, whatever we think there were at that meeting -- was that you agreed to enter into a dialogue with the many stakeholders who use and care about the park. When you say that you want protect the park and its users, we're its users. We go there.

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A thousand people, the demonstration that John Keating talked about last Saturday, was -- we had two-days notice. Two days and a thousand people showed up to that. And it was a peaceful demonstration. But, again, a thousand people were mobilized in two days. Those are your potential allies, who have, you know, who are increasingly becoming your enemies.

Since January 23 -- oh, okay. Since January 23 -- actually, the thing you said to me at the meeting, when I asked for clarification, you would hold off on the signs, citations, and so forth, until they come back with a plan. And I remember you asking Superintendent O'Neill for his comments, and that was a masterful display of dissembling. And I work with Brian quite a bit, and I know that he's really capable of that. So what I heard in that was nothing. There was no language that said he was going to do or not going do anything.

Okay. Your behavior, since January 23, has violated the spirit of trust and collaboration that we expected from you. Mr. Weideman has been quoted numerous times in the paper with inaccurate and misleading information. The papers have stated that on-leash signs are going up on GGNRA lands, and that leash signs -- and leash signs have been installed at Fort Funston, and dog area signs -- dog access signs at

Ocean Beach have been taken down.

The amount of staff -- and, as a friend of the park, I'm going to say this to you: The amount of staff and volunteer time spent on suppressing information, working against potential allies, and responding to the dog owners' lawsuit has been enormous. If you had spent a quarter of that time working to work with dog owners, you would have not only a huge volunteer work force, but you would also have many, many friends. And quite frankly, at a time when there's a Republican Administration coming into Washington, you know, that doesn't have an environmental-like sound to it, this is not a time to alienate your environmental friends in the San Francisco area. Not that I expect that any of them will be sympathetic to, you know, San Francisco anyway. And it's ill spent.

I work under Sharon O'Neill, Sharon Farrell at that time, and she skipped a lot of the staff meetings she had with our staff because she had to go to Fort Funston and deal with the dog-owners lawsuit. I know Sharon is capable of doing a lot great collaborative work, and this was a complete waste of her professional time, in my opinion.

I'm just going to close with something. I'm really disappointed with you. I can't say this enough.

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You know, there's so many people who want to work with you. I've spent the last five years watching people suppress and suppress and suppress dog-friendly and dog-able information. And one thing specifically is that, five years ago, or four years ago, we did a trail study at Milagra Ridge, in which we studied the behavior of off-leash dogs. And there were people who did that study that agreed with off-leash dogs and disagreed with off-leash dogs. So there were all ranges studying the information, and then we never presented it to Nancy Hornor, because we were told, even at that time, that the Park Service wouldn't listen to it.

So it's not at Brian O'Neill's level. It's not at your level. It's been a systematic policy in the park, and so the park ends up losing people like me, and other people, who are dog-friendly. Even Sharon Farrell -- you know, look at how many people you've lost in the last six months because of the dog lawsuit: Mary Petrolli, Sharon Farrell, Terri Thomas. Whether they agree or don't agree, they're tired; they're tired people. Pete Holleran left, the native plant expert.

Just as an aside, the word on the street, before that meeting, was that the fix was in. The leash policy was a done deal.

Even at 10:30 that evening, I talked to Amy

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Meyer -- and I'm wrapping up now -- I talked to Amy Meyer in the hallway. She talked to me as if I were a Park Service volunteer, which I was, which I am. And she talked to me confidentially, with a couple of other people, not knowing that I also represented dog people, and she said, and I'm going to quote this, she said, "I'm tempted to go home now. I don't know why they're bothering. We've already made our decision." Yeah, I remember it, because I told a bunch of other people, because it was so blatant. Then, a half-hour later, Chairman Bartke made his astounding and welcome suggestion that we take a 120-day break and sort this out.

You know, my understanding is that, in 120 days, we were going to look at this again. And, as Aaron Peskin said -- when you were talking to the San Francisco Supervisors, you asked Aaron Peskin, in particular, well, why don't we put up a sign, or do something like that, do enforcement, or something, and he said because it's a bad way to start a dialogue. You know, we've been engaging in this dialogue with you in good faith, hoping we would find some resolution. And, as he said, you know, now it's a bad way to start a dialogue.

You know, we're park users. We're legitimate

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park users. And I can tell you that the studies from Milagra show many ways in which you can work with off-leash dogs, because off-leash dogs fit into Milagra really nicely, and I'm sure they fit into other areas, as well. And, you know, I'm sorry that you have to listen to this, but I have to sit through these meetings, too, and it wastes my time enormously.

Thank you.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Thank you. Vicki Tiernan.

STATEMENT OF

VICKI TIERNAN

MS. TIERNAN: My name is Vicki Tiernan, and I was one of the people shut out from speaking at the January meeting. And I wanted to make the point that, if I had known what was in store, with the signs being posted at Fort Funston, the new sign at south of Sloat that appears to extend to the plover nesting area and the area that is off limits to off-leash dogs, I would not have waived my right to speak at that meeting.

The signs are causing immense distress on the beach and on the street among dog owners, and dog owners are a significant segment of the citizens that you represent. And thank you, Mr. Nadeau, for saying that you are a forum for us, and I would like you to be a forum for us. I don't always feel comfortable about it.

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Quite frankly, I don't always feel welcome here. I feel intimidated, and I shouldn't feel that way. I'm a middle aged woman, who just wants to enjoy the parks responsibly with my dog. I should feel welcome here. My views should feel welcome.

I would not have waived my right to speak at the January meeting had I known those signs were going to go up. And there are many, many people who feel the way I do, that the Park Service is accomplishing by fiat what they could not accomplish through the open, public process, and fair public process.

It's my understanding that, in the Marin bicyclist case, while they were going through a similar process to get a Section 7, there were no signs posted while the issue was being resolved. And it was my understanding, at the January meeting, that there would be no changes, and that there would be no signs posted. As far as citing egregious circumstances, there are already laws on the books that would cover those circumstances. If someone is creating a disturbance, then you can cite them for that anywhere. I mean, you don't have to have signs posted about dogs on leash to cite people who are causing problems.

For instance: I was out at Fort Funston once and I saw some kids on their bicycles going into the

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closed area. They could be cited for going into the closed area. I mean, it's not just dog owners.

What I want to say is that I want to echo what Mr. Keating said, what Ms. Vittori said: We are, dog owners are, environmentalists. You have a huge resource here. We're willing to work. We will write letters to the Department of Interior for funding, if you, if we get any indication that you're willing to work with us and include us. In the promotional materials for Crissy Field, thousands of dollars have been, have clearly been spent on that, and not a single dog pictures in any of those materials. Your alienating a big segment of the population, and it's a segment of the population that really, really cares about the parks.

Thank you very much for listening.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Thank you.

Michael Goldstein.

STATEMENT OF

MICHAEL GOLDSTEIN

MR. GOLDSTEIN: Good evening, Commissioners.

My name is Michael Goldstein. I'm not representing any group, but I've been spending a lot of my time, over the last year and two months, publishing a web site that I names www.fortfunstonforum.com. And the idea that we could get together various points of view

on these issues, and come to a meeting of the minds. I ended up renaming that web site www.ggnrawatchdog.com. I think that's speaks volumes about what I've experienced, mostly in this room and over in the Presidio. We're always being locked out of the process. We were locked out, we were fenced out, geographically, at Fort Funston, and we've been locked out of the process.

And I'd like to speak about an endangered species in the GGNRA, and that's citizens. Your role here is to represent the citizens. And I don't want you to forget that, because I think some of you have. I don't think all of you have, and those are the ones that I'm speaking to. There was something that was put up on your web site -- which I monitor and link to all the time on my site -- a few days ago. It was a letter from Amy Meyer and Rich Bartke. And I would like to know if it was approved by the Commission and when and where, and whether that met your disclosure requirements. Because that letter rewrote history, and that's a lot of what I've heard here tonight.

And I'd like to know whether you did rescind your 1979 Pet Policy. It's just a yes or no. You can spin it all you want, but I want to know yes or no. Because you were told, and there was an editorial in the

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Chronicle the day of your meeting, and there were a thousand people and there was almost all the supervisors, and you have to say that's unprecedented, and you were told that, if you rescinded that policy -- which is what has happened, effectively, I guess, by the signs that have gone up -- don't try to spin it, because it's not working. You may not see the people out there, but I do, and there's a lot of anger out there. And what we told you, what our supervisors told you, was that we would take Fort Funston back. We looked at the deed, we looked at the documents, there was a commitment, a legal commitment, it was promised to the voters when it was it was voted on, that Fort Funston, and the other city parks, would continue with the ongoing recreation. And this is the Golden Gate National Recreation Area. This is a lie, the Golden Gate National Park.

I went to the web site of the National Park Service about three hours ago, before I came here. There are 384 national parks. And if you click down through them, there is one called the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, and I would like you to start calling it that because you're spreading a lie out there on buses all over town, and banners. And you're in a partnership with an organization, the Golden Gate

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National Parks Association, which you have given a concession for a monopoly on such things as the Alcatraz tapes and books, which, if you go to the Visitor Center at the Presidio, tell kids and adults all the activities that are available in the Golden Gate National Parks. Which it also says don't confuse with Golden Gate Park. Although, it is the group that has created that confusion.

If you look in the activities book, you will see 23 units of the GGNRA, and you will see a list of 18 activities in the table. There is not one mention of dogs anywhere there, on or off leash. And that is simply a lie because dog users and dog walkers are the predominant user group in the GGNRA. And stop trying to hide that fact.

I have a personal interest in wanting to know what happened to the names of the hundreds of people that were standing outside in the rain, because, not only was I one of them, I was the person that was collecting those signatures to speak to you, people who wanted to be heard. And I tried to get those names into the park police, who were barring the doors to a way too-small meeting room on a controversial issue, and they wouldn't let me. I pointed to your staff liaison, Michael Feinstein, through the window and said, "I need

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to get these to him. Would you please get them. These are people who want to speak. This needs to get to them." And they denied that. It was only because Supervisor Leland Yee happened to be coming out, and his aid, and I was able to get those names in. And we were told then that those names were made part of the public record more than once.

I want to know where those names are, and I want you to hear from those people, because this issue is not dead. It is not going away. The only way that it will go away is for all of us to go away and take our park with us.

So it's a silent spring here. You don't have a lot of people out there. Democracy is noisy and it's unpleasant, and sometimes people seem rude in their decorum, but they're here trying to speak to you. When you bar them out of the room, with police, when you hide from them, you create anger. And you're continuing to do that.

And I, again, would like to know who authorized that letter? Does it speak for the Commission as a whole? Because I've talked to a lot of people who have just had it up to here.

These signs that have gone up are unacceptable. Whatever process is going to be going on,

there is still, in effect, a pet policy from 1979. I'm putting it on my web site. It's been authorized. I've seen the documents. It's been approved. It's been through all the different procedures that go into effect in a federal agency, and you can't deny that. That is the operative policy, and that's what's going on. If you're going to put signs there that say, "pets on leash, that is against your own policy. And if you don't have the guts to stand up in your oversight role to the Park Service on this issue, then you're going to lose Fort Funston.

Thank you very much.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Thank you.

I was hoping we would go on with the agenda, but go ahead.

COMMISSIONER BENNETT: What is happening where the rubber meets the road? In other words, when the CHP is out there giving tickets, everyone understands that there not going to give a ticket when you're going 56 in 55 MPH zone. There is a priority of discretion. And my understanding, coming out of that meeting in January, was that the discretion area of enforcement was going to be focused on the areas where previously we had a policy that allowed dogs off leash. So that, in effect, there would be no change in enforcement after that meeting,

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versus before that meeting.

Is that -- I'm putting you on the spot, but I'm getting -- I have questions from my constituents -- so to speak -- and they're saying: The signs are up, what does this mean? And I've been telling them, well, it's something the park had to do. But, as far as what actually happens on the ground, are you going to get a ticket for walking your dog on Muir Beach off leash when it's not disturbing a bird, it's not biting another person? Are you going to get a ticket for that? I've been telling my folks, well, the chances of you getting a ticket for that are about the same as your chances of getting a ticket from the CHP going 56. Is that accurate?

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: You know, I think we're putting the staff in a position where they can't even answer, because, you know, there is a federal rule. It was not adopted here in this park; it was adopted by the Feds. And despite what the speakers tonight have said, it is a federal rule. The policy --

COMMISSIONER MEYER: The Code of Federal Regulations.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Yes, the Code of Federal Regulations. The park has, as they promised to do, begun the process to discuss whether that rule ought to

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be changed as to this park. But until it's changed, it's the law. And, so, if you asked a highway patrolman, are you going to cite somebody for going 56 when it's 55? His proper answer has to be, Yes, even though you and I know that the real answer is, No.

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT BARTLING: The official answer is: Yes. But it is as you say, that the chances are you are likely not to be cited. But that is exactly right, the official answer --

COMMISSIONER BENNETT: Very, very likely.

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT BARTLING: Likely, very likely.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Okay.

COMMISSIONER NADEAU: I hate to do this, but I'd just like to make a couple of comments; and, then, I hope we can sort of end this.

I'm still not clear why the park posted signs. It seems to me that we -- and let's not do it tonight, because we may not have that information. But I'd like to know. It seems like that was a huge slap in the face and a demonstration of betrayal to the dog-walking community. And I still don't understand why we did it. Someone briefly told me, well, we had to do it because, you know, someone told us we had to do it. But, if were Brian, I wouldn't have done it.

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The second thing is that it doesn't sound to me, based on what we've heard tonight -- I will assume these people are representative of more than just themselves -- that the process that we're going through, which I felt, based on what I know about it, is good and you're going to be involved in that process. I think. And, if we're not, then, we ought to change it.

So I guess I would just like to close by saying it sounds to me like the park needs to explain what process they're going through to the community and assure them that people in this community are going to be involved in it. And it won't be just dog walkers, it'll be people who don't want dogs off leash. I mean, I think we made that clear at our last meeting. It doesn't seem to me like we've gotten that across to people.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Mai-Ljis, are you willing to address the process that you've gone through so far and what the process will be?

COMMISSIONER NADEAU: Well, I didn't really think I was asking for that tonight, but --

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: I'm asking if she can answer it tonight; and, if she can, let's do it.

COMMISSIONER NADEAU: Great.

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT BARTLING: The

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process that we're going to be undertaking is called rulemaking. And there are a couple different ways. There's rulemaking, there's negotiated rulemaking, there's a couple different avenues for how it's specifically done. One of the first things that happens is like an assessment to determine whether there's even, like a basis for negotiated rulemaking, there's some ground on which the parties can come together and have some potential to, you know, get to a positive place.

So before -- we are not yet in a position to spell out exactly what the steps are that are involved. The very first step is to put out the notice that we're engaged in a process; and, then, you know, through that, we'll begin determining who and how and what kinds of public meetings will happening, how they'll be facilitated. It isn't something that, I think it's been said, we or any park has a lot of experience with. But we are, we have been contacting some of the organizations that have worked with the public agencies that have done a similar process. And we're hoping to learn from how this has been approached in other places that have had very difficult issues to work through.

I think one thing we can say is that we don't know exactly what the specific outcome will be; and to say that we do would be to prejudge where we'll come to.

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I think what you can expect is that we will, you know, continue drafting what the process is, what the notice is, then there will be some evolution.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Excuse me. I apologize for interrupting. But I don't think we want to know all that bureaucratic stuff.

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT BARTLING: Right.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: What we want to know is: Have these people been met with? If not, when are they going to be met with? We understood from Brian that he had a whole list of groups that he was meeting with on it; and, some of them, he's already met with two, three, four times. Is that -- have you guys --

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT BARTLING: I think Rich can help address a little bit about who Brian did meet with.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Do you have a microphone back there?

MR. WEIDEMAN: I can help a little bit. Within the dog community, we've been meeting on a regular basis with Crissy Field, Fort Funston SF Dog, SPCA, and those organizations. We've been in touch with National Parks and Conservation Association over the phone, Native Plant Society, Audubon Society, et cetera. We haven't held formal stakeholder meetings because we

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don't have the process yet.

Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking is the step before rulemaking. It's never been done in the National Park System that we can find. We found parks, like Fire Island National Seashore, that's doing negotiated rulemaking; Cape Cod has done negotiated rulemaking. We did rulemaking for the mountain bikes, as was mentioned earlier, up in Marin. But Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, we have not found one single national park in the system that has done that.

So we're trying to find out what that process is. Unfortunately, our examples tend to be regulatory agencies, like the EPA -- what is another one? -- Commerce comes up a lot. What Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking does is it allows you to test the waters without making a commitment to go to rulemaking, whether it be negotiated rulemaking, or where the agency writes a rule, posts it, and solicits comments.

So we're literally researching probably -- in our Public Affairs Staff, 3 to 4 people, are putting in 2 to 3 hours trying to find out what this is, what the process of public involvement is. And we're looking to have to hire a full-time staff person to do this over the next few months, and we're looking to having to bring on probably some sort of a consensus analysis

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group to help us see what kind of consensus there is out in the community, because we're getting very conflicting messages on the dog issue, in general, whether to do it, whether not to do it; how many letters are coming in, how many phone calls are coming in, faxes and e-mail. We've also been informing the congressional delegation and meeting with interested Board of Supervisors.

So we're doing the stuff that was asked for during the 120 days, but we haven't had stakeholder meetings. Because, honestly, we don't understand the process, yet. We don't want to start down the road, holding stakeholder meetings, that aren't going to lead to anything. So we have to really educate ourselves on the process before we move forward.

Does that help a little?

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Yeah, but you raise a lot of questions. Susan?

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Well, I don't think I speak just for myself to say that we have many very interested parties, very eager to move forward in some meaningful way. Perhaps one of the most useful first steps is to be as clear as possible in our communication with the stakeholders about what is going on.

MR. ESPINOZA: Yes.

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: So I just encourage as

much communication as we can have.

MR. WEIDEMAN: Our most recent update was March, I think March 23, or something like that, or the 29th, on our web site. We don't have any new information, since then, because we're still researching it.

COMMISSIONER ALLAN: Sometimes it's good to know that.

MR. WEIDEMAN: Yes.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Doug.

COMMISSIONER SIDEN: I think it would be helpful if we could have the transcript of the portion where you mentioned this 120 days, along with Brian's response. Because there's different, as you say, perceptions out there of what action, or what was said.

Secondly, I'd just to concur with Doug on the putting up of the signs. Now, if George W sent an order down, I suppose it had to be followed; but it was like a red flag during this 120-day period.

So those two comments.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Okay. I'd not seen the transcript until tonight. But I have found the place where I began my proposal on how to deal with it, and it's consistent with what I've said earlier, and what the letter to the editor was. But it goes on quite a

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ways. You know, that was a long discussion. I think it took us -- what? -- 40 minutes just to frame the motion. So, although I found where it starts, I haven't gone all the way through it. But let's move on down.

Michael?

COMMISSIONER ALEXANDER: To me, there is one significant point, as I understand it, and I want to be sure that I understand this correctly -- I'll ask anybody who can assist me on this -- that, up until January, the -- first of all, this is a park that does not exist in and of, in and of itself. It is part of a system. It is part of a national system, and it is subject to national regulation. And your nods are appreciated that that is understood.

Up until now, the efforts to address this situation, this specific issue in this park, have been met at a higher level by a denial to engage in the rulemaking process, as I, as I understand it. And that, since the January Meeting, that denial has turned to an approval to beginning this process. That doesn't mean that the process ends in success. That doesn't mean, as I understand it, that we would even get through the process. But without that approval to start that process, we were at a stalemate, which is where we've been for 20 years.

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I, as I understand it, we are now off of that stalemate. We have an avenue, a new avenue, to pursue that has the opportunity to reach a settlement, which, which will work for this park. That's my understanding, and I think that that's a very -- if I'm correct in that, I believe that that is a very significant change.

Do I understand this?

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT BARTLING: You are correct in that. We have the approval to begin a process of rulemaking. One of the first formal steps will be to put out a notice that this is a step further then we were a few months back.

COMMISSIONER ALEXANDER: Okay. Thank you.

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT BARTLING: Yes.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Dennis.

COMMISSIONER RODONI: Just one quick comment. I'd like to second Doug's suggestion, that we get some information as to why the signs went up, official information. And I suggest that that be released to the papers, too. I think there needs to be an understanding of why there was that decision to put the signs up at that time. I think it's fair that everyone should know what that was.

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CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Wait a minute. We're

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discussing what you've already told us.

Gordon.

COMMISSIONER BENNETT: I feel the same way about the sign issue. The emphasis in discussing this has been on the Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and bureaucratic steps, and I think that's important. But, in the meantime, there are what I consider common, good sense, and neighborly actions that need to be taken in this situation. So that, when you have an expectation that you have a user group that's extremely sensitized to an issue, and you have the possibility of a sign going up that you think, reasonably expect, might be upsetting to them, that some effort is made to reach out before the signs go up, and just talk about it, or explain it a little bit, even though it's not necessarily part of the Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and is not bureaucratic. We have a situation here that is highly sensitized, highly explosive, and it just seems good practice to just try to calm things down and reach out before these things happen.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Doug.

COMMISSIONER NADEAU: I promise this is my last comment on this issue.

I know this is a new process. I'm

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disappointed in hearing that it maybe is dragged out as it's going to be. I mean, the park has gone through -- the park, over the years, has a tremendous amount of experience in dealing with controversial issues. The mountain bicycle issue, I think they dealt with in a very professional way and designed their own process to do it. I think that ended up in a very satisfactory manner.

I hope that this, if this is a two-year process, I hope we don't sit around on our hands for six months and not talk to people. I don't care what they tell us the process is. I don't know why we can't start meeting with people and talking about how we're going to resolve this issue. I think we can start that right now. Once the formal process is defined, people are going to tell us, yeah, you're way ahead; you've already met with people. I just -- maybe I'm wrong, but just a bit of advice.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Redmond.

COMMISSIONER KERNAN: I guess I keep reading about it, and I have to talk about it. I wasn't at the January 23 Meeting, so I can have a totally different view as to what's going on. But what I hear, with one ear, is that the park is willing to, perhaps, approach some rulemaking; and, therefore, they have an advance

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notice, first. Maybe they can change the rules, and they're taking a bold step to reach out to see if there's a way to have some accommodation. On the other hand, signs go up, it's going to take two years, maybe. In the meantime, we're going to enforce the law. And the two things don't seem to equate.

I got the impression that things were all right last year, and the year before, and they could go on that way for another year, or so; and, that, actually doing nothing different than what was being done was just fine. And I think putting up the signs was a terrible, terrible public relations error. I'm not sure if some lawyer said: Gee, you better do this. But I would generally have cautioned, I guess, taking a different view.

I would suggest taking the signs down, quite frankly, and just have a very clear statement that we're going to continue with what we've been doing. If there's inappropriate dog activity, it will be cited, but that we'll continue to march.

You are in a position, I think a bold one for this park, to be in this Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, which no other park has done, and I think this time frame has to be collapsed. I think two years is -- I can't imagine -- I mean, you can do an EIS in

less than two years. I can't imagine that this should take that long. We need to find a way to compress that time so that there is a result, at least to complete the advanced notice.

So I would urge -- I think, like any good administrator, you're able to go with either answer; and, therefore, you're preserving both options. But in preserving both options, and I don't say you, the park -- it is worrying people that you're changing what they thought was going to happen, and it is fouling, I think, the discussion that might take place. I think we ought to just go back to the way things were a year or two ago, continue to enforce the law the way you were at the time, and move up the rulemaking.

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT BARTLING: Just a minor point on the rulemaking, I don't think there's anything that says it has to take two years. We've gotten a couple of examples of other processes. The time frames come from the other agencies who have been involved. I don't think there's anything that says that it has to be two years, and there's isn't great advantage to trying to do it as, you know, as fast as it can be done.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Ed.

COMMISSIONER WAYBURN: I just want to add my

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two cents' worth.

I, too, agree with what Redmond said and what Dough said. I think the signs were most unfortunate. I think that our people have to understand that this park has been in the vanguard of trying to change things. This is not Golden Gate's position; it is the national position, which Golden Gate had to follow. Brian O'Neill has gone and gotten permission to start something else.

I think that -- I suggest that, you people who have come here, don't lambaste the Commission. We're your representatives. We're not the park. We give advice to the park, but they don't need to take it. However, we're used to being the buffer. So, if you want to go ahead and lambaste, go ahead.

[Laughter.]

I have to say, on a personal basis, I'm also a dog walker, and I understand what you're talking about. But let's get on with it.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Speaking for myself, I'm both proud and sad from what I've heard tonight. I'm proud of the fact that the Park Service has started the meetings, and proud of the fact that they started the rulemaking process. But I'm also, as others, I would like some definitive answer about why the signs went up

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the way they did, when they did.

Secondly, it saddens me that, when we're already down 38 employees from where we were 20 years ago, we may have hire an employee to get us through this, and the whole bureaucratic thing that may take up to two years.

Finally, I think, when people say that they're being shut out of the process, you invite them in, and you don't wait for the rulemaking to start; you start not. You look at your calendar and say: I can see you tomorrow, I can see you Friday, or whatever. But, anyhow, that's just me talking.

Anyway, can we now go on with the rest of our agenda? We got a lot of business to do.

Thank you very much for coming.

Reports from the Superintendent, Acting Superintendent Mai-Liis Bartling.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

MAI-LIIS BARTLING, ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

FOR

PLANNING, NEW PROJECTS AND PARTNERSHIPS

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT BARTLING: I think everybody had this hardcopy in their folder. So I'll just very quickly highlight a couple of items from the Superintendent's Report.

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Just last week, we released the RFP for the Fort Baker Retreat and Conference Center, which involves, of course, the rehabilitation of historic buildings in the establishment of the retreat and conference center. The RFP went to the four pre-qualified firms that were identified in the RFQ process over a year ago.

For those who would like to see the RFP, it's available in this building, at the Western Regional Office, the Western Region Visitor Center, on the first floor. It's also available at the Sausalito Public Library, and it can also be accessed over the internet at www.nps.gov/goga.

The responses to the RFP will be due in 120 days. Before that, there will be a public meeting on May 10, in order to take, now that people have seen the RFP, to take their thoughts and comments about how to have the most constructive project going forward.

We're very excited about -- moving onto another topic -- we're very excited about the Crissy Field opening celebrations, which begin next week. Particularly, Sunday, May 6, there will be very special reenactment of the historic 1920s air show, and, you know, everyone is welcome to attend. The opening of the new Crissy Field Center will take place that same

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And he said, "The Commission will decide if it gets cancelled or not, not the staff." So he said, "When you get up there, if it's raining, you call me and you can either have the matter postponed to our next meeting at the Seashore, or we can have the feed inside the ranch house, which we've done before." So he was very particular that his invitation is to the Commission and not to the staff. Bless his heart.

Nothing further?

(No response.)

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: We're adjourned.

(Whereupon, at 11:10 p.m., the meeting of the Advisory Commission was adjourned, to reconvene at 7:3 p.m., Saturday, May 5, 2001, at the Point Reyes National Seashore.)

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Meeting of the

ADVISORY COMMISSION

for the

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and

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GGNRA Park Headquarters

Building 21, Fort Mason

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Tuesday, July 24, 2001

REPORTER: JAMES W. HIGGINS, CVR

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ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING

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TUESDAY, JULY 24, 2001

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GGNRA Park Headquarters

Building 201, Fort Mason

San Francisco, California

The meeting was convened, pursuant to Notice, at 7:30 p.m., Chairman Richard Bartke presiding.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

RICHARD BARTKE, Chair

AMY MEYER, Vice Chair

MICHAEL ALEXANDER

GORDON BENNETT

BETSEY CUTLER

REDMOND KERNAN

YVONNE LEE

DOUG NADEAU

TRENT ORR

DENNIS RODONI

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COMMISSIONERS PRESENT (Cont.):

FRED RODRIGUEZ

DOUG SIDEN

JACK SPRING

ED WAYBURN

ALSO PRESENT:

For the Golden Gate National Recreation Area:

BRIAN O'NEILL, General Superintendent

FOR THE PRESIDIO TRUST:

CRAIG MIDDLETON, Deputy Director for
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7:30 P.M.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Good evening, Ladies and Gentlemen. Welcome to the regular meeting of the Advisory Commission for the Golden Gate National Recreation Area and the Point Reyes National Seashore.

A word of introduction, for those who might not have met with us before. This Commission, the members of this Commission, have been nominated by local groups, and then appointed by the Secretary of the Interior. Some of our jobs include listening to the public on park issues, to give our advice to the Secretary of the Interior on those issues, and the Secretary is represented by the Superintendent of this park, Brian O'Neill, who is sitting on my immediate left. All the other members of the Commission are at the table and have their names in front of them, so I won't introduce each and every one of them.

We are advisory, as our name says. We don't run the parks. We don't work for the Park Service. We're citizens who receive input from you, and then pass our advice on to the Secretary.

The agendas are in the back. If you haven't got one, you may pick one up. But there are going to be a couple of changes to the agenda. First of all, we're going to move up the Presidio Trust Director's Report to

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CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Thank you. And I have a copy of your letter, dated today, to the Sausalito City Council. We'll have the copied and given to all the Commission Members.

Lisa Vittori.

STATEMENT OF

LISA VITTORI

MS. VITTORI: Hi! My name is Lisa Vittori.

I came here to report to you and to ask you about the dog issue. Luckily, I've seen what you have to say. I think I've been watching too many episodes of the Sopranos recently, which is why I think I'm not going to watch it anymore. Because I feel like spitting on this document. This is not the agreement we made that we made in January. This is not why we waived our right to speak at that meeting.

In the last few weeks, I've been talking to a lot of people, which is not what I want to spend my time doing.

When Marc Albert gave his presentation, I worked at everyone of those sites, for the last 10 years. I've taken out Cape Ivy. I've been in poison oak. I've had literally cases of poison oak. You're utilizing my abilities in the wrong way. However, I do have to do this now.

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As I've been talking to people, for the last three weeks about a rally we're having, people have been asking me: What's been happening with the Park Service? We've been getting a lot of reports that people are being cited and ticketed. What you told us in January was that people would not be cited and that we have a process going on within the next 120 days. Six hundred people waived their right to speak in January on the condition that you were going to work with us fairly. Whatever this is called, the ANPR, or whatever it is. You know, I don't, quite frankly, give a shit about the public process or the federal process because I've realized that the Park Service is behaving -- has become a Trojan Horse. And I'm almost done with my three minutes.

We supported you, and I've supported you, in particular, in doing habitat restoration, and putting, you know, saving all this open land. And what's happened is that the federal rules and regulations, which we have very little influence over in out little, you know, jurisdiction here, have come in and, you know, basically bitten us in the butt.

And excuse my language, but, you know, quite frankly, I know where every tool in the Park Service is. And I have not used any tools to do any damage to any

object in the Park Service because I'm using the public process in the way it was designed. But you are really pushing a lot of people to the point where we're going to have to start doing civil disobdience if we don't start getting a fair and equitable response from you.

I'm going to formally ask you now to schedule the dog policy for September to give every person, every one of those 2,000 people who were there in January, a chance to hear what you have to say about it.

Thank you.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Thank you.

Michael Goldstein.

STATEMENT OF

MICHAEL GOLDSTEIN

MR. GOLDSTEIN: Good evening, Commissioners. My name is Michael Goldstein.

I never received any response to my question at your April 24 meeting. To remind you: I wanted to know whether this Commission had approved a letter, which was signed by your Chair, Rich Bartke, and Vice Chair Amy Meyer. The letter, which was on your website, and published in local newspapers, claimed that the Commission's 1979 Pet Policy, begin quote: "... had been delcared invalid and was no longer in force."

If the policy was not in force, then why was

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there a stealth motion, not on the agenda, to rescind it last November? And when that motion was objected to and found out of order for not being on the agenda, then why was it placed on the January 23 agenda if the 1979 Pet Policy was not in force?

Clearly, the GGNRA has permitted off-lease dog recreation for decades. When this off-leash recreation was threatened by the motion to rescind the 1979 Pet Policy, over a thousand people showed up -- and you might contrast that to the nine letters you received on one topic tonight, and a hundred people that showed up at a meeting in Sausalito. Not that those are not important; but, when a thousand people and almost all of the Board of Supervisors in your city show up, that is important -- most of whom were locked out by police from attending your January 23 meeting at the Golden Gate Club, after hearing from fewer than 50 of these thousand people who wanted to speak, the Commission cut off further speakers.

The only reason these people accepted being denied the right to speak was the Commission's decision to table the motion for a 120-day period, during which there was explicity to be no changes in policy or enforcement. Instead, while announcing a complex and lengthy process known as Advanced Notice of Proposed

Rulemaking in the media, the National Park Service made immediate changes on the ground, posting new signs, which state, "Pets on Leash."

Today, I see that a new publication has just been issued, entitled, "Enjoying the park with your dog on leash." This is a complete rewrite of the 1979 Pet Policy. It goes into great detail, including a map and details on whether dogs are totally banned, or allowed only on leash in each of 20 areas of the GGNRA. Except that policy was the result of public input, discussion and negotiation over several years, not accomplished by management fiat, as is this new brochure.

As you know full well, the thousand people who tried to speak to you were overwhelmingly opposed to rescinding your 1979 Pet Policy. Admit reality. You could not politically rescind that policy, neither by stealth motion in November, nor in the face of enormous outcry in January.

Now, through the signs, the new "Enjoying the park with your dog on leash" brochure and website publication, the management of the GGNRA has made a complete end-run around this Commission.

Again I ask: Did this Commission approve the letter to the editor by your Chair and Co-chair? If so, was this done at a properly noticed public meeting? And

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are you trying to claim that you did rescind your 1979 Pet Policy when, in fact, you had it on your January 23 agenda and most certainly did not vote to rescind it?

Please don't let the GGNRA management accelerate its campaign against off-leash recreation without holding a public hearing. If you do choose to do the right thing, please choose a venue that respects the citizens whom you've already locked out before. I see that there are facilities, such as Herbst Pavilion and Festival Pavilion, just down the hill at the piers here at Fort Mason, which can easily accommodate large numbers of people. Don't fence us out. Don't lock us out. Do play your role as an oversight body.

Thank you very much.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Thank you.

John Keating.

STATEMENT OF

JOHN KEATING, ESQ.

MR. KEATING: Good evening. I'm John Keating.

Just to follow up on what Mr. Goldstein was saying, when Senator Bible was giving his testimony, despite the specific intent for you folks, as serving on this Advisory Commission, what they describe as being the intent was the Advisory Commission is there to protect the federal bureaucrats from running roughshod

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over the public. That's your job.

I want to, tonight, warn you about how this accelerating campaign against recreation use, specifically off-leash recreational use of the GGNRA, is going to cause problems for you. While Supervisor O'Neill correctly, Superintendent O'Neill correctly, predicts that you have a good chance for the Senate Committee to pass a bill, sponsored by a member of the committee, Dianne Feinstein, in a Democratic-controlled environment, of course, your chances of success in a critical House Committee of Natural Resources is very low if you carry on the continued conduct in the GGNRA, which is hostile to recreation uses.

The other half of the bill that you have before the Senate and the House talks about the continuation of the existence of this committee. As you know, you have to be renewed. You know you're set to be renewed for a 20-year term. My understanding of the climate, right now, in the House Committee is that you should be renewed, and you're a good, good organization, if you, in fact, protect the public. But, if they catch you rubber-stamping efforts by the Park Service to restrict public access, I don't think you have as good a chance of being renewed, and I think they will look into the make-up of the committee, as well.

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Quickly, I want to go to the issue of what's happened with this radical change in the Pet Policy: It is a radical change. We had a policy that worked well for 20 years, and it's been unilaterally, completely altered. You do not need to make that radical change in the interim while you're studying the issue. The only reason to do that is if you have decided how you want it to turn out in the end. And you know that, by making the change now, you have a better chance to get it. And that's what seems to be happening.

The one thing that is clear about the case law in the area is that Superintendent O'Neill and the Park Service have the discretion to not enforce this new interpretation of the regulation, a different interpretation then they've had for 20 years. It's now expedient to have a new interpretation. You don't need to enforce that new interpretation while you're studying the issue. Cases are clear on that. We've provided that authority to the Park Service's lawyers. I do not know if you've been provided with that.

I want to say that what is also clear is that you're required to have a public hearing. Now the Park Service has given several excuses for not having a public hearing on this radical change that they're making. One is that they never adopted the Pet Policy.

That is simply inaccurate. Document after document confirms that the Pet Policy was adopted. The GGNRA made those representations to Congress. It was included in the management plan. It has been adopted. There's no question as to that.

Second argument the Park Service makes is that it's illegal because of this general regulation. Well, that's an issue that's been disputed rather rigorously.

And I want you to know that, in the Fort Funston litigation, the Park Service's lawyers repeatedly made that argument, and the Court rejected it. The Court did not buy that Park Service's argument that they could avoid public hearings because they had new interpretation that this regulation applied. In fact, something very unusual happened in this litigation: The Court awarded the sanction of attorneys' fees against the Park Service on an injunction. Very rare. The reason it is so rare is that the Court only does it, and is only allowed to do it, only has the discretion to award attorneys' fees when the government's position has no substantial justification. The government can take a position and argue it, even if it's not a very good position. If it's wrong, it doesn't matter. They don't have to pay the public attorneys' fees unless there is no reasonable

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basis for it. And if the Court makes that extreme conclusion, then it awards attorneys' fees.

Now the Court argued the -- I'm sorry, the government argued this general regulation application in the lawsuit, and the judge determined that there was no substantial basis for the government's position. Therefore, the judge rejected it and found that there wasn't, that it was an inadequate excuse to avoid the public hearings.

So, please, please, when you know the law applies, don't seek to jump around it or we're going to be back where we were before. This time, not only are you going down the road of following the advice that took you down the wrong road before, but you're doing it already having been sanctioned by the court.

Secondly,

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Can you --

MR. KEATING: Okay, I'll -- the argument by the Park Service that it doesn't need to have hearings because the policy was never adopted is irrelevant, to some extent, because the public hearing is required if there is any restriction in the use that significantly changes the pattern of activitity. So it doesn't matter whether you're changing a policy if you're going to have an impact of a bid restriction of use. Clearly it will.

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You also have to have public hearings if it is highly controversial. No one can argue it's not highly controversial.

The last quick point is I understood today that these issues were being briefed in the San Francisco Committee hearing. We're not able to know what's said there, so we can't advise you if we think that you're not getting accurate information. The only person who has been truly impartial, who has looked at the quality of information being provided by the park staff, was a Federal Court Judge, a noted environmentalist before he came onto the bench. And what he said is that we were being railroaded, the information provided was skewed. And he took the unusual step of saying it was so skewed that he wouldn't rely on the information that the Park Service provided, but the he needed to go and do an independent analysis with other documents.

So I ask you, please, please, get some independent analysis of this and don't go racing down to that end result when you don't need to.

Thank you very much for your patience.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Thank you.

That concludes the speakers who have signed up to speak on non-agenda items. Is there anything further

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to come before the Commission?

Doug.

COMMISSIONER NADEAU: I just have a quick comment that I'd like to preface by saying that I don't response and I don't want to generate any discussion. It's kind of nice that we're getting, getting out of here relatively early.

I was recently somewhat alarmed to see that we were, the the Fort Mason Foundation was sponsoring an exhibit in the Presidio on torture implements. I didn't go to the exhibit so I really can't criticize it. There may be some relationship of that subject to National Park Service mission, but I've tried to dream of what that might be.

Anyway, I generally think the programs that our park partners do are really great, and I don't want to pick on this particular one. I just bring it up as an example. But I would just like to take that opportunity to comment to Brian that, at some time in the future, like within the next year, or -- you know, I don't want to make this a big deal. But it would be nice to hear from you -- and I'm saying this as a 25-year senior staff member, I don't know the answer to this, honestly -- what the Park Service does to monitor park partner programs to assure that those programs are

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appropriate in the park. There have been a few really outstanding examples of things that I didn't think were appropriate. I won't mention them right now. But I'd just like -- at some time in the future, I'd like to have a discussion on that subject.

Amy has her hand up. Remember! I didn't want any discussion on this subject.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: All right. I was just going to comment that the exhibit was offered to the Park Service. It was offered to Alcatraz, it was offered to the Presidio Trust, all of whom turned it down. But the Fort Mason Foundation is an individual corporation of its own. And, yes; we do have oversight, but they accepted it.

COMMISSIONER NADEAU: Okay. Well, whatever. It still took place within our park and was sponsored by a park partner.

SUPERINTENDENT O'NEILL: But, Doug, without getting into a discussion on it, I think it really brings the issue up of having some guidelines and criteria, particularly with respect to major traveling exhibits, something that's going to obviously be promoted to the broader community. So I think what this suggests, I mean, together with all, is that we need to have proper oversight, and we need to have guidelines

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and criteria that, at least, provides the side boards within which considerations can go forward for programs, and those that would trigger an automatic review.

So I clearly, having similar concerns about that particular exhibit, it just suggests that we have some work to do to set some guidelines.

COMMISSIONER NADEAU: Fine.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Fred.

COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: I attended and also sit on the Fort Mason Board. The exhibit itself has as its mission, from all the presentation that I saw, was to let people know that this issue of torture is not done. It exists around the world today. The organizations that were sponsoring are those that are working in amnesty programs. And the concern is that this brutality that has existed -- and it's a very depressing exhibit to go through -- but that it's not done; it's not over. That we just need to be aware that it's not just something from the past, but something present around the world.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Thank you.

Ed.

COMMISSIONER WAYBURN: I think some answer should be given to the various people who have been speaking on the proposed dog policy. They have to know

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that this is not a local affair. This is a national affair, and there is, at present, in our notes, an update on Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on the Pet Policy. They can't know, and not too many of us know, that this has been in effect on a national basis for many years, and that the Superintendent achieved a minor coup when he got the National Park Service to entertain this method of dealing with it. There's been a great deal of discussion as to whether or not this park was doing its duty by all the people who wanted to have recreation, particularly with regard to dogs.

I think that we have an obligation to respond to these people and tell them that Golden Gate has gone farther than any other park in trying to meet the situation.

The opprobrium, which has been heaped on the Advisory Commission, is entirely ill-centered. Because this Advisory Commission has not taken any action. It was what we did in January that caused the Superintendent to make vigorous efforts to try to change the national policy, and the Advanced Notice of Rulemaking is a part of that policy.

I don't know whether this is going to satisfy the people who object vigorously, but our hands are, at this moment, tied. I would suggest that they write to

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their legislatures and write to the National Park Service in Washington to express their feelings, giving the same arguments they gave to us.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Thank you.

Any other comments? Amy.

COMMISSIONER MEYER: I wanted to follow up, for a moment, on Doug's comment. Five of us went out last, I guess the weekend before last, to the Marin Headlands to visit the Headlands Art Center. We each had somewhat different reaction to the experience. It's a matter that we'll bring up in the Marin Committee.

I was more informing just the other people here that five of us had gone, and that this is another instance of a park partner, it's relationship with the park audience and with park visitors has changed over a long period of time. I, frankly, was heartened by what I saw. I had been rather critical of them before; I feel less critical right now. But I think there's a lot to be looked at with that park partner.

So Doug has brought it up in one way; I'm bringing it up in another. But these are things that take place in the parks and that I'd like to see looked into from time to time, depending on the circumstances.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Thank you.

Anything further?

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MS. VITTORI: Can we ask that the dog issue be rescheduled?

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: No. The Commission had its public hearing. The Commission took it's action. As I explained at the top of the meeting, the Commission is advisory. We gave our advice to the Secretary of the Interior, through the local Superintendent, and the Superintendent is doing what he can to carry out that advice. There's nothing further for this Commission to do.

The suggestion that we somehow misled the public that night is simply not true. The last time this came up, which was about three months ago, I had the verbatim transcript in front of me and read from it, and what happened was exactly what happened in January. We have not changed course. We didn't table it for four months. We took our action. We voted. We made our recommendation, and that's been passed on to the Park Service. That's what this Commission is empowered to do, and that's what we did. We heard you. We acted. As far as we're concerned, there's nothing more we can do.

MS. VITTORI: So, in other words, we can't take our case up with Brian again?

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Well, I assume that you were

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speaking tonight to the Park Service and not to this Commission. Because there's no further role for this Commission until the rulemaking proceeds quite a bit further.

Please speak from the mic.

MR. KEATING: It's John Keating speaking again.

You have an oversight role. You can look into whether the Park Service is making radical changes that will destroy our park and subverting public input. At any time, you can look into that issue. You do not need to accept the Park Service's position that your policy, that they adopted and embraced for 20 years, is somehow unilaterally declared null and void and is no longer your policy.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Okay. We've gotten that message. And you're correct: We do have an oversight role.

MR. KEATING: I'd like to make one other comment as to the ANPR process. In come circumstances, that's useful. In most circumstances, it's regularly regarded as a technigue that's used by an agency to get -- to avoid having to make a rule; to avoid public hearings. If the Park Service did the proper thing, which was to have a public hearing on whether the change

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is current policy, they probably would not change the dog policy, as it currently exists. If, however, they go through this ANPS process to determine whether to have any public hearings at all, they may very well use the same arguments they tried in the past. And even though they were rejected by the court, they may use it now to avoid that public hearing process. And I think this Commission should look into whether the public input is being precluded, rather than enhanced.

Thank you.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Thank you.

We are going to adjourn our meeting in honor of two different people. One is Henry Hillman, who was an elderly gentleman who attended, in the early days, just about everyone of the meetings of this Commission. He passed away recently.

The other is an adjournment in memory of Victoria Cohen, who was an intern who worked in our Public Affairs Office, and who, at the age of 23, recently drowned.

So, we are adjourning our meeting in honor of both of those people.

(Whereupon, at 9:58 p.m., the meeting of the Advisory Commission was adjourned, to reconvene at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, August 28, 2001, in the same location.)

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This is to certify that the attached proceedings before the Department of Interior, National Park Service, of the meeting of:

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Fort Mason Center

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P R O C E E D I N G S

7:40 P.M.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: I'll call the meeting to order.

We were asked to delay the call to order, for about five minutes, because there seemed to be people who were driving around the parking lot, looking for parking spaces, and we wanted them to have time to find their way in.

This is a much more auspicious setting than our Commission usually meets in, but we'll try to make do.

This is the regular meeting of the Advisory Commission to the National Parks in the Golden Gate Area, and the Point Reyes National Seashore.

The agendas are in the back. If you haven't picked one up, you may want to do so.

The first item on our agenda is the approval of the Minutes of our July 24 Meeting. They were mailed to Commission Members about ten days ago.

Do any Commission Member have any changes that ought to be made in those minutes?

(No response.)

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: I don't see any, so they will be accepted as they were mailed.

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people thought that that would be the way to go. The other is the more traditional wrecking-ball style. So we agreed to go with the wrecking-ball style because the building is constructed in such a way that, even if were to do implode it, the walls are so thick that we'd still have to bring a wrecking ball out. So we just decided to go for that.

It will be recycled. About 93 percent of the building will be ground up and used on site at the Presidio for trailbed and roadbed. So that also relieves us of the truck traffic that would otherwise have to go through the neighborhoods.

COMMISSIONER ALEXANDER: Thank you.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Before going to Committee Reports, there's someone who has signed up under Non-agenda Issues. Rather than having him wait, we'll take him at this time.

Michael Goldstein, would you like to come up and take one of the microphones and address the Commission?

STATEMENT OF

MICHAEL GOLDSTEIN

MR. GOLDSTEIN: I just wanted to -- well, there's two things. I wasn't going to speak at all, but, since you prompted me to speak on the first one,

I'm going to take the rest of my three minutes to give my thoughts.

At the beginning of the meeting, the Chair introduced this as this is the regular meeting of the Advisory Commission to the National Parks in the Golden Gate area and Point Reyes National Seashore. And this Commission was set up by an Act of Congress, and I think it's disrespectful to Congress, and to the people of the United States, as well as to the people who are in this room and have already left, not to correctly address the name of this Commission, which is Golden Gate National Recreation Area and Point Reyes National Seashore Advisory Commission. And I'd like you to make a correction to that, now, in the record. Would you agree to do that, Mr. Bartke?

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: I'm not sure I understand the question?

MR. GOLDSTEIN: Well, I find that hard to believe, because I've addressed this Commission on this topic before and it's been a matter of public debate. The name of your agency is the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, and you called this the national parks in the Golden Gate area, omitting the name "recreation." I don't think that was a mistake, but I'll give you the benefit of the doubt and the chance to correct it, now,

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for the record. Would you please do that?

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Okay. Consider it corrected.

MR. GOLDSTEIN: Thank you.

Now, with my remaining minute, or whatever, I'd just like to say that I feel like I see a train wreck coming, or maybe it's more like a shipwreck. I was once on a ship leaving a harbor, a passenger ship, and seeing a freighter heading straight towards us, and everybody kind of joked at first, until they realized that it really was. Finally, it was averted. But people starting running for the lifeboats.

I was at Crissy Field today and watching a whole bunch of people, dogs, babies, kids, windsurfers, bicyclists, runners, everybody having a great time and a wonderful day. And I saw a four-month-old dog there, a little puppy, and I talked to its owner. I told her that I'd just heard that the GGNRA was going to be putting up signs about dogs on leash, and actually enforcing that. And she said she couldn't believe it.

I just feel like I'm seeing two different things going on here, and that's getting me more and more worried. On the one hand, you're manager, Mr. O'Neill, is going straight forward with a policy of sending his rangers out into harm's way, to get into

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arguments with a bunch of people who are really mad, who tried to speak to you in January. I've talked to you about that, since then.

People have pretty much given up on you and they also respect your evening and don't show up here now. We could all be here speaking for hours and making you go home late. People aren't doing that because they respect that you were here to talk about something else tonight.

But you're heading to a disaster, Mr. O'Neill, if you enforce this policy at this time. You don't need to do it. You're going to have a complete pandemonium. And don't say I didn't tell you.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Okay. Going on to Committee Reports. Apparently, we've had five committees that have met this month. First of all, the Presidio Committee. Redmond.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PRESIDIO COMMITTEE

COMMISSIONER KERNAN, CHAIR

COMMISSIONER KERNAN: Yes. We met the 23rd, and we had an update of the landfill remediation that will occur for landfills 4 and 5, which will begin before very long.

We also had a presentation of a proposed

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What I'd like to suggest is this: We are scheduled to hear about the Fort Baker proposers at either our September or October meeting, and I can't remember which one it is. We wouldn't want both of these to be on the same agenda. So why don't I put it on the agenda that Fort Baker is not on. Anybody have any objection to that?

COMMISSIONER BENNETT: That would be September, because Fort Baker is on the October.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: October?

COMMISSIONER BENNETT: Yeah.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Okay. So we will leave PTIP on September. Okay?

(No response.)

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Anything else to come before the Commission?

(No response.)

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: We're adjourned.

(Whereupon, at 10:00 p.m., the meeting of the Advisory Commission was adjourned, to reconvene at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, September 25, 2001, in the Headquarters, Building 201, Fort Mason.

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This is to certify that the attached proceedings before the Department of Interior, National Park Service, of the meeting of:

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ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING

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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2001

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GGNRA Park Headquarters

Building 201, Fort Mason

San Francisco, California

The meeting was convened, pursuant to Notice, at 7:30 p.m., Chairman Rich Bartke presiding.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

RICH BARTKE, Chair

AMY MEYER, Vice Chair

MICHAEL ALEXANDER

SUSAN GIACOMINI ALLAN

GORDON BENNETT

BETSEY CUTLER

REDMOND KERNAN

DOUG NADEAU

TRENT ORR

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COMMISSIONERS PRESENT (Cont.:

FRED RODRIGUEZ

DOUG SIDEN

JACK SPRING

ED WAYBURN

ALSO PRESENT:

For the Golden Gate National Recreation Area:

MAI-LIIS BARTLING, Assistant Superintendent

FOR THE PRESIDIO TRUST:

JAMES MEADOWS, Executive Director

STAFF LIAISON:

MICHAEL FEINSTEIN.PA

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P R O C E E D I N G S

7:30 P.M.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Good evening. I'd like to call to order the regular meeting of the Advisory Commission -- let me rephrase that -- The Citizens Advisory Commission for Golden Gate National Parks and for the Point Reyes Seashore.

The agendas are in the back, on the table. If you wish to pick one up, you may do so.

I have a couple of announcements to make. First of all, there is, on the wall behind us, a display of the 20th Meeting of this Advisory Commission, which took place in October of 1976. And, so, when the Commission is in recess, you may want to go up and look at what at we did on our agenda for our 20th Meeting. I'm not sure what meeting we're on now, but it must be something like the 200th.

The second thing is that I intend to reverse the order of the items that are on the agenda and make No. 4, No. 3; and make No. 3, No. 4. The reason being that what is on the agenda as No. 4 requests public comment; and, if there are members of the public here, we'd like to hear them so that they can be on their way if they don't wish to stay for what is listed as No. 3, which does not have public comment.

Is there any objection?

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available for a retreat. Then there's a memo from you, Mr. Chairman, dated October 18, that mentions yet another date, Saturday, December 1. I'm wondering if that date is still in contention, or is it just these Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday dates we're looking at?

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: I think what -- that date is possible; but the preference seems to be for a shorter retreat. And that could be done on a week night, rather than on a Saturday.

COMMISSIONER ORR: Well, should we, just in the interest of getting the date that works for the most people, have everybody add Saturday and say whether or not they can do that?

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: It's all right with me.

COMMISSIONER ORR: Thank you.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Okay. So anybody that's interested in Saturday, December 1, put that down.

Non-agenda items. We have three people who have signed up to address us this evening. First is Will Anzenberger.

STATEMENT OF

WILL ANZENBERGER,

DIRECTOR OF LAW AND ADVOCACY, SAN FRANCISCO SPCA

MR. ANZENBERGER: Good evening. I'm Will Anzenberger, A-n-z-e-n-b-e-r-g-e-r. I'm the Director of

Law and Advocacy for the San Francisco SPCA.

On behalf of the San Francisco SPCA and it's 95,000 supporters, we express our empathy with those that feel that the GGNRA and the National Park Service has abandoned the goal of land use by democracy; but, instead, has carefully eroded away valued recreational uses of land, despite assurances to the contrary. It was clear, when dog stakeholders recently met with the GGNRA staff, including Brian O'Neill, the GGNRA has already decided that off-leash dogs will have no place on GGNRA lands. It seems clear that they have not taken a neutral stance on this issue, as evidenced by their recent enforcement/educational campaign.

Among the developments we find troubling are these: While the GGNRA has suggested it is partnering with the Off-leash Task Force, the relationship has not been a true partnership. They have met with us twice in the nine months since the Task Force was formed, and the meetings have not involved real dialogue, but merely information.

As stakeholders and members of the Task Force, we were assured that there would be no changes in off-lease access until after the ANPR process and public comment period had passed. In August, the GGNRA reneged on this promise and began enforcing off-leash

restrictions, even before the ANPR process had begun. With no input from the dog stakeholders, GGNRA published a brochure on dog rules that clearly disallowd off-leash dog recreation. Particularly appalling to the San Francisco SPCA is the element in the brochure that egregiously misrepresents the nature of dog behavior with such inaccurate statements as: "Leash dogs are less likely to bite."

For years, we have provided extensive material documenting the benefits of off-leash recreation. We have responded cooperatively to the many requests for analysis of how off-leash dogwalking can be accommodated in the GGNRA. Yet it appears that, at the end of the day, the GGNRA has made the unilateral policy and decisions without regard to our input.

Thank you.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Thank you.

The next speaker is John Keating.

STATEMENT OF

JOHN KEATING, ESQ.

MR. KEATING: Thank you. I'm John Keating.

Again, I want to thank you all for your public service in doing this. I've been watching you for about a year-and-a-half now.

I'm, as you probably know, interested in the

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issues of the quality of the information you're getting on the dogwalking issues, and on the quality of the decision-making. I want to talk, therefore, briefly about two of the items that are in the Superintendent's Report.

With regard to the dogwalking update, when the Assistant Superintendent said that you're making good progress, it's just not true. There is no progress being made. The ANPR is stuck in quagmire. The meetings -- I believe there's only been two. They've been trivial, nonproductive, not in good faith.

I want to take you back, for a moment, to that meeting in January, when there were about a thousand citizens standing out in the rain, wanting to express their concerns to you, and they went home based on an understanding that things would be held off until the situation was adequately studied. The specific wording of you, Chairman Bartke, was: "Hold off on signs, enforcement, et cetera." I think we all understood the process was going to be that this proposal that the Park Service had, that you rescind the pet policy, was something you would take no action on. It was unacceptable. It was not supported by the populace. It was very important to people that you were going to hold off until they studied it and came back.

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They haven't come back with a plan. Instead, they've gone forward with the one they had that was unacceptable. They call it a, quote, "Education Campaign." It's not an education campaign; it's an advocacy campaign. They send out a card that lists reasons why their position is right. And calling it an education campaign is kind of like calling a missile a peacekeeper.

There are some duties that the Park Service has with regard to this ANPR process. One of them is to tell the public about it. If you're out there handing out brochures, the brochures need to say that this is an issue in contention and that you're taking public comment on it. Not try to flow the public out of the park before they have the opportunity to have the public input. We can't even submit the stuff yet; and, yet, we're already being told.

There are warnings being given to people in rude manners. It's hard to believe that our rangers would be doing this. But they're out there telling people, "If I see you again, you're going to get a ticket. Get off the beach now." They don't say, "Put your dog on a leash." They say, "I saw you without your dog on leash. Get out of here or you're going to get a ticket." And then they say, "Next time I see you,

you're going to get a ticket."

You know, basically, democracy is a game of getting the input so you can make the right decision. I think that's what the Advisory Commission is about, or should be about. You need to get fair input. And, respectfully, I don't think you're getting the fair input.

I think, going to the Fort Funston issue quickly, I can tell you what happened. I'm not sure you actually know what happened. We went through the process. There's thousands and thousands of pages of analysis and briefings, and briefings. I don't know whether you folks ever were briefed on our side of it. But I know, when I talk to the Park Service, and I talk to the people, you know, there's arguments this way and there's arguments that way. And, yet, the Park Service only discusses their arguments and won't even address anyone else's.

After that public comment process happened and they came out with the Park Service's Report that ignored all the environmental recommendations, ignored the requests that there be an Environmental Analysis, we made a request, a number of people, organizations and people individually, made requests of the Park Service for reconsideration or to appeal the decision. The Park

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Service didn't honor that procedure. They have never responded to that.

Instead, what they did, when the OMB was coming down on them and said that they couldn't proceed because they weren't properly complying with the rulemaking, they hadn't properly done it, what the Park Service told them was: Well, we haven't done rulemaking. What we did is just do a temporary closure decision. And they told the OMPB that, before they made permanent changes, they would complete the process and do the analysis. And the report tells you, the Superintendent's Report tells you, that they're out there making those changes.

They're ripping up the ice plant. And I don't think there's a single one of us in here who knows for certain whether it's going to have a bad effect on those bank swallows. All we know is that the Park Service is 0 for 3 as to the bank swallows on the three times they ripped out the ice plant. What we do know is that there an adaptive species that came and flourished when the ice plant was there. We do know that, in other regions of the world, the bank swallows use the ice plant. They feed on the insects, they use it for nesting materials. And, yet, in the depositions, we asked the Park Service: Have you ever looked at that issue? They said, No. And

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they have refused.

I will wrap up. I see the --

The point is: When the public is telling the Park Service that we them to do the analysis, and the Park Service is refusing to do the analysis, you folks need to be aware of it.

The last comment I want to make is: I was, the other night, over at the Yerba Buena Center and I saw a wonderful saying by Martin Luther King; and it was: In times of tragedy, you work to foster brotherhood and the world gets better as a result because we join together and unite. The Park Service is not trying to unite its people. What they are doing instead is attacking the single most consistent, loyal users of the park and the groups that want to help the most for the park.

Thank you.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Thank you.

The next speaker is Lisa Vittori.

STATEMENT OF

LISA VITTORI

MS. VITTORI: Hi! My name is Lisa Vittori. I'm sorry that we have to meet like this again. I had committed to myself not to come to these meetings anymore, since you asked me not to.

You know, I thought we had kind of an agreement after January's meeting. And every time I think we have an agreement, the stakes keep changing. Basically, the rules keep changing. You know, I almost wanted to just come here and say that I'm just really disappointed in you, and it's tearing the environmental community apart.

You know, the Park Service is the best place to do environmental work in some ways. But this dog issue is tearing us apart. And, you know, this is what I was planning to say tonight.

I traveled around the world a few years ago, looking at wildlife issues. And part of my commitment to environmental work is to think globally and act locally. I was in India, and I saw the problems they were having with tigers. I was in Hong Kong and saw the problems they were having with pink dolphins. And I thought -- and, of course, I wasn't in Palestine or Israel, but they've obviously been having their problems. And I was thinking about how, if we can't even solve the dog issue in San Francisco, how are we expected to solve all these other issues? This was before this became prominent in other people's radar, but I knew it was coming up because I was both an environmentalist and I had a dog.

We have to be able to solve this in a constructive way, partially because we have to know how to solve environmental problems that are even bigger than this. I don't actually perceive this as an environmental problem; I perceive this as a political problem. And I'd like you all to make a commitment to work with us constructively, which I don't think you're doing right now.

With many regrets, my name is Lisa Vittori. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Thank you.

We have one other sign up, Steve Cockrell.

COMMISSIONER BENNETT: Question?

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Yes.

COMMISSIONER BENNETT: Have we ever asked anyone not to come to these meetings?

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: No.

COMMISSIONER BENNETT: Okay.

STATEMENT OF

STEVE COCKRELL

MR. COCKRELL: I'm Steve Cockrell, Potrera Hill, San Francisco.

As a member of the San Francisco Dog Owners Group and a long-time resident of San Francisco, I'm concerned about the Presidio Trust and GGNRA's lack of

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attention to the needs and rights of the people of this region.

According to the Honorable Phillip Burton, the proposal for the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, of which I am the author, began with the objective of creating a recreation area for the 4.7 million people of the Metropolitan Region. And according to the 1994 General Management Plan Amendment for the Presidio, the 145 acre Crissy Field area will undergo major improvements while retaining recreational opportunities, such as jogging, dogwalking and sailboarding.

We've heard, tonight, about an educational and signage campaign regarding dogs off leash in the GGNRA, and that the Park Service is putting up signs prohibiting dogs off leash, and is enforcing those signs. That's not what we heard on January 23, as hundreds of us stood outside in the mud and rain. This campaign violates the promises made to the public and prejudices the ANPR process.

I'd like to ask the Commission to remember that the GGNRA is a recreation area, and I'd like to ask you to carry out the original vision and promises of the GGNRA, including recent promises that no changes would occur until after the ANPR process is completed.

Thank you.

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CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Thank you.

That completes our agenda for this evening, unless anyone else has something that -- Ed.

COMMISSIONER WAYBURN: Mr. Chairman, I believe that the changes initiated by the Park Service are interim changes based on the present regulations of the National Park Service. That apparently has not been made clear to the people who spoke tonight. And I would just ask the Assistant Superintendent to make that clear to them. These are interim changes, subject to, in turn, being changed by the Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and the Park Service commitment to them.

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT BARTLING: That's right. We're having to keep these two, these two items separate. That even while we go forward with a federal notice that will solicit the public's input through the ANPS process, even while that is underway, we are in the process of educating and clarifying people as to what the current regulations are. And that may, in fact, be an interim situation if, through the ANPR process, there is some change that we come to in terms of the long-term dog leash regulations. But, in the meantime, we are trying to make sure that all park users understand what the current regulations are.

In terms of the law enforcement profile on

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this, there has been little change. In fact, as was mentioned before, that our staff are very stretched with the post-September 11 kinds of security, you know, issues. So we don't have even the law enforcement staff to step up any kind of enforcement level. We are trying to make sure that the public understands the current regulations, pending any long-term changes that may occur through the rulemaking.

That's a good point. Appreciate that, Ed.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Okay. If there's nothing further to come before the Commission, then, we're adjourned.

(Whereupon, at 9:10 p.m., the meeting of the Advisory Commission was adjourned, to reconvene at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, November 27, 2001, in the same location.

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Transcript of Portions of Meeting of the
Golden Gate National Recreation Area Advisory Commission
Tuesday, Nov. 27, 2001
Unofficial Transcript -- by Michael B. Goldstein -- corrections?

Note: This is an unofficial transcript of the meeting. Sorry :-(there is a gap in the middle where the tape recorder stopped inexplicably; several speakers were not included. There will be an official transcript available from the National Park Service eventually -- perhaps not until after their January meeting -- and those speeches from the official transcript will be inserted here. If you have any corrections or suggestions, please click here.

Rich Bartke, Chair:
Before we proceed to Item One, I might indicate that I've been informed that some people are here with the impression that this is a meeting about dogs; it is not. That has never been on this agenda, so if you have been informed that this is a meeting about dogs, you've been misinformed. On the other hand, at the end of the agenda, there is a place for "Non Agenda Items" - I believe, on my copy, at least - and I've been informed about two or three different items that want to come up under "Non Agenda Items". If it's not too late in the evening then, we will hear "Non Agenda Items" at the end of the evening. But, in the meantime, we have a pretty heavy agenda to complete.

1. [*Approval of Minutes of Oct. 20 & Oct. 23 Meetings.*]

2. [*Park Vision - Park Agenda and Community Programs: Agenda Item Postponed.*]

3. [*Fort Mason Pier 2 Seismic Retrofit Environmental Assessment.*]

Rich Bartke, Chair:
I'm going to make a statement now that applies to other scoping and public hearings that we have on the agenda this evening. The commission which is seated in front of you are citizen volunteers appointed by the Secretary of the Interior to hear the public comments and to make its advice to the Secretary of the

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Interior through his designee - her designee, which is Brian O'Neill. So, the two people sitting on my immediate left are employees of the Park Service or of the Trust. The rest of us are not park employees, we don't run the park, we are simply here, as you are, to give our advice to the National Park Service..

4. [*Water Transit Authority - Ferry Planning Efforts.*]

Rich Bartke, Chair:
Before we move on to the next item on the agenda, I'm looking ahead to the end of the agenda, and I'm told that there are almost fifty people who have signed up to speak on an item which is not on the agenda. We did not know that you were coming, or that you wanted to speak on an item which wasn't on the agenda. And, if you have something to relate to us, that's apropos to what this commission does, we want to hear about it, but there's no way we can hear fifty people at the end of the agenda. So, what I'm suggesting is that, as we go through the next few items on the agenda, you may wish to get together and designate a few spokespersons who could tell us what your concerns are, so that we can hear three, four, five people who can each, within three minutes, tell us what your concerns are, because, otherwise -

[**Various Audience Members:**
"No!"
"We won't do it!"
"You were asked to put this on your agenda every month - you refused to put it on your agenda!"]

Rich Bartke, Chair:
The next item on the agenda is public comment on the Fort Baker RFP Respondents...

5. [*Public Comment on Fort Baker RFP Respondents.*]

6. [*Reports: Superintendent's Report, Presidio Trust Director's Report.*]

***Superintendent's Report*:**
Brian O'Neill, Superintendent:
I'm going to be very short because of the lateness of the hour and the importance of getting on with the other items. There's a Superintendent's Report in the back. I just wanted to tell you about a couple things. You know, we've all been concerned about the state of the park's operating budget. In the National Park Service Fiscal Year 2002 Budget, which was signed by President Bush just about two weeks ago, did include a couple of key items that do impact, in addition to the ones that we talked about earlier in the line item instruction [?] program, I've also included the money to complete the acquisition of the Mori Point project in San Mateo County. It included, importantly, enhanced money for habitat restoration for the Mission Blue Butterfly, which is a very important sort of commitment that we have in our park, since we have three, I think, or four, remaining sites for the Mission Blue Butterfly. And there will be more on that issue at a later date.

The last one is that we've all pushed, the Advisory Commission played a very critical role, in terms of trying to better understand what the state of the park's operating budget was, and what its deficiencies were, and I have to, in my seat, you know, I just want to thank the commission for the work that it did. The Park Service ended up, on a nationwide basis, with about $28 million of operating increases - which is fairly small, considering there's 387 units in the National Park System, and all parks are in critical need of operating funds to maintain the infrastructure and the public programs. Now, out of that $28 million, Golden Gate got a significant piece of that. It's only a small amount of what is really needed, but we did get an operating increase of $750,000, and I've talked to a number of you who expressed some dissatisfaction with that amount. I just want to say, when you consider $28 million spread over

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387 parks, all of which have critical needs, it really speaks to the yeoman effort that was made to at least give us that first important increment of need in our long term objective of trying to get our park budget up to a operating level that, at least, is what it was back in 1980.

The last thing I want to say: this is just a commentary on the events post-September 11th. All of us have had to make a lot of sacrifices, personally and otherwise, and this park is taking a tremendous sort of impact, just in trying to provide a support around the country to deal with various security issues. Some of our staff have been called back to assist in providing security back in the nation's capital, we've had to send many of our protection rangers to provide security for dams; we just got a call right before the meeting - we're having to send three more out, to protect Shasta Dam, to the north, and Hoover Dam. And we're also having to send some additional people to Hawaii, to the Arizona Memorial. So, it's going to be a continuing impact, our problem is, we're really short of field staff as it is, and so we're having to spare every possible individual we can and still keep a very, very basic operation in the park going. So, I just want to say, all of us are having to change how we think and how we act, and how we can respond to a national need. It is having a lot of ongoing operational impact on us, but we're just trying to do our part and continue with that. So, if you see that there's a shortfall with respect to our ability to respond promptly to all requests, or to be able to have field staff deal with all of the ongoing problems, just remember that we have to be part of a solution to a bigger need. So, I wanted to provide that little perspective.

Rich Bartke, Chair:
Thank you very much. I might indicate for the public's knowledge that we've ... something like a year ago that this park was one of the most under-funded of all of the units of the National Park Service. One of the only ones that's actually lost ground, even though we have more land than we had in 1980, we have, actually, fewer employees than we had in 1980 - something like 34 fewer? - than we had 21 years ago, and that's not typical of parks. All parks have needs, but this one seems to have had more, so we impaneled a budget study committee under Michael Alexander, and made quite a push, and we feel that we were somewhat helpful in getting that $750,000. But we asked for $2 million, and we didn't get that. So, we're not done, Michael.

[**Michael Alexander, Commissioner**, comments including, with respect to the $750,000 budget increase: "we was robbed!"]

7. [*Committee Reports.*]

8. [*Non Agenda Issues.*]

Rich Bartke, Chair:
Now, down to "Non Agenda Issues," and I have a list of the speakers, which is approximately 80.

[*Applause.*]

Rich Bartke, Chair:
We have to come up with a plan. Now, what that plan is, I think we need to work out. Our Commission is set up to hear from the public about issues that the Commission can deal with. Some of these people who've signed up have been to our committee [*correction: commission*] meetings on a regular basis, and much of what they have to tell us, were not things that the Commission could deal with - they wanted to talk to the Park Service, not to this Commission. And I'm wondering if that isn't happening again - that some of you, maybe all of you, really want to talk to the Park Service, and not to this Commission, having already taken its action, and having not been asked, nor do we intend to change our action. There

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are a couple of - a lot of these just say, "Off Leash," or, "Fort Funston," but there are a couple that don't. I'll call on them first, to find out what their topic is. But, as I suggested at the - a couple hours ago - have you been able to designate speakers who could reduce this, because, obviously, if everybody spoke for three minutes, we'd be here for more than three hours....

[*Audience objects to this plan.*]

Audience Members:
We've been here almost three hours now.
We've all had a long day.

Rich Bartke, Chair:
Ma'am, you're not listening.

Audience Member:
Nor are you.

Rich Bartke, Chair:
We have early morning meetings tomorrow.

Audience Members:
So do we.

Rich Bartke, Chair:
...so we need to find a process to find out what this issue is -

Audience Member:
This is our only forum to go on record, sir.

Rich Bartke, Chair:
I heard a suggestion from over here, that maybe what needs to be done is that you need to call me -- I'll give you my phone number -

Audience: Chorus of "NO"s.

Audience Member:
We have to go on the record, sir.

Rich Bartke, Chair:
...on the agenda, or, we'll put you on the agenda so that we can hear something that the commission can deal with. If it's not that, then, we're not getting anywhere.

Audience Member:
Excuse me, sir. You're supposed to be here, representing us, not the Park Service, and you're not doing that.

Rich Bartke, Chair:
... on something else. Michael Goldstein, just, it looks like it says, "Policy," and I'm not sure what that means.

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Michael Goldstein:
I note that the "National Park Service Comments on Presidio Trust Implementation Plan" on the GGNRA's website has a letter to James Meadows, the Executive Director of the Presidio Trust.

This three page, official letter starts out: "On behalf of the Golden Gate National Parks..." and concludes, "Brian O'Neill, General Superintendent"

I would like to ask the members of this commission who are under the impression that the true name of this federal agency is anything other than the "Golden Gate National Recreation Area" - I'll repeat that: I would like to ask the members of this commission who are under the impression that the true name of this federal agency is anything other than the "Golden Gate National Recreation Area" to please raise their hands now.

Interrupted by
Rich Bartke, Chair:
Sir, haven't you brought this topic up before - and haven't you gotten an answer before?

Michael Goldstein:
Excuse me, this is my three minutes, and I'm one minute into it.

Rich Bartke, Chair:
[*More remarks, audience noise*]

Michael Goldstein:
You're using my time, and I'll stop my stopwatch right now.

Rich Bartke, Chair:
You're taking other people's time -

Michael Goldstein:
I have two minutes to speak, and would you please let me speak.

Rich Bartke, Chair:
Thank you. What's your point?

Michael Goldstein:
I was in the middle of making it. For the record, I note: no hands raised.

The Superintendent should quit the name game and accept that he manages a National Recreation Area. The letter in question misrepresents Mr. O'Neill by pretending that he is General Superintendent of something that simply does not exist: "Golden Gate National Parks". The Superintendent represented himself in the same dissembling manner in a radio report on KCBS during the Crissy Field Celebration a few months ago, as well.

Congress and the people of the Bay Area had a vision of a recreation area, and that's why it's called just that. If the Superintendent wants the name changed, he can go to Congress, but in the meantime, he's got to stop using the fictitious name, "Golden Gate National Parks."

At this Commission's August 28th meeting this year, the Chair introduced this body as being the Advisory Commission for the area of the Golden Gate National Parks. I questioned this name usage.

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during my comments under "Non-Agenda Items" that evening. Mr. Bartke agreed that he had misspoke, saying, "Consider it corrected."

I see in the Superintendent's response to San Francisco City Attorney Louise Renne's letter of August 2nd, 2001 that he claims that:

"Although Golden Gate National Recreation Area is our legislative name, the name Golden Gate National Parks was developed to include the diverse and geographically far-reaching park sites, which, while under the management of GGNRA, are separate units of the National Park System. Fort Point National Historic Site, established in 1970, and Muir Woods National Historic Site, established in 1908, now fall under the management of GGNRA. For simplicity's sake, they are collectively known as the Golden Gate National Parks."

I visited the GGNRA's official website today, and at the very top of the main homepage, as clear as day, is the statement that:

"Golden Gate National Recreation Area Includes:" and it includes four areas, including Fort Point and Muir Woods. In any case, I find this argument a totally unsatisfactory rationale for removing the words "Recreation Area" from this federal agency's name. Again, the Superintendent and others are free to petition the Congress for a name change, but unless and until such a change is officially authorized, I submit that the use of the name, "Golden Gate National Parks" in official communications is an intentional and fraudulent attempt to dishonor the very purpose for which the Golden Gate National Recreation Area was established in the 1970s.

And I'm concluding -- The name, "Golden Gate National Parks" is also quite confusing, particularly for thousands of tourists, who cannot be expected to understand that this is not the same as the world-famous "Golden Gate Park", founded a full 100 years earlier, in the 1870s. If the false name "Golden Gate National Parks" continues to be used by GGNRA officials, I intend to request the incoming San Francisco City Attorney to challenge its use as an infringement on The City's long-standing use of the name "Golden Gate Park".
Thank you.

[***Speaker on Presidio.***]

[Much debate back and forth between audience and the Chair about what order to hear the speakers in, and another request by the Chair that audience members select a few speakers.]

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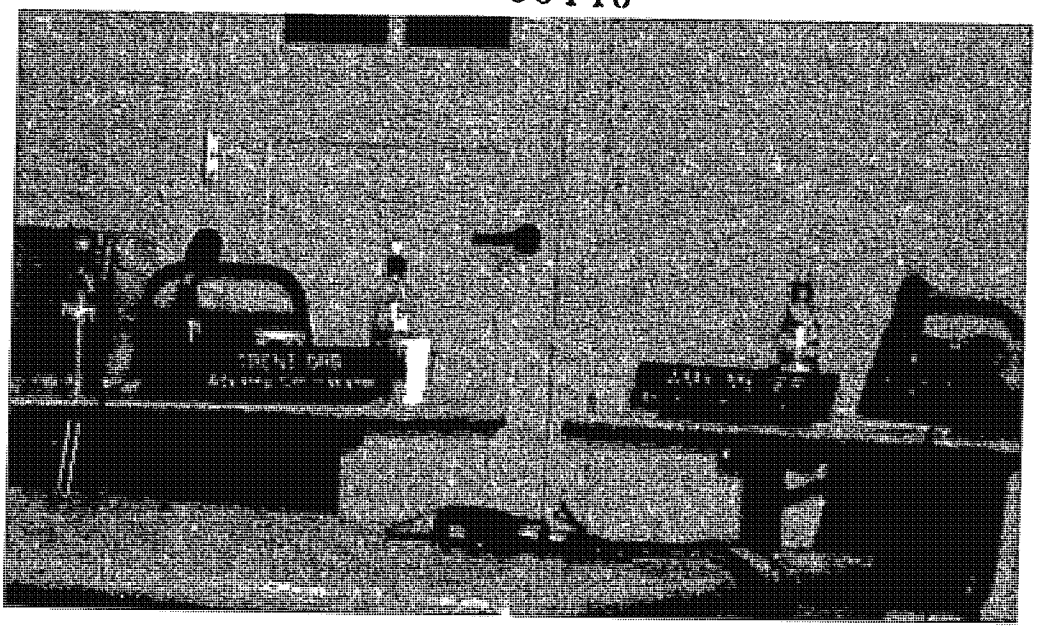

[Also, at this point, ten minutes into Non Agenda Items, at 10:15 p.m., Commissioners Amy Meyer and Trent Orr simply got up and left, with no explanations. After a while, Commissioners Lennie Roberts and Anna-Marie Booth also left.]

Martin Fieldhouse:
I am speaking to you this evening because I wish to go on record with my protest against the recent harassment and ticketing of dog owners at Fort Funston, Crissy Field and Baker Beach. These areas have historically been off leash recreation areas -

Interrupted by
Rich Bartke, Chair:
What you're talking out is something that you need to address to the Park Service.

Martin Fieldhouse:
Suddenly, because of the hysteria generated [*interrupted again by Chair*] I did not interrupt any of the Commission members tonight. I sat here for over three hours.

Rich Bartke, Chair:
I understand that.... You're talking about a subject matter that this Commission has -

Martin Fieldhouse:
I'm sorry, but I've never been here before... I was told what the procedure was, I've followed the procedure, I sat here, I came first, I signed up first, all I ask is my three minutes, will you please let me finish?

Rich Bartke, Chair:
A lot of people want to speak for three minutes.

Martin Fieldhouse:
Sir, can you please discuss it after my three minutes? Give me two and a quarter! Please, come on, it's been a long evening; I know we all want to go home. OK. Suddenly, because of the hysteria generated by a couple of high profile dog attacks, thousands of previously law-abiding citizens may be prosecuted as criminals.

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Jailing everyone so they can't commit crime is not an acceptable means of crime prevention. Leashing all dogs similarly misses the mark. The real problem dogs are chained to posts in backyards, or confined to small apartments without adequate exercise, not playing on the beach with their friends.

My dog Robin and I have spent almost 300 hours at Fort Funston during this past year. In that time neither of us has destroyed a natural resource, harmed a native species, or terrorized a child. I have not witnessed a single incident of destructiveness to the environment nor aggression toward humans. What I have seen time and again is the sheer joy of dogs running and playing together and the amazing openness, interaction and friendship between the people who bring their dogs there. In this age of increasing isolation and distrust of fellow human beings, it is an extraordinary pleasure to experience such warmth and social interaction.

I contend that, if you were to succeed in forcing all these dogs onto leashes, people would not be able to walk and talk, nor even approach each other, for fear of tangled leashes and the ensuing potential for injury.

When I recently called the GGNRA, one of your representatives, Alex Naar, justified the harassment by saying that dogs are not allowed off leash in national parks. I later discovered this to be inaccurate. Apparently, dogs are allowed off leash in 45 National Parks as long as their owners are hunting. This makes no sense to me. If I want to let my dog Robin run and play while I enjoy the scenery and the company of people, I'm a criminal. However, if I carry a gun and kill some wildlife, I'm OK. [*audience laughter*] I ask you to consider if this is really sound and sensible public policy.

Off leash dogwalkers, by my own estimate, make up 90% of the park users at Fort Funston. The beach area is not easily accessible and the weather and tides make it inhospitable to sunbathing or picnicking families. Unless your ultimate goal is to protect this area so well that no one gets to use it, I ask you to reconsider your attitude toward us, the citizens who truly use, clean, treasure and protect these natural resources.

Rich Bartke, Chair:
First of all, Brian O'Neill will respond to the one speaker about the name of the park. I will respond to this speaker. Ms. Meyer told us in advance that she has a Trust meeting at 7:30 tomorrow morning - [*audience ridicule*] ... Brian?

Brian O'Neill, Superintendent:
[I] wasn't going to discuss the name, because I think the letter to Louise Renne adequately expressed it ... I'm also the Superintendent, for better or worse, of Muir Woods National Monument and Fort Point National Historic Site. So, I think the accurate representation, rather than spelling all those out, is to use the term generically: "The National Parks at the Golden Gate", or "Golden Gate National Parks".

But, I want to say, I know there's a lot of pent up feelings, anger, whatever it might be. I just want to say to the group here, you - we have talked, and many of you know the dilemma that we're in. [*audience reacts negatively*] Wait, wait, wait a minute! ... We've spent a lot of time on the phone with many of you, and we're trying to put - the only way in which we can change the current situation is to be able to get into this process of the Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking. That's the only time where I have, as the Superintendent, of these three units of the National Park System, have the ability to get into a formal dialog with the community to look at whether there is merit with respect to changing a national regulation that is mandated on all of us. I do not have the authority to unilaterally change a national regulation. I have never been given that authority; most of you who understand this issue appreciate that. I have tried to take the initiative, on behalf of this community of concerned people, all users, is to be

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able to get the authority for the first time in the history of the National Park Service, to be able to get the authority for these parks, these three units of the National Park System, to be able to start the process that could lead, ultimately, to the ability to promulgate a regulation in this park -- three parks - that would identify where, and under what conditions, off leash dog walking could occur. I do not have that authority now. All of the negative energy that you're spending now cannot solve the dilemma that I have, or that the park has, because I do not have the authority to do exactly what you suggest. So, we're seeking the authority to be able to do that, so we can get in to the very kind of dialog you seek.
[*Audience reactions, Superintendent calls on audience member raising her hand.*]

Audience Member [Carol Arnold]:
I'm sorry to interrupt. These people really, really want to speak. We've heard you; we've heard you many times. We know what you're going to say, we can predict what you're going to say; we really, with all due respect, don't need to hear you again. We do need to have you hear us. If we could just get started with our three minute speeches and go as far as we can go with it, I think that would be the best way to diffuse the situation. And I think we should start right now.

[*Audience applause.*]

Audience Member [Lisa Vittori]:

I think it's important for us to listen to Brian, because it's important for this to be on the public record. He's been saying this to us privately, we know that it's not true, but it's important ...

Audience Member [Carol Arnold]:
But it's getting in our way of others who need to speak and there's too much emotion pent up here and it's got to get out.

[Unidentified speaker]:
Mr. O'Neill, you started the ANPR process, but why are you rigorously enforcing -

Audience Member [Carol Arnold]:
I would say our time cut off, it's twenty after ten, our time cut off - let's go to midnight.

[Unidentified speaker]:
Let's do two minutes each.

[*Lots of audience comments.*]
...

Rich Bartke, Chair:
Well, you said you've heard him, you know what he's going to say. But, we've also heard you, we know what you're going to say.

[*Audience reacts negatively.*]

Rich Bartke, Chair:
... I want to hear something new that we haven't heard before. This lady right here: Have you got something new that we haven't heard before?

Jane Fedor:
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My name is Jane Fedor.... I'm a resident and .. dog walker in our public spaces. What you don't know, what you don't seem to know, is that recently there've been a lot of changes in the activities of the officers in the traditionally off leash recreation area. New signs have been put up, new activities by officers to coerce "voluntary" leashing of dogs in traditionally off leash areas. And that's a new development that you need to know about. And I encourage everyone else to use the rest of my three minutes.

Rich Bartke, Chair:
Ma'am, the thing is, though, is first of all, we've been told that by the staff. Secondly, in our last commission meeting, some of you who are here, told us that.

[*Audience response, including remarks about "tickets".*].

Unidentified Speaker:
In the handout at the back of the room [Superintendent's Report] -- look at the number of individuals that were spoken to this period about off leash recreation. Is that the report you get at every meeting, is that ... as usual?

Rich Bartke, Chair:
How is that different? How is that going to help solve the problem?

Linda McKay:
I think there is a role for the Advisory Commission to play, and I think you're not being fair about this. Statements were made at the January meeting about what went on with the 1979 Pet Policy, and in subsequent research, we found that those were not true. We were told by the Advisory Commission that you asked the Park Service to do something illegal, and they never accepted it. The fact is, the Park Service drafted that policy, you held public meetings at their request, they accepted that Pet Policy in full, the Superintendent in 1978 accepted it in full - it wasn't something you just threw over the wall and said here's something we think would be a good idea; It was a joint effort. So, to characterize it as you did at the January meeting is not correct.

The difference that's going on: We knew that some people were getting warnings, and we knew some people were going to get tickets -- because we had the sense that 'you can't not enforce the law' - we understood that. We didn't like it, but we understood that was your position. We didn't expect concerted efforts, where rangers come out for two and three hours at a time, and post themselves at various places at Fort Funston so they can catch everybody. It's very aggressive enforcement, and that's what's changed. And actually, I have an idea how you can save some manpower ... [*Audience reaction and laughter.*]

And I also want to say that I have a resolution, which I will not read to you, from Mark Leno, and it's also sponsored by six other supervisors, because those are the only ones that we could get to, and it's a resolution by The City, it will be before the board on Monday, asking you to please stop this aggressive enforcement while the ANPR is in place. We are really trying to deal in good faith, and this makes it very difficult. Thank you.

Rich Bartke, Chair:
We have now received that message. And now, is this a new and different message?

Keith McAllister:
Yes sir, it is. I came to speak to the Commission, not to Mr. O'Neill. My name is Keith McAllister, I live here in The City. Fifteen months ago, in August, a year ago in November, and again in January of this

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year, the Commission members repeated over and over that you had no choice. You claimed your 1979 Pet Policy was illegal, never valid, it was the law, it was out of your hands. But now, we enter into the ANPR, in an attempt to validate and confirm your 1979 policy. So, we expect the Commission to vigorously support a special regulation to allow off leash recreation to continue in the GGNRA. Your efforts can significantly influence the outcome of rulemaking. Your policy was correct in 1979, and that policy is still correct.

Stepped-up enforcement at Fort Funston is designed to prevent a rule change. So, I'm asking you, please do the right thing as representatives of the citizens who are using the GGNRA. Exert your influence, take the lead in the effort to retain our historical rights to recreation on less than one percent of our GGNRA land.

Karin Hu:
I'm Karin Hu. I'm a smart person, but you know, I'm racking my brains to figure out why we're being forced to leash our dogs. The mountain bikers were allowed to ride during their ANPR, the hang gliders were allowed to fly during their ANPR -- why are we being harassed?

I believe one reason dog owners are being harassed is because we're women. Walking with an off leash dog is one of the few recreations where the majority are women, with a leadership of women. There's a whole lot of middle aged women, like myself, trying to ward off heart disease, osteoporosis, enjoy the sea breezes seeing our friends, out there because it's a good idea and because our dogs think it's a great idea. But now, we're outlaws. We're getting threatened, we're getting tickets - I can't believe Superintendent O'Neill is screwing a bunch of middle aged women.

We're not taking this lying down, and Commissioners, I hope you advise the GGNRA to get the rangers off our backs. The NPS brochures are not 'educating'. People are not 'voluntarily complying'; people are being intimidated. Rangers are telling us to leash our dogs because 'it's the law.' That's not education, it's a threat. It's a threat of getting a ticket, it's a threat of getting arrested, it's a threat of having our dogs impounded.

In the past, we've spoken to you, using the law. We've appealed to you with science; with letters; thousands of them; with petitions. The only time that you responded to us is when over a thousand of us showed up one stormy January evening and pounded on the window.

I hope that we can continue to work within the system, with polite discourse, but we're very angry about this harassment. We're angry about not being heard, and we're not going to roll over and play dead. For the record, note: my dogs are neutered, but I'm not.....

Superintendent Brian O'Neill:
In the bicycle issue, they gave the discretion to the Superintendent, to be able to promulgate a regulation, they did not ...

[*Audience reaction*]

... and that's what we're seeking. That authority is given by the Director of the National Park Service, if indeed that authority is within his or her purview; sometimes Congress does not give that purview, but when it is, it's a decision of the director of the Park Service.

Rich Bartke, Chair:
May I remind the speakers that what we're looking for is new and different, that we haven't heard before.

Vicki Tiernan:
My name is Vicki Tiernan, I want to address comments exactly like that, Mr. Bartke, but first, I want to say, we've heard, in terms of putting the leash signs up, we've heard a number of times that 'Washington told us to do it'. No one has given us a name of who in Washington 'told us to do it', or why this has to be enforced right now. As far as the Pet Policy being accepted by the Park Service, I want to lend support to what Linda McKay said, and also say that we have letters in our possession from Brian O'Neill and Stanley Albright [*National Park Service Western Regional Director in 1992*] and others, to Congress people stating outright that they've accepted the Pet Policy as the policy in the GGNRA.

I'd like to address, Mr. Bartke, since I'm one of the people who has spoken at a number of these meetings, that: I had a death in my family three weeks ago - I lost my mom. In the course of the same week, I was in a horrific car accident, and I'm lucky I was able to walk away from it. The last place I want to be right now is here.

I'm here because this issue is of such huge significance to me. When I was coming back on the plane from the East Coast, from dealing with all of this, I should have been feeling relief to get back to my dog, the parks, my respite - and I responsibly use the parks, we all do - and instead, I was feeling absolute dread: of getting back into this, and dealing with this situation. If you want to be rid of us at these meetings, then urge the Park Service, urge Brian O'Neill, to treat us fairly, reasonably and respectfully. I will, for one, gladly go away. Thank you.

Carol Arnold:
Good evening, Commissioners, Superintendent O'Neill. My name is Carol Arnold, and I want to thank you for the opportunity to speak tonight about the recent actions of the GGNRA requiring dogs to be leashed in traditionally off leash areas. I want to follow up on something that Vicki mentioned, or, she's getting at, and that is the feeling of all of this, the emotion behind this, which is enormous, as you can feel in this room. I just want to talk about myself personally, and I think it's what you need to hear; you need to look at us as individuals and hear about this emotion and what it means to us.

Actually, tonight, I feel so defeated that it's almost impossible for me to speak. Then I think: that's exactly what they want me to feel. They want me to go away and stop talking about how much I love to walk my dog at Fort Funston and Crissy; they want me to give up on this major quality of life issue that affects tens of thousands of people. To quote a favorite poet, Dylan Thomas, they want me merely, just to 'go gentle into the good night'. Thomas of course was writing about death, but there are many kinds of death, and I am before you tonight to speak about one of these. The act of a federal bureaucracy preventing thousands of people from pursuing their most favorite thing in life, a simple thing, walking their dog outside, off lead, on the trail, freely, playfully, joyfully - the great loss at not being able to do this anymore can only be defined to those of us who love our dogs as a death.

But, in Thomas's poem, there is a glimmer of hope. Thomas actually tells us not to go gentle into the good night. "Rage," he says, "rage, rage against the dying of the light." And this, in counterpoint to my feeling of defeat, is also what I feel tonight: absolute rage. Rage that many of you in the GGNRA have ignored our pleas, our letters, our well-researched facts, our goodwill, our huge numbers - huge numbers! - our hopefulness, our willingness to cooperate and compromise. Rage that you don't see us, don't seem to care about us, mostly rage that you have lied to us and it doesn't seem to bother you.

So I guess, in summary, I would rather feel rage than defeat. It is unfortunate that these two emotions seem to be the only ones available to me when confronted with a faceless bureaucracy that seems to care nothing about thousands of people who are only trying to experience a bit of simple joy in their lives. I would much rather feel hopeful, cooperative, friendly, energetic, wanting to help, and compromising, but you don't give me these options. You really have lost me, I'm afraid. I'm sorry for this. I'm sorry for

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you, for me, for the many other people your decisions affect, for our dogs, for the children in our lives, and I'm especially sorry for the individuals who've devoted their lives to a hateful vendetta: those few San Franciscans who have made dog-hating their mantra. That must be a very sad way to live. To all of these people who have gone against us, I can only say: you have accomplished nothing more than succeeding in breaking our hearts. I can't thank you for that, but I can thank you for the opportunity to tell you, very sincerely, how I feel about it.

Florence Sarrett:
Before I say anymore, I would like to - I'm sure I speak on behalf of all the dog owners who are here: to ask you to express our sympathy to Dr. Wayburn, and hope for his total recovery. Dr. Wayburn is one of our friends. [*The Chair, Rich Bartke, announced at the beginning of the meeting that Commissioner Edgar Wayburn, MD had 'fallen and hit his head' and was recuperating at home.*]

Now I would like to use my three minutes to ask Mr. O'Neill to clarify a couple of points.

Rich Bartke, Chair:
Tell us who you are, please.

Florence Sarrett:
Florence Sarrett.

Rich Bartke, Chair:
Thank you.

Florence Sarrett:
In January, the Chairman adjourned this Commission with a promise that for 120 days no changes would be made in enforcement or signage. But early in April, 'Pets on Leash' signs appeared at Fort Funston, Ocean Beach, later at Crissy Field. Mr. O'Neill has stated that 'Washington made us do it.' Mr. O'Neill, would you please now identify, by name and office, exactly who it was in Washington, who made you do it. We would like to be in touch with them.

[*Pause.*]

Brian O'Neill, Superintendent:
I just, you know, I don't want to get into…

[*Loud audience objections.*]

Brian O'Neill, Superintendent:
Let me just say, is the fact - you know, I find it a bit insulting in that the one person who stood up for you all, who is willing to risk my own career …

[*Loud audience objections.*]

Unidentified Audience Member:
Answer the question!

Brian O'Neill, Superintendent:
… and go forward to be able to get permission to be able to go through a process to promulgate a regulation -

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Unidentified Audience Member:
Who told you that? Who told you that's necessary?

Florence Sarrett:
We simply want to write a letter to this person or these people, and you have never identified them, so we cannot protest to your superior who is restricting you.

Brian O'Neill, Superintendent:
Let me - as long as the regulation - we all are anxiously awaiting to be able to get into the ANPR process to make it … let me say: as long as the regulation is in place, unless you inform the public that the regulation is the regulation, there's no way to uphold citations with respect to activities that occur that are in violation of that, and that's basically, obviously, a legal decision. Reaction now: I'm anxious to get on to the future; I think you all know that. I don't like this pounding, I don't like to be seen in a negative light on this, I have stepped forward and tried to get a change for this, and I understand, I've met with a lot of dog walking groups, but as long as the regulation is in place, if indeed you're going to be able to enforce the regulation, you've got to educate the public that the regulation exists. We hope we are going to be able to get into a process where that could be changed.

[*Loud audience objections.*]

Unidentified Audience Members:
Answer the question!

Florence Sarrett:
On April 11th, the Chronicle editorial quoted you as follows: "enforcement will remain the same, at the discretion of rangers, and aimed only at aggressive and destructive dogs." Was that a correct quotation?

[*Pause.*]

Rich Bartke, Chair:
Would you please go on with your comments.

[*Loud audience objections: "Answer it! You're not answering! Represent us! Answer our questions! You're a public servant!*]

Brian O'Neill, Superintendent:
It's … exact quote; that the enforcement hasn't changed. It's always at the discretion of the law enforcement person in the field.

[*Loud audience objections.*]

Florence Sarrett:
In other words, that was a correct quotation - they quoted you correctly?

Brian O'Neill, Superintendent:
Yeah.

Florence Sarrett:
OK, my question, then, is: during the past few weeks of warnings and citations, at Funston and Baker Beach, these citations and warnings were given to dogs which were -- to owners of dogs which were not

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out of control. Is the policy changed? Or, are they the result of orders from your office or other offices? If from other offices, would you please identify them.

[*Pause.*]

Brian O'Neill, Superintendent:
Well, I -- I mean, obviously, as the Superintendent's Report indicated, there were, like, 265 contacts. There were only -- and most of those were education about that. There were verbal warnings, where it was necessary.....

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-- GAP IN AUDIOTAPE DUE TO RECORDER MALFUNCTION! --
-- MISSING SEVERAL SPEAKERS --
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Please e-mail your written speech if yours is missing, to use until we get the official transcript. Thanks.

Here is one of the missing speeches, from a written version:

Renée Pittin:
My name is Renée Pittin. When I first rose to address you some months ago, I spoke from my heart about what an important part of my life Fort Funston was, a place where I could go with my dog, where both of us were unfettered and where, in a glorious setting in our frantic urban area, one could find joy, community and tranquility.

Those words were part of a presentation I did not give on Jan. 23 - when more than a thousand of us were promised that there would be no change in enforcement during the ANPR process.

That was then, and this is now.

One major result of the events of September 11th has been an increase in stress among the American population generally. During this period, the GGNRA has ratcheted up its own campaign of harassment, intimidation, threats and citations against San Franciscans harmlessly walking with their dogs. This campaign, at this time, is truly breathtaking in its insensitivity and intolerance.

I support the reversion of Fort Funston to the City of San Francisco. The GGNRA, formerly a good neighbor, has become an occupying army. We ask that you support our efforts to take back our land.

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Unidentified Speaker:
Next question?

Rich Bartke:

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Speaking to the Commission? We're bound by federal - we keep saying this, over and over, we're advisory; we advise. You have given us nothing else that you want us to do. You're making the same speeches that we heard last week, the week before...

Greg Herlein [from audience]:
Are we on the agenda for January, or not?

[*Loud audience objections.*]
...

Rich Bartke, Chair:
What is the question, again?

Greg Herlein [from audience]:
Are we on the agenda for January, sir?

Rich Bartke, Chair:
No, you're not.

[*Several audience members: "Can we be?"*]

Rich Bartke, Chair:
You will call me, and we'll discuss what it is, and we already have a full agenda...

[*Loud audience objections.*]

Rich Bartke, Chair:
Call me, let's discuss it....

Greg Herlein [from audience]:
Are you attempting to avoid going on the record with this, sir? We would like to be heard publicly, to the Commission. We would like a date.

Rich Bartke, Chair:
You are on the record, I am on the record. Now...

Greg Herlein [from audience]:
When can we make a presentation to you, sir?

Rich Bartke, Chair:
You are making it.

[*Loud audience objections.*]

Greg Herlein [from audience]:
On the agenda, as and agenda item as you've asked us to do. But you control the agenda.

Rich Bartke, Chair:
Next speaker.

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Tom Lark: [?]
My name is Tom Lark [?], and I'm a native San Franciscan, very familiar with Fort Funston, obviously a pro-dog person. A couple things that I don't understand, and I can't claim to know all the details about how all of this works. But, the impression I have gotten over the discussions I've heard over the last several meetings are that there is a rule here that says dogs cannot be off leash ... national recreation area, so there must be enforcement of that law before we can make any changes. However, it seems to me that, at least since 1979, or whenever it is that the GGNRA took over Fort Funston, there's never really been any enforcement. But, as far as I know, no Superintendents have ever lost their jobs, no one's ever been fined, nothing's ever happened -- it's just gone on the way it was - until about a week ago. So, I'm wondering why it is, when we're talking about this, I believe it's called ANPR process, why it is that things just can't stay the same until that process gets started? And, it's obvious that things have changed. I've been going to Fort Funston for years with my dog. I've never been approached by rangers at all, in terms of leashing my dog, until a week and a half ago. I took three steps out of my car, and they told me that if I didn't put my dog on a leash, I would get a ticket. So, obviously, the enforcement has changed. And I'm wondering, again -- these are my questions to Mr. O'Neill: Why can't things just stay the same until we get into the process? And, secondly, did you, yourself, tell the park rangers, or whoever they report to, to start aggressively enforcing the off leash laws within the past several weeks?

[*Pause.*]

[**Audience members:** "Did you?", "We want an answer."]

Rich Bartke, Chair:
I think that question's been asked and answered -

[**Audience members:** *"No, it hasn't!", "No!", "Every citizen deserves to have their questions answered.", "Can we just hear the answer again, then?"*]

Tom Lark: [?]
.. once more: did you, Mr. O'Neill, tell park rangers, or whoever they report to, somebody there, to actively start aggressively enforcing the off leash policy within the past several weeks?

Brian O'Neill, Superintendent:
That was not a directive that I gave. We -- I said that our ongoing plan - we've met with the dog walking groups, we've conferred exactly what our process is, I've communicated this on updates on our education, enforcement, and other policies on the web page on four different occasions, we've sent a detailed letter to each of the dog groups spelling this out in detail, we've -- and so, I rely on the chief of our enforcement branch to determine how best to achieve the enforcement of the regulation over time. We do not have the staff to be there on all occasions, obviously, so, if we're there, we have to do it on-the-spot basis. I'm relying on the good judgment of the staff to carry out, basically, an enforcement program that focuses, first and foremost, on education, and lastly, on the need to give a citation.

Tom Lark: [?]
One other question, then. Would it be possible for you to tell the head of enforcement to please go back to the way things were? ...

Brian O'Neill, Superintendent:
That's the same thing as the chief of the California Highway Patrol directing... that they're not going to enforce the 55 mile an hour speed limit..... They want their enforcement folks to ... know when and how to enforce it.

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Tom Lark: [?]
Well, I think it's time for the next person to speak... but you didn't answer my question.

Avrum Shepard:
Good evening, my name is Avrum Shepard. I've lived in San Francisco all my life; I was born here. I really am so disappointed to see a public servant lying the way you do, Mr. O'Neill. I have seen Mr. Bartke sit there and just say that 'I have no control over what goes on'. You're supposed to be here representing the citizens of San Francisco, and the people that use Golden Gate National Recreation Area. You're not doing it! I intend to make it my business to see how we can have you replaced. You're not irreplaceable, sir. Mr. O'Neill, I've been standing here, listening to you not answer questions. I'll tell you that on November the 15th at approximately 11:30 in the morning, I was at Fort Funston. I got out of my car, with two dogs, and we started towards the back of the Fort. I was approached by a ranger who I had never seen before. He was very polite, although not the same kind of polite as most of the rangers that I'm used to. Most of them are very friendly. This guy wasn't friendly. He also had a gun. I didn't see guns on the rest of the rangers at Fort Funston; I don't think I've ever noticed them there. He asked me to leash the dogs -- he didn't ask me, he told me. I said: "Why?" He said, "There's a sign over there." I said, "Well, I've been bringing my dogs over here for a long time, and they haven't been leashed. What's different now?" "Well, I don't know, but there's a sign over there." That's real education. Is that how you teach people? This gentleman's name was _____, in case you want to follow up with Mr. _____. I said "I don't understand this. You know, for thirty years, we've been able to walk dogs off leash here, and you come out here today and say that we can't do that." He said "Well, there's a sign there, and besides, Mr. O'Neill told me that we have to enforce the law. He sent me out there." He said that he was there with you in the morning, and that you had told him and the rest of the rangers that were there, to enforce the rule. That's why, Mr. O'Neill, I'm saying that you're a liar. And you're sitting there, shuffling papers, and not answering questions, when people are asking you legitimate questions. You ought to be ashamed of yourself.

Sheila Mahoney:
My name is Sheila Mahoney and I came tonight with a real Jeremiah against you, Mr. O'Neill, but other people have ... to deal with that, so: I, too, should be home in my sickbed instead of addressing you. I'm here because Thanksgiving Day was so beautiful at Fort Funston, just like the old days. There were no rangers in view; nobody had any fear about getting a ticket. Just everyone and their dogs enjoying a gorgeous, peaceful day. Now, with all the history we've been through together, you know, I ask you -- and all the double-talk tonight, frankly -- I ask you: Should we believe your words, or your actions? That's my problem. I feel like you can't shine me on any longer. But I do have a legitimate question:

If a ranger comes up to me, and says, "Leash your dog!" and I say, "I'm sorry, but I don't agree that that's the law" and I keep a very civil tone, will I get a ticket?

Rich Bartke, Chair:
Uh huh [*nodding head*].

Sheila Mahoney:
OK, that's all - Mr. O'Neill, would you tell me whether I'll get a ticket?

Brian O'Neill, Superintendent:
I can't say; the circumstances - anytime, as long as the regulation exists --

Sheila Mahoney:
OK, the answer is "Yes." Thank you.

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OK, number two. I felt I should bring up another subject, tonight, in case you don't know it. Remember that Sunset Trail, that the old people used to like to go on, that was 'dangerous for people', who weigh maybe a maximum of 275 pounds? Well, gee whiz, this weekend there was a National Park vehicle driving down that path. I don't know how a couple of people who are, maximum 275 pounds, would be in danger, whereas a two ton pickup isn't. That's all I have to say. Oh, somebody asked me for Mr. Bartke's telephone number.

Rich Bartke, Chair:
It's in the phone book, but it's area code 510,758-5100.

Sheila Mahoney:
5100. Alright, thank you.

Colby Watts [?]:
Hi, my name is Colby Watts [?]. I'm from Pacifica, and that's one of my points: I just want to make it clear that everybody who's here is not necessarily a San Franciscan. What you're doing is representing the views and the interests of everybody in the Bay Area, so -- I think Mr. Bartke actually spoke to that point, too. Everybody else made some pretty good points on tyrannical central governments and taxation without representation, so I'm not going to rail on that so much. I really just want to make a suggestion. Mr. O'Neill, you've made it pretty clear that you're pretty powerless to do anything, and so what I'd like to do is suggest that number one, as somebody else said, we go ahead and get onto the agenda for the January meeting, and also, I'd like to suggest that we somehow teleconference, or whatever, your boss, your next up the chain of command, so -- obviously, you're being a firewall for that person, to try to keep us at bay, but we need to go ahead and start escalating this up further and further. And if you're powerless, or ineffectual, or a bureaucrat -- no offense - we need to start to escalate this up. Again, we're all taxpaying citizens. You're not going to find a community this close and effective to come in, who are going to spend their, spend till eleven o'clock, eleven thirty at night, to come in and speak on something so near and dear to their heart. I see everybody checking their watches; it is almost eleven thirty. So, again, I suggest that we bring the next level of authority in so that we can start to move this forward to get some sort of conclusion that's going to effectively represent these people, these citizens of the United States. I don't want to make this a civics lesson, but you're representing us; no offense, Mr. O'Neill, but you serve us. We pay your salary. Remember that. Thank you.

Susan Giacomini Allan, Commissioner:
Superintendent O'Neill, I wonder if you could -- it's come up over and over again - and I just hope that you could explain it to me... the Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking is at the Office of Management and Budget. What kind of timeline are we talking about? And when do we have the opportunity for public input...?

Brian O'Neill, Superintendent:
Yeah, OK, well, that's what - I did exactly as the gentleman just said: I flew into Washington to emphasize to the Director of the Park Service personally the importance of her assigning a person, a process manager, to be able to hand-carry it - walk - that notice of the, Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking through all of the folks that had to sign off on it. That process: she promised me that she would, she's been true to her word, she assigned a woman who's done a very good job of moving that through, it's over at the Office of Management and Budget at the present time. They have a requirement of a period of days, I forget the number of days, in which they have to review it. We're hopeful, and this gets back to the comment, when we get the Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, noticed in the Federal Register, we're all anxious to do exactly what you said. How do we structure the public involvement process so each of you feels like it's got integrity, that the trust relationship is built, that we've heard from all elements of the community. I can only say is that we've talked to some of the

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representatives of the dog walking groups, I've asked for their help in helping us to define the full breadth of a public involvement process that will work in this case. I'm open to any of your suggestions on how best to do it, so that we have the kind of interaction and dialogue that we all seek. And so, I think, what I'm trying to do is to get over this hurdle of not being able to affect the future, by getting the future clear, so we can move into exactly what we desire. Hopefully, in January we will have gotten word, and begin that process. All I can say: we're doing what we can. I took a special trip back there to make that point.

[Unidentified Speakers:
"You're doing your job.", "Because the mail's not working in Washington!]

Joe Hague:
Hi, my name is Joe Hague. Supervisor O'Neill, thank you for the things you are doing to move this process forward - but, I once again am going to bring up some of the discrepancies that I keep hearing. On April 11, you had stated that there would be no change in the enforcement of the dog policy. The week of 9/11, I talked to Chris Powell, and she told me there was no change in the enforcement; if dogs were being destructive, or misbehaving, it was at the discretion of the rangers. I understand that.

The week of November 15th, there were more than half a dozen rangers out there, issuing warnings and tickets -- now that seems like that's a change in enforcement. When the ranger who gave me a ticket tells me that headquarters sent them to Fort Funston to issue tickets, that seems like it was a change in the enforcement. When Yvette Ruan, I think that's her name, told me that last January, that the Park Service decided to increase enforcement, that seems like a change, or a discrepancy, in everything else we've been hearing.

If you are saying there's no change of enforcement, I request that you go back to your staff and tell them that. Not that they should ignore when people are doing things, their dogs are being destructive, they're not picking up after their dogs -- we want that enforced. But for them to ... extreme, going about business, like we normally do, and our dogs behaving -- let us walk our dogs in peace. Thank you.

Anne Farrow:
I'm Anne Farrow, I'm Co-Chair of San Francisco Dog Owners Group, and I'm also a daily walker at Fort Funston. I had some other things to say, but it has been said several times. The Park Service now claims to be educating dog owners. SF DOG has, since 1997, offered to work with the Park Service on an off leash education program. We've been consistently ignored. The Park Service seems to have education and intimidation all kind of mixed up. We would be happy to work with the Park Service on a positive, responsible, off leash recreation educational program. We do not believe that ordering visitors to leash their dogs is education or recreation.

Francine Podenski:
My name is Francine Podenski, and I'm from SF DOG, and I just want to add a rider note to this. Because of the behavior as of late, our membership is increasing [*audience laughter*] a better recruiting tool, and I want to thank you for that.

Lisa Vittori:
My name is Lisa Vittori, and actually, Francine and I didn't plan our remarks to be together, but, last time there were five of us here; this time, there are close to a hundred people here, and thank you for issuing those tickets, because now people are listening to what we've been saying, which is that the Park Service is basically denying us public process, if nothing else.

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You know, I've been working in the elementary schools a lot, and there's a rule in the kindergartens especially, that's reinforced over and over, which is to tell the truth. And when you make a promise, you keep your promise, and if you can't keep your promise, you say that to somebody, "I can't keep my promise." Well, quite frankly, last January, we were really happy with you because you -- somebody in the hallway said, "Democracy works!" - and we were impressed that you came up with a solution, Chairman Bartke. But now, I can't say I think that you're -- I'm not even going to go there!

Somebody just asked me to read something that Brian said last January 23rd -- Mr. O'Neill, sorry:

"So we will continue to use that discretionary authority, and we will do it in a very responsible way."

That's what you said when you were asked if you were going to be enforcing dog laws, only citing "egregious" situations, where you would enforce dog laws.

Many people who are getting cited are being told by the rangers that they're being cited for two reasons: One is that you've told them to do so, and the other is that, basically, we shouldn't have sued the Park Service [over Fort Funston closure in March 2000] a long time ago. The maintenance people have told me that; I talk to a lot of the maintenance people, they've told me that -- many times.

When I was an employee of the Park Service, you reinforced with us many times, and I remember being at some new employees' orientation, where you told us that 'the way to get something done is to come to me, and then to organize, and then to come to me again, and then to organize.' Well, we have come to you, you told us what we needed to do, we've organized, we've come back, we've employed the public process, we've done it repeatedly, and when you ask us not to say anything, or not to give you any new information -- we are giving you new information. There's increasing enforcement, and it's not just at Fort Funston, because that's not even where I go; I go to Crissy Field. Two Thanksgivings ago, it was Utopia; it was a beautiful Thanksgiving Day, there were all kinds of people tourists, dogs, surfers, you know, whoever it was out there. Now, even more than giving out tickets, what you're doing is intimidating people and having people not come there. You're losing your constituency. But again, I want to thank you all, because you have helped us mobilize the actions that we need to take next.

And I do ask one more thing -- [*Timer beeps.*] if you could turn that off for a minute, thank you -- I ask for your courage. That's what I want from you: your courage. Thank you.

John Keating:
Good evening, this is John Keating speaking. I want to again thank all of you on the Commission for your patience on these long evenings, and your public service on this Commission, particularly in light of your important function of helping the Park Service to make the right decision by ensuring that they hear the public's voices, the public's concern. Otherwise, the bureaucracy can handle things themselves. You're here to help ensure that they let the people be heard.

Last January, Chairman Bartke asked for a suggestion as to what can be done to fix this problem. I think the single greatest thing that this Commission can do to solve this problem is to require that the Park Service staff report to you accurately, and not distort the information you get. No oversight commission, whether it's Congressional, intelligence, anything, can function appropriately if they don't have the political spine or independence to demand that they get correct information...

Over the last several meetings we've tried to warn you of this coming problem that you were going to have with this enforcement campaign. The response from the Park Service is to deny that they were escalating it. At the last Commission meeting, I stood up -- I thought I was made a fool of, because I told

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you about rangers out there telling people to leave the park, and go to jail; I heard this, that people would be sent to jail. I heard those comments in November at Fort Funston, and people wrote statements about those comments, so it's reality. But last Commission meeting , where I told you about that, I was followed by the Assistant Secretary -- Assistant Superintendent -- who reported to you: 'there's little change.' Now, obviously, you're going to have to listen to what staff tells you, rather than what the public tells you, and I appreciate the deference you give to staff. But when you are confronted with the repeated comments that you're not getting the correct information, I really think you'll function better if you check those out.

Now, obviously, I have my own views about the way the GGNRA should operate, and how they should receive public input. May I add, the Park Service may have their own views. But, you should look at what is clearly an unbiased view, which is that of the federal court judge who looked at this issue. And what he concluded, which was that the park staff essentially was biased, they attempted to skew the record, they attempted to 'railroad' through the changes they wanted to make, while strategically avoiding the public comment, and the court also said they were dead wrong on the law.

Now, the last key comments I want to make is about this conundrum about 'Washington said we had to do it.' I tried to check it out, too. I talked to the Chief Solicitor in Washington, who presumably would be the one at the top of the Solicitor's office who is making this -- the Chief Solicitor dealing with these sorts of issues. And the message I got is that when you have a situation like this, where the park, after twenty years, decides they want to change their policy, and they're going to go through some regulatory process to do it, it's always a problem about whether you enforce the changes while you're going through the public input process. And what they said is that it's handled by the 'discretion of enforcement.' And that's fine; it solves the problem -- except, it makes it clear, that you're not going to get busted if you let things stay the way they are until the public input happens, and it's unfair for you to go ahead and change it all, and it belies -- change it all before the public input, to try to skew the process again, and it belies the fairness of the process.

So, there's two things, briefly, two more things, that I think this Advisory Commission ultimately is going to have to deal with.

Rich Bartke, Chair:
Could you do it briefly?

John Keating:
Right. One is, this concept that there's no choice; it's simply the law. Well, the Park Service interpreted it one way for twenty years, and now they tell you they have no choice but to vigorously interpret it the other way. That's just not what they're telling us in Washington about what the Park Service can do. Secondly, is the concept of why this change was made. You're going to have to deal with that eventually, and it's abundantly clear that the unilateral change occurred when the attorneys -- remember, the ones that the Court said that they were biased against us, and trying to prevent public input? -- that those people decided that the way to stop us from forcing the Park Service to allow public input was to say that we are illegal. So, it was an effort to prevent us from having access to the courts. Once you understand that, you'll understand why they are hiding behind the mantra that you have no choice, and they have no choice, so they're not politically responsible for these changes.

And last, I'd like to close by saying: by God, there are thousands of people who want to enjoy the parks, want to be as respectful to people as we can, want to be helpful in passing legislation, whatever we can for the parks, if you'd just work with us, rather than attacking the primary users of the park. Thank you.

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Rich Bartke, Chair:
... That concludes the people who wish to address this issue. There's nothing further to come before the Commission; we'll be adjourned.

This written report was distributed to the Commission and audience at the Nov. 27 meeting:

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
November 27, 2001

Update on Dog Management in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area

The GGNRA is happy to report that the process for release of the Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPR) is moving forward, with the draft currently under review in the Office of Management and Budget in Washington, D.C. The ANPR will allow the park to gather comments on dogwalking in the GGNRA and determine whether to take the process to its next step. The next step would be a form of rulemaking that could, if deemed appropriate, alter the existing regulation or provide some language that would specifically address how dog use would be managed in the GGNRA. When the review is completed, the notice will be posted in the Federal Register and public input will be solicited.

Efforts are continuing to educate GGNRA visitors about CFR 2.15, which requires dogs on leash, where allowed, in all national park sites. Educational efforts include signage, brochures and cards which are handed out in visitor centers and on-site. Field staff have reported that an increasing number of visitors are voluntarily complying with the regulation and leashing pets while visiting the GGNRA. GGNRA Protection Rangers contacted visitors on-site at Fort Funston this past week to inform them of the regulation and to ask them to leash their pets. On November 15, four rangers spoke with approximately 100 visitors and cited 2 visitors who were not willing to leash their dogs or who asked for a citation. On November 18, rangers contacted 60 visitors with no citations given as compliance was gained from all contacted. On November 20, rangers again contacted approximately 100 visitors with 5 citations given to those who had previously received verbal warnings.

Park and Advisory Commission Celebrate 29th Year

The Golden Gate National Recreation Area was established by Congress on October 27, 1972 as was the Advisory Commission to the Golden Gate National Recreation Area. Congratulations to all members of the staff, the Advisory Commission, and the public who helped make the dream of a National Park at the Golden Gate a reality.

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TUESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2002

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GGNRA Park Headquarters

Building 201, Fort Mason

San Francisco, California

The meeting was convened, pursuant to Notice, at 7:30 p.m., Chairman Rich Bartke presiding.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

RICHARD BARTKE, Chair

AMY MEYER, Vice Chair

MICHAEL ALEXANDER

SUSAN GIACOMINI ALLAN

GORDON BENNETT

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DOUG NADEAU

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DOUG SIDEN

JOHN J. SPRING

EDGAR WAYBURN, M.D.

ALSO PRESENT:

For the Golden Gate National Recreation Area:

BRIAN O'NEILL, General Superintendent

MARY GIBSON SCOTT, Assistant Superintendent

FOR THE PRESIDIO TRUST:

CRAIG MIDDLETON, Acting Executive Director

STAFF LIAISON:

MICHAEL FEINSTEIN

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7:35 P.M.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Good Evening, ladies and gentlemen. I'd like to call to order the regular meeting of the Advisory Commission to the Golden Gate National Parks and the Point Reyes Seashore.

The Commission is appointed by the Secretary of the Interior, upon nominations by local groups, and we are volunteers. We don't get paid for this, but it's our job to give advice to the Secretary of the Interior on the parks that we oversee through the local Superintendents. The Commissioners are not park employees, we do not run the parks; and we are, as our title says, we are advisory only. So our job is to give advice but not necessarily to make the final decisions or to run the parks.

The agendas are available in the back of the room, and I'd like to mention that there is a new format, starting out with the new calendar year, that we're going to try tonight and see if it works better than what we've been doing. We've put the public issues toward the top of the agenda so those of you that need to leave early may do so without staying through the entire agenda. On the other hand, in order to do that, we have to limit the time that is allocated to

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MR. MIDDLETON: I think what you may be referring to is a study that's ongoing with regard to the Pacific Immigration Museum. This is something is a congressional directive actually to the National Park Service, and we're working with them at The Trust to look at several options for a possible Immigration Museum. One of them is the Commissary, but we're also looking at options at Fort Mason.

At the same time, we have committed to looking at, with the Park Service and the Golden Gate National Parks Association, a study looking at the feasibility of how to make the marsh work better. So we don't view those as incompatible and we're doing them both.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: The next speaker is Vicki Tiernan, who wants to speak about Commission policies.

STATEMENT OF

VICKI TIERNAN

MS. TIERNAN: Good evening, Commissioners.

I don't have a prepared speech. What I wanted to say was that, at the last meeting and at several meetings I've attended in the past, the folks in the dog community were reminded that we were only to speak about issues that have not been brought up before.

I have a copy here of the bylaws for the

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Commission that state that the primary channel for the free exchange of ideas between the National Park Service and the public is the Commission. This is the forum set up for that purpose. If an issue is addressed here, but it's not addressed to the satisfaction of the public, I think it's only fair for us to be able to be heard again. I mean, there are a great deal of people who are not happy with a number of issues relating to the dog situation. And I just wanted to make the point that I think people should not be discouraged from using the forum that's set up for this very purpose.

Thank you.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Thank you.

Next is Margery Owen, it looks like, speaking on ANPR.

STATEMENT OF

MARGERY COHEN

MS. COHEN: It's Margery Cohen. I spoke before you a year ago -- tomorrow, it's a year ago -- also relating to dog-walking issues in the GGNRA, as to access. Tonight, I come with the same questions having to do with the ANPR.

I understand from Mr. Superintendent O'Neill's press conference, and from the literature that I received, that public meetings will be held, and I

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haven't seen anything announcing the location for this. And, with the web site down, I'm concerned about the clock being running and people having enough information, enough time, to be able to get to meetings so they can plan this. So I'm concerned about how that word will be disseminated.

I also have -- at Crissy Field and at Fort Funston, there are boards where the Park Service has -- is in a position to post signs, and there is nothing there about the ANPR. Also at Crissy Field, I'm part of the dog -- you know, I walk my dogs at both places. The Crissy Field dog group has been able to use the bulletin boards at Crissy Field to promote, you know, to put up signs about what dog walkers are doing. I'm wondering if some of us in the dog community can also use these particular locations. We'll have to contact libraries ourselves, et cetera. But, to put up our point of view, so that when other visitors come to the park and they see that we're engaged with you in this dialogue, and really as you are engaged with the whole community, for this topic, that there's a point of view explaining why it's important.

So I'm concerned about access tonight on those two issues.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Okay. We're going to ask

the Superintendent to report about that under his report, which follows next on the agenda.

MS. TIERNAN: Thank you very much.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Okay. Robin Buckly on ANPR.

VOICE: Someone already addressed this topic.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Okay. Carol -- can't read -- could be Arnold, yes.

STATEMENT OF

CAROL ARNOLD

MS. ARNOLD: I just wanted to point out I recently read in the Chronicle a small article, last week, that the National Park Service has given its initial approval at Big Cypress National Preserve in Florida, an over 700 acre wildlife haven, to explode dynamite at over 14,000 sites throughout the park in an initial search for oil.

This fact shocked me when I compared it to the potential impact of off-leash dogs at less than 1 percent of GGNRA lands. We all know that the Park Service is trying to claim to be attempting to make off-leash use legal in these areas, but most of us in the dog-walking world do not trust this process -- in other words, the ANPR process.

My question is this: How can you -- how can

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you blow up dynamite in 14,000 sites at one park and claim that the impact of off-leash dog walking in a small portion of GGNRA lands has a significant negative impact on natural resources? It doesn't seem to be consistent.

Thank you.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Thank you.

Jackie Johnson speaking about handouts. Jackie Johnson? Oh, there she is.

STATEMENT OF

JACKIE JOHNSON

MS. JOHNSON: I have a request for some handouts for you, or from you, for us. One is: I would like to see something listing the rare and endangered species that you keep talking about, where they are; and, if possible, a reading list, or something, so that we can look up about them ourselves and find out about them.

The second thing I'd like to see is I'd like to see a piece of paper out here that says who you are, who appointed you, what you do, who you report to. In other words, we don't know anything about you people that are on the Commission. Are you all appointed because you belong to the parks, or -- what? We don't know. We'd like to see that.

The third thing is, as far as the dog meeting, I hope that you will choose a site that's large enough that everybody can go. It wasn't very fair to keep everybody out in the pouring rain.

Thank you.

[Applause.]

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: And the last speaker is Lisa Vittori. Lisa Vittori? Yes, there she is.

STATEMENT OF

LISA VITTORI

MS. VITTORI: Thanks for our 15 minutes.

My name is Lisa Vittori. I work with the various dog and environmental groups in the city.

I'm here to once again ask you a couple of questions about this ANPR process.

I thank you for engaging in a process, however flawed it might be. Mr. O'Neill, I do expect to hear tonight exactly what you're going to be doing in terms of the public meetings and public notice. I'm noticing that there's no public notice at Fort Funston listed on this at all, one of the primary dog areas that you keep complaining about. Nor do I see public notice at Muir Woods, at Rodeo Beach. I see not public notice at Baker Beach. These are all the places where people would actually see public notice.

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I think that, in this process, you know that we're going to be out all the time talking to people. I also expect you to put up notice, since this is your process.

I'm not -- for the last year, we have actually engaged in civil dialogue with you. We've used your forums. We've obeyed your rules. If this process is rigged in the way the other forums have been rigged, I don't think you can expect our cooperation after this. So I would really appreciate seeing this Commission really represent the views of the community, the broad community, and integrating dog and recreational use with environmental use in this park.

Thank you.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: That concludes our non-agenda items, but I would like to go back to a question raised by the speaker, Jackie Johnson, about not knowing who we are. We accept that as a recommendation. In fact, I'll report that we have a rough draft in front of us of a handout that would do exactly that, except it's still a rough draft. It hasn't been put into final form yet. So maybe by our next meeting we'll have that available on the back table, or wherever, saying who we are and how we're appointed and what we do.

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happened to that news cutout that went down the table. Did that go all the way down?

COMMISSIONER KERNAN: No.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Meeting is adjourned.

(Whereupon, at 1:45 p.m., the meeting of the Advisory Commission was adjourned, to reconvene at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, February 26, 2002, in the same location.

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San Francisco, California

The meeting was convened, pursuant to Notice, at 7:30 p.m., Chairman Rich Bartke presiding.

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MICHAEL ALEXANDER

SUSAN GIACOMINI ALLAN

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DENNIS J. RODONI

FRED RODRIGUEZ

DOUGLAS L. SIDEN

ALSO PRESENT:

For the Golden Gate National Recreation Area:

BRIAN O'NEILL, General Superintendent

FOR THE PRESIDIO TRUST:

CRAIG MIDDLETON, Acting Executive Director

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7:30 P.M.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Good evening, ladies and gentlemen. Call the meeting to order.

This is the regular meeting of the Advisory Commission to the Golden Gate National Parks and the Point Reyes National Seashore. If you haven't picked up an agenda, there is one by the door, so you can follow the order of the meeting.

I also note that our historic men's room is being retrofitted. Those who need the facility, there is another one on the first floor, and there's also one on the second floor.

This meeting is going to be conducted in memory of Peggy Wayburn, who passed away this week. She was the wife of Ed Wayburn, who has been a member of the Commission for almost 30 years, and a true stalwart and soldier for open space and the environment, and for the parks. And, so, this meeting will be conducted in her honor.

The first item of business is the approval of minutes. The draft minutes were sent to Commission Members a couple of weeks ago. Does any member of the Commission have any comments about the minutes?

We have one over here. Dennis?

COMMISSIONER RODONI: One comment on the

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time water recycling. And we've got two of our able staff members here to tell you about that.

I've left on the back table some of our annual reports that just came out. And I hope you, if you really want to find out what we've been up to in the last year, or so, pick one of these things up. They're pretty interesting.

And, with that --

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Thank you, Craig.

Any questions or comments about the Director's Report?

(No response.)

Okay. I'm going to ask the Commission's indulgence. There was a member of the audience who signed up on a non-agenda item, but he signed up at the end and I didn't catch it.

John Keating, did you want to take your three minutes now?

STATEMENT OF

JOHN KEATING, ESQ.

MR. KEATING: I will, if you don't mind. I notice that there was someone else on the sheet ahead of me.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: They're speaking on one of the agenda items.

MR. KEATING Thank you for accommodating me. It's John Keating. I have three points.

First, last month, a number of the members of the public spoke to you with regard to perceived gross inadequacy of the notice that was given in the parks regarding the pet management ANPR. You folks expressed an interest in inquiring into it, and, shortly thereafter, the Park Service changed course. All of a sudden we started getting notice. I think that was effective action of an oversight body, and I commend you for it, and I thank you for it. Now we have placards where people who use the park might actually see it.

Second point: The Resource Committee of the House of Representatives in Washington is now actively investigating, and is being highly critical, of Interior Department activities that seem to be bad science. They're impressing good science for policy-driven ends. The Resource Committee is also the one that ultimately is going to have to pass muster on the plans to expand the GGNRA to the south, and also on whether this Commission will be -- have their time extended for another term of 20 years.

I suggest that your antennas should be sharply tuned when you hear comments with regard to whether the Park Service is preventing people from critiquing the

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science behind their actions. That, of course, was the basic criticism of a number of people with regard to the Fort Funston closures last year.

My view is that, effectively, the critique of the science that was used, and what we believe were improper presumptions, was never fully examined. And I think you folks should continue to be sensitive to that issue and make sure that you're not prevented from looking at issues and are not told that you really have to go along with what the Park Service is saying you have no choice.

I will say, over the two years, two-and-a-half years, I've been watching this Commission, I've seen a bit of an evolution. I want to commend you on it. I hear more questions inquiring about the backup for what the Park Service is saying, and I think that's a good development for the quality of our park.

Lastly, on the ANPR document, there are a number of things that appear to be misstatements. I don't have time to ask you to hear me on them now, you guys, but I will send a letter. When you get the letter on this, I do hope you people will find it appropriate to investigate it.

I hope this is done because they have again said that they never had the '79 Pet Policy. They say

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it's not, was not, the official policy. First, they say it was never adopted. Then they said: Well, the Advisory Commission made recommendations, but it was never adopted. We showed them that was wrong. Then the said: Okay, the Advisory Commission adopted it, but we never adopted it. Then they said: Well we adopted it, but now it wasn't official; and, therefore, it has no import. Well, that's not what the evidence shows. And I hope you folks will investigate that.

Secondly, in the ANPR, they said that you folks made a decision, a determination, at that January meeting that that old policy was null and void. Now what the transcript of that meeting says is what the rest of us in the world remember it to say; which was: You were confronted with an agenda item to rescind the policy, and you decided to take no action. Specifically, with the recommendation of the Chair, that the Park Service not do enforcement in the interim, until they came -- the GGNRA came back to us. Now I think it is worthy of your investigation as to why the Park Service is going to such an extent to characterize that policy as being voided by you folks; when, in fact, you decided to take no action.

Thank you for your indulgence.

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Thank you.

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CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Any other announcements of comments to be made before we adjourn?

(No response.)

CHAIRMAN BARTKE: Our next meeting will be here, in this room, on April Twenty-third, at 7:30 p.m..

We're adjourned.

(Whereupon, at 9:35 p.m., the meeting of the Advisory Commission was adjourned, to reconvene at 7:30 .m., Tuesday, April 23, 2002, in the same location.)

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: JANICE HANSEN [Age Bracket: 50's]

Address: 345 NORFOLK DR
PACIFICA, CA 94044

Phone: 650-359-3327

How do you use Fort Funston?
AS A RELIEF FOR MYSELF AND DOG - TO WALK - AWAY FROM CITY STRESS - TO ENJOY THE NATURAL BEAUTY OF THE COAST. I CLEAN UP AFTER MY DOG - SO NO DEBRIS REMAINS - TO US - IT IS A VITAL PART OF OUR LIVES FOR HEALTH AND RELAXATION. —

For how long?
20 years

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)
DOG - FAMILY

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more? yes

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks? yes and no - CITY PARKS are not as safe

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston?
VISITORS COME EVEN FROM ACROSS THE BAY - THIS SPOT IS EVEN PUBLICIZED IN DOG BOOKS AS "PLACES TO GO"

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)
EVERYONE - IT IS A GATHERING PLACE FOR EVERYONE

Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail?
ANY PARK WITHOUT PUBLIC ACCESS LEADS TO "SLEEP OVERS" AND INCREASE LIKELIHOOD OF GANG CONTROL

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Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

yes - dogs Do not Like violence and can Detect Body Language For Trouble

More friendly and social place?

yes

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input?

yes

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

When erosion started - it was not corrected and left to deteriate to unsafe conditions

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?

Limitation can only Be a detriment To the park

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

The swallow is a migrantory Bird - it has many stops on its journey

Any other stories or comments?

from the cliff Tops - you could watch the whales - that is lost with the access gone

The park has been reduced to a one concrete path - - no access to nature or the ocean view

a park that is no longer suitable for public enjoyment - a giant step Backwards

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Date: 3-04-00 Signature: Janice J. Hansen

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: HELEN Rosellini [Age Bracket: 79]

Address: 179 Brampton ave
S.F Ca
94131

Phone: (415) 585-7361

How do you use Fort Funston?
2X Week sometimes More

For how long? 2 hours each (4 Hrs +)

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)
SENIOR - MORE REST AREAS NEEDED

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?
Yes - THIS AREA IS MORE SOCIAL

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks?
NO Will Continue to Come here

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston?
No - only certain times

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)
Children, Dogs Seniors and disabled

Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail?
No SIGNIFICANCE

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Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

YES- DEFINATELY

More friendly and social place? YES

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input? YES

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember? FORT

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure? WHY?

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure? NO

Any other stories or comments? DO NOT CHOSE TO OFF LEASH WALK THIS AREA WITH MY PETS FOR 55 YEARS

Date: 3/4/2000 Signature: [signature]

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: JIM & CAROLE KROTZER [Age Bracket: 62 & 57]

Address: 1628 18th AVE
SAN FRANCISCO, CA
94122

Phone: 415-731-2668

How do you use Fort Funston?
Walk our dog and ourselves

For how long? 10 years

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)
Dog, family, visitors (who believe Fort Funston is a jewel)

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?
Yes, we were using Ocean Beach before they closed it to off-leash access.

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks?
Somewhat more often

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston?
Yes

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)
all of the above plus tourists, runners, joggers, bicyclists

Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail?
With the Sunset Trail because of increase congestion on other trails

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Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

More friendly and social place?

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input?

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

Any other stories or comments?

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: HENRY EVANS [Age Bracket: SENIOR

Address: 198 NORTHGATE
DALY CITY, CA. 94015

Phone: 650-755-4516

How do you use Fort Funston?

WALKING

For how long? 2 HOURS a DAY

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

DOGS

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks?

YES

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston?

YES

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

ALL OF THE ABOVE

Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail?

WITH

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Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

More friendly and social place?

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input?

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

Any other stories or comments?

Date: 3/4/00 Signature:

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: Elizabeth Thompson / Chris Thompson [Age Bracket: 30-40]

Address: 2114 Wawona St.
San Francisco, Ca
94116

Phone: (415) 564-6139

How do you use Fort Funston?

walk dog + enjoy outdoors

For how long? 5 years

With whom (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?

Absolutely

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks?

NO

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston?

yes

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

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Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail?

A safe Sunset trail would be gratefully appreciated.

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Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

yes

More friendly and social place?

yes

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input?

yes

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

military / gun installation / WW II

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?

I'm saddened by it

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

Don't expand it. This is a city where beach access / walking areas are in great need

Any other stories or comments?

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Date: 3/3/00 Signature:

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: THE REV. MARK REIFF [Age Bracket: 52]

Address: 1340 DOLORES ST.
SAN FRAN, CA 94110
415.554.5067 Wk.

Phone: 415.826.7850 Hm.

How do you use Fort Funston?

WALKING DOGS (2 ROTTS) and PERSONAL RENEWAL RE-CREATION for both DOGS & ME.

For how long? 3 years

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?

No - less.

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks?

YES - but even these options are more and more limited.

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston?

No - less - especially since recent limitations.

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

All sorts of variety of people usually with their dogs and families.

Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail?

I can't understand why anyone would want to shut off this beautiful trail and its access to the nationally historic gun sights.

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Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

Absolutely.

More friendly and social place?

Absolutely.

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input?

Communication from the GGNRC has been abysmal — to non-existant.

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

Not personally - but it is clear that it is a place of historical import to our city, state and nation.

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

No.

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?

It should be closed — it brings personal renewal and joy to me and to so many others.

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

It seems to be an over zealous attempt not to protect the birds but to empower the "Plant Police" who somehow think that they can "re-pristinate" the area to pre-human conditions,

Any other stories or comments?

Land enclosure - as history has shown - never benefits the many only the few — the elite or the elitists.

Date: 3/4/2000 Signature: Mark Reff

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: Shirley Strout [Age Bracket: 40's]

Address: 439 Victoria

SF CA 94132 Shigi@earthlink.net

Phone: 415-584-0509

How do you use Fort Funston?

Walking + stress release w/ my dog

For how long? 9 years

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

all

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?

yes

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks?

yes

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston?

yes

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

I see people of all kinds — models & dogs & all getting along & happy

Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail?

with

We need space from highway AWAY

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Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?
Certainly – there is NO "bad" element here

More friendly and social place?
Like no place else on earth — perfect harmony

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input?
Yes. We have the right to know.

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember?
~~As a~~ For the 9 years I've been here it has been heaven on earth.

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?
I remember when this was such a huge space I would get lost.

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?
It will take away the best part of my day.

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?
I agree they need some space – but not the acres alloted.

Any other stories or comments?
This place promotes more good feelings & good will towards people than any place I know. We have to preserve that.

Date: 3/3/00 Signature:

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: ms: Kevin Kempf [Age Bracket: 40 Something.

Address: 160 De Soto St
SF, CA 94127

Phone: 415-584-2518

How do you use Fort Funston?
Walk me, & walk my service dog!
I am physically disabled, & using Ft. Funs
to re-condition, & rehab, ... as well as, wal
& socialize service dog.

For how long?
1 year, (as above info) ... & since 1983 as resid

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled) & with other dogs I h
owned before becoming disa
as above.

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?
Yes. My dog must be socialized there
well daily to serve me.

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks?
Yes, in search of off leash opener

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston?
Yes.

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)
All of the above, ... & a pig, ("Vinc
today!

Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail?
with.

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Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

Yes

More friendly and social place?

Yes

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input?

Yes

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

Just my own fond memories, including bringing my family when visiting from the midwest to see its beauty with dogs at me.

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?

Can we enjoy it please!

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

Any other stories or comments?

Life is short (+ abilities can be short lived too, for any of us) Enjoy it NOW.

Date: 3/4/2000 Signature: Kevin Ed. Kemp

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Public Comment Document Submission by John Keating – April 12, 2002

TAB	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION
20.	Copies of additional fourth set of August 3, 2001 letters previously forwarded to Secretary Norton calling for compliance with promises made to local governments, calling for compliance with the enabling statute mandate and complaining about the lack of fair process before making dramatic changes restricting pet recreation in the GGNRA.
21.	Copies of September 9, 2001 letters previously forwarded to Secretary Norton and Director Mainella and bearing individual comments concerning the changes in pet management in the GGNRA.
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25.	1/23/01 correspondence of John Keating to Superintendent O'Neill seeking reconsideration of the Fort Funston closure decision.
26.	1/27/01 correspondence of California Humane Coalition.
27.	8/29/00 Advisory Commission briefing statement by the SPCA.
28.	10/6/00 Rulemaking comment by the SPCA regarding general pet management issues and the enabling statute application as well as pet management and closures at Fort Funston.
29.	10/6/00 Rulemaking joint comment submission by the Fort Funston Dog Walkers and the San Francisco Dog Owners Group regarding general pet management issues and the enabling statute application as well as pet management and closures at Fort Funston.
30.	8/13/01 correspondence of John Keating to Director Mainella regarding potential changes in pet management and the ANPR.

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TAB	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION
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32.	11/9/01 correspondence of John Keating to OMB Administrator John J. Graham regarding changes in pet management and the ANPR.
33.	10/6/00 Rulemaking document submission by John Keating regarding the Fort Funston Closure and listing 17 tabs of documents in 4 volumes, all of which are incorporated by reference for submission in this ANPR public comment submission as related to the scope of proper pet management changes in the GGNRA and the appropriate process for fair review thereof.

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: Elaine Best [Age Bracket: 50+]

Address: 22 Gardenside #4
SF CA 94131

Phone: 415/826-1053

ebest@sfcsf.cc.ca.us

How do you use Fort Funston?

(2) Dog play off leash
mental & emotional well being from

For how long? 7 yrs.

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

hook up with others who happen to be out here

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?

YES.

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks?

YES

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston?

YES

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

All - Joggers, hikers - Everyone

Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail?

With - People want to walk there will make their own trails

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Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

Absolutely!

More friendly and social place?

A Community

Absolutely! No Brainer

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input?

YES

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember? YES. The plant to stop erosion, even place pulled up the plant eroded.

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure? Popular for Seniors & Disabled

Need to Reopen for Safety & to comply with A.D.A.

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

I am an environmentalist. But, Dogs are not the problem. Could use only smaller area & still protect bank swallows

Any other stories or comments?

Very sad day if this place continues to be Almost restricted

Date: 3/4/00 Signature: Elaine Bert

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: Carol Hanson [Age Bracket: 49]

Address: 1212 Truman St.
Redwood City
94061

Phone: (650) 368-2557

cchanson@compuserve.com

Disabled
Walk with cane. Arthritis. Degenerative Disc disease Fibromyalgia IRB Syndrome New problem

How do you use Fort Funston?

Used to come once a week. Took couple mo. off. Back to once a week

For how long? 1 1/2 yr.

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Is Disabled Brings Dog / Doc allows her to walk one hour a day. NO where in neighborhood to go.

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?

Yes

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks? Yes. If I can't use FF I would have to find somewhere else.

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston?

YES

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

All

Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail?

YES! Disabled can't walk without concrete path

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Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

YES You BET !

More friendly and social place?

YES! you bet. I feel it

all kinds of people

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input?

YES You bet. Very Unhappy

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

Always been Replant

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?

Extremly Disappointing, Much harder for me being Disabled

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

Unnecessary

Any other stories or comments?

Only place I come to walk. Otherwise I'm shut in & Do shut in. ONLY SOCIAL ACTIVITY I have.

Date: 3/4/2000 Signature: Carol Hanson

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: William & Lorraine [Age Bracket: 70 73]

Address: 122 Santa Paula Dr.
Daly City 94015

Phone: (650) 755-1882

How do you use Fort Funston?
Walk Dog & Seniors

For how long? 11 years

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?
Always come here

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks? YES, would be forced to

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston?
YES

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)
used to be more seniors ~~Speed~~

Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail?
Would enjoy it more 00556
Safety is not an issue at all

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Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

YES

More friendly and social place?

Defintly!

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input?

YES

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

Cannons
army

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

11 years ago more of Sand as now

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?

NOT AS Pleasant a walk

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

We Dont go that far

Any other stories or comments?

NOT Fair without notice to people who use.

Date: 3-4-00 Signature: Lorraine Scott

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: Kim Foney [Age Bracket: 40]

Address: 850 Felton St.
SF. Ca. 94134

Phone: 415- 586-8901

How do you use Fort Funston?
to walk our dog

For how long? 4 yrs.

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)
friends, family + dogs

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?
yes

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks? yes

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston?
yes, a great place

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)
dogs, kids, seniors, disabled, families, lovers.

Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail?
no

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Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

yes, no problems w/ being a female alone w/ dog.

More friendly and social place?

very friendly

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input?

yes!

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

use to be a Fort years ago is all I know.

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

Bird being protected. I've never seen a dog go after the swallows.

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?

should keep open for everyone to enjoy. it's safe, clean & beautiful.

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

no comment, keep fences out birds are okay.

Any other stories or comments?

Date: 3/4/00 Signature:

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: Roberto Rodrigo [Age Bracket: 39]

Address: 156 Colby St.
S.F. CA 94134

Phone: (415) 586-8218

How do you use Fort Funston?

Walk my dog + enjoy the scenery.

For how long? 5 yrs

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Dogs, Friends, + family

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?

Yes,

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks?

Not necessarily,

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston?

about the same,

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Appreciate seeing other dogs + Friends

Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail?

Not safer with sunset trail

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GGNRA019505

Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

Yes, more people means safer

More friendly and social place?

Yes

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input?

Very much

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

IT WAS A FORT.

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

Not really

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?

yes, I dont like the Idea.

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

would like to know more about it.

Any other stories or comments?

Would like to be informed.

Date 3/4/02 Signature:

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: CRAIG A MORGAN [Age Bracket: 40]

Address: 4146 ULLOA ST

Phone: 415-753-2147

How do you use Fort Funston?

WALK DOG

For how long? 1yr

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?

N/A

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks?

NO

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston?

yes

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail?

N/A

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Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

yes

More friendly and social place?

yes

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input?

yes

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

yes Battery DAVIS WWII

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

N/A

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?

NO

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

NO

Any other stories or comments?

Date: 03-04-00 Signature: _____

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: THOMAS YEE [Age Bracket: 50]

Address: 900 FRONT
SFCA

Phone: 362-(TS)

How do you use Fort Funston?

WALKING MY DOG
NO LEASH !!!

For how long? 1 YR

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

FAMILY + DOGS

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?

YES

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks?

NO

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston?

YES

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

DOGS !!!

Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail?

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Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

YES

More friendly and social place?

YES

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input?

YES

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

YES

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

NO, ONLY USED FORT FUNSTON FOR DOGS WALKING

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?

NOT.

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

OK, ROOM FOR EVERYONE

Any other stories or comments?

LOVE FORT FUNSTON, DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO IF I DON'T HAVE THIS PLACE TO LET MY DOG RUN FREE

Date: 3/4/20 Signature:

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Fort Funston Use

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: Mari Yee [Age Bracket: 44]

Address: 2425 Geary - 1st flr
SF CA 94118 Rx Dept.

Phone: 415- 202-4260

How do you use Fort Funston?

exercise dogs - get together with friends who are also dog owners

For how long? 1yr

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?

Yes, yes, yes

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks? No becuz they are leash only - dogs cannot run free - you would NOT want to unleash them becuz alot of the city parks are not fenced in, thus exposing your dog to dangerous auto traffic

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston?

Yes

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail?

do not see any difference either way

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GGNRA019511

Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

Yes, yes, yes

More friendly and social place?

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input?

definitely - its a big part of city life !!!

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

Not really

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

No

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?

yeah - less freedom all around!!

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

Truthfully, yes we have enuf birds - regardless of species, if there can be no equitable compromise, then my vote is dogs first

Any other stories or comments?

There are too many restrictions in the city already we need one leash free area!! its adds to SF attractiveness

Date: 3/4/00

Signature:

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: John Bachman [Age Bracket: 50+]

Address: 1647 33rd Ave
SF CA 94122

Phone: 415 566 9593

How do you use Fort Funston?

walk + Dog walk - exercise + tranquility

For how long? 5 yrs

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

DOG + OTHER DOG WALKERS

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?

NO - ALWAYS USED FT.

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks?

NO

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston?

YES

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

ALL

Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail?

WITH - MOVED BACK 20 YDS FROM CLIFF

Eddie

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Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

DOGS ARE VERY SOCIABLE HERE

As ~~More~~ friendly and social place?

STERN GROVE

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input?

YES! ARROGANCE DISRUPTS EVERYTHING

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

WW II PREP AREA, CANONS etc
ICE PLANT

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

ONLY 5 YRS BACK - BEFORE EROSION OF CLIFFS DURING EL NIN

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?

REINSTALL IT 20 YDS BACK

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

OVERKILL - TOO MUCH CLOSURE - DON'T SEE IT ALL AS NEC.

Any other stories or comments?

HEARINGS!

Date: 3/4/2002 Signature: John Buchanan

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: Colleen Brode [Age Bracket: 30]

Address: 3240 Ulloa St
SF CA 94116

Phone: 759-1607

How do you use Fort Funston?

walking

For how long? 1 year

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?

don't have a dog

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks?

N

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston?

YES

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail?

don't know the Sunset trail well enough to comment

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Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

yes

More friendly and social place?

yes

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input?

yes

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

NO

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

NO

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?

Again, not sure of the history + actual trail

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

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Any other stories or comments?

love Fort Funston - would love to see trails kept up - NO leash for dogs is great - would like to keep it this way

Date: 3-4-2000 Signature: Colleen Brock

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: Dale A Evans [Age Bracket: 50]

Address: 199 Northgate
Daly City CA 94015

Phone: 650 755-4516

How do you use Fort Funston?
Walking the dogs

For how long? 20+

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)
Dogs + Family

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?
Yes

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks? Yes

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston?
Yes

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)
All

Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail?
No problem

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Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

Yes

More friendly and social place?

Yes

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input? Yes

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

Yes

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?

Would like it open again

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

NO

Any other stories or comments?

Date: 3-4-00 Signature: Dale A Evans

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: Tina M. Chan [Age Bracket: 20+]

Address: 3330 Quintara St
San Francisco CA
CA 94122

Phone: 415 564-4289

How do you use Fort Funston?

walk my dog everyday

For how long? since 1 year, daily for 2 hours

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

family, dogs

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?

yes

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks?

Yes

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston?

Yes

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

all

Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail?

without

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Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

Yes

More friendly and social place?

Yes

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input?

YES!!

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

Yes given by marine/army to dog became off leash 1980

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

NO

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?

Should not be entirely closed

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

Should not be entirely closed

Any other stories or comments?

Date: 3/4/02 Signature:

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: Susan Southwell [Age Bracket: 41]

Address: 4118 21st St
San Francisco CA 94114

Phone: 415-826-2470

How do you use Fort Funston?

To walk my dogs and enjoy the beauty

For how long?

9 years

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Family, friends, Dogs - I am disabled

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?

Yes

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks?

Yes

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston?

Yes

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Children, Dogs, Seniors,

Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail?

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Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

Yes

More friendly and social place?

Yes

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input?

Yes

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

It used to belong to the military and was given to park & Rec department

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

That the trail (sunset) used to go closer to the cliffs and it was my most favorite place in the world

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?

Open it !!! And restore the pavement

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

I am disabled and would like access to the trail

Fine

Any other stories or comments?

Date: 3/4/00

Signature:

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: Paul Sussman [Age Bracket: 37]

Address: 8 Palisades Dr.
Daly City, CA.
94015-4511

Phone: (650) 994-8215

How do you use Fort Funston? Hanggliding + hanging out

For how long? 14 years

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled) Friends. other flyers + Park users

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more? NO

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks? if I had one yes.

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston? over the years yes since the closing of areas no!

Who do you see out here? (Children) (Dogs) (Seniors) (Disabled)

People intermingeling

Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail?

With

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Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

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More friendly and social place?

yes

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input?

yes

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember? yes. It is a great place for everyone to come

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

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Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure? I don't like it.

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure? They don't seem to need so much protection. The swallows have made a great come back.!

Any other stories or comments? The swallows were here When we were allowed to fly overhead + with them.

Date: 3-4-00 Signature: Paul Sussman

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: Bruce Peters [Age Bracket: 32]

Address: 95 Chattanooga St
SF, 94114

Phone: 824-1833

How do you use Fort Funston?

Dog Walking

For how long? 2 hrs on SAT + Sun

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Friends

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?

YES.

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks? I would have to, but that would suck.

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston?

NO

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Dogs, Dog people + Hanggliders

Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail?

Neither.

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Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

NO.

More friendly and social place?

Way Way More friendly + Social.

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input?

Definately.

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

just what I've Read on The info signs posted about the bathing + Such...

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

NO.

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?

I Think it's silly. It seemed fine before.

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

Sure protect them, but don't fence off the entire Place! Just the cliff + it's immediate area.

Any other stories or comments?

Date: 3.4.00 Signature:

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: Christine Billow [Age Bracket: _____]

Address: 1864 Ellsworth St
SF 94110

Phone: 415-695-0484

How do you use Fort Funston?

dog walking

For how long? 2-3 hr

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?

yes

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks?

Yes

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston?

No

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

All - quite diverse

Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail?

Should be properly repaired + managed!

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Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

Yes - would not walk alone w/o dogs

More friendly and social place?

Yes

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input?

Yes

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

Not prior to '84.

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

Since '83 I've seen use increase increase erosion, not enough posting to deter people from

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?

Portions could have been crossing dunes! Fenced to keep whole trail open

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

? Don't know anything about it.

Any other stories or comments?

I have enjoyed many wonderful outings w/ family (parents, senior, disabled), friends & dogs. Sad to see it rundown & eroded so. looking forward to many more years of use with my dogs!!

Date: 3/4/02 Signature:

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: JUDY ACE [Age Bracket: 48]

Address: 174 20TH AVE
SF 94121

Phone: _____

How do you use Fort Funston?

RUN W/FRIEND & DOG

For how long? 1 YR.

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

DOG, FRIEND

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?

YES

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks?

NO

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston?

YES

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

ALL TYPE OF PEOPLE & DOGS

Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail?

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Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

YES

More friendly and social place?

YES

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input?

YES

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

NO

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

BEACH SEEMS TO BE ERODING

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

Any other stories or comments?

Date: 3/4/00 Signature: [signature] 00585

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: Samuel Heredia [Age Bracket: 38]

Address: 507 Capp St
SF. CA 94110

Phone: 415 648-7166

How do you use Fort Funston? To utilize as a natural as creator made it.

For how long? Since the Ohlones

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks?

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston?

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail?

It is safe as is
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Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

Yes

More friendly and social place? Yes

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input? Yes

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember? No

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember? It Should be Natural

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure? It shouldnt happen

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure? No

Any other stories or comments? Keep it Natural like all the original peoples of this land have used it before

Date: 3/4/00 Signature:

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: Robert Berry [Age Bracket: 34]

Address: 2495 Sutter St #10
SF. CA 94115

Phone: (415) 441-8905

How do you use Fort Funston?

Run with dog off leash on Saturday morning.

For how long? 2 years

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Dogs & friends

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?

Yes.

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks?

Probably not if I am running, but I suppose I would on the leash if I walk.

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston?

Yes.

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Dogs & everybody.

Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail?

Yes, especially when there is activity

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Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

Yes. I

More friendly and social place?

Yes.

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input?

Yes.

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

Historically I know that it's always been a good place to walk dogs.

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

Not really. Cliffs need to be stabilized.

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?

It will minimize enjoyment..

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

No.

Any other stories or comments?

Date: 3/24/00 Signature:

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Fort Funston Use

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: Peter Bratt [Age Bracket: 37]

Address: P.O. Box 31728
SF CA 94131

Phone: (415) 773-9196

How do you use Fort Funston? Hiking, Beach

For how long? For over 20 years

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled) [redacted] All the above as well as those who visit from out of town.

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more? No

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks? No

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston? No

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled) yes

Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail? With

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Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs? Yes

More friendly and social place? Yes

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input? Yes

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember? No

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember? Yes - - stories from the first people - the Ohlone

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure? Don't do it

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

Any other stories or comments? Involve the people who use it in the process of determining what happens here!

I. i. Date: 3/4/00 Signature:

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: Renea Bean [Age Bracket: 24]

Address: 417 S. Van Ness
SF CA

Phone: _____

How do you use Fort Funston?

dog walking

For how long? 1 yr

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?

yes

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks?

yes

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston?

yes

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail?

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Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

yes

More friendly and social place? yes

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input?

yes

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

yes

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

NO

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?

Don't do it

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

Any other stories or comments?

Date: 4-4-00 Signature:

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: Benjamin Chin [Age Bracket: _____]

Address: 230 West Gate S.F.

Phone: _____

How do you use Fort Funston?

Enjoying the Sunset

For how long?

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Children

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks?

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston?

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail?

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Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

Yes

More friendly and social place?

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input?

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

No

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

Not really

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

Any other stories or comments?

Date: _____ Signature: _____

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: KRISTINA MCKENNA [Age Bracket: 30]

Address: 1052 SAN FELIPE AVE.
SAN BRUNO, CA 94066

Phone: 650.872.1153

How do you use Fort Funston? Walk my dog.

For how long? 4 years

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Family & dogs

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?

NO

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks?

NO

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston?

yes

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

children, many dogs, seniors

Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail?

Yes?

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Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

yes

More friendly and social place?

very friendly & social

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input?

yes

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

military use?

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

NO

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

I think the dogs do not bother the birds.

Any other stories or comments?

Date: March 4, 2006 Signature: Kristina McKenna

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: EVES + DENISE TALL CHIEF [Age Bracket: 45-57]

Address: 321- BEECHNUT AVE
SUNNYVALE 94086

Phone: _____

How do you use Fort Funston?

HANG GLIDE, WALK OUR DOG, VISIT WITH FRIENDS ENJOY WATCHING THE SUNSET. ENJOY WATCHING PEOPLE HAVING FUN AT THE FORT.

For how long?

11 YEARS WALKING THE DOG, 24 HANG GLIDING

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?

NO

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks? NO

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston?

YES.

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

ALL OF THE ABOVE + MORE

Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail?

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Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

YES

More friendly and social place?

Double YES

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input?

YES

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

Being A Niki Site + COASTAL Known
El Hang Gliding

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

Silly, Birds, Have Been Here For Years.
they Have Adjusted to Humans

Any other stories or comments? Also, Silly, To Restrict the Hang glide
Pilots from flying april to august

Date: 3-4-2000 Signature: Denise Tall Chief

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: BILL FITZGERALD [Age Bracket: 40+]

Address: 946 Junipero Serra Blvd
SF CA 94132

Phone: 415 452 1958

How do you use Fort Funston? Sunsets, Dog Walks

For how long? All my life, I'm a native but more so last 3 years once we got a dog.

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)
FAMILY, FRIENDS, DOGS

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?
yes

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks? yes

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston?
a little

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)
Children Dogs Seniors Disabled

Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail?

with

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Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

yes

More friendly and social place?

very much so, cuts down on teenage drinking

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input?

yes

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

yes. I used to run through in high school in the early 70's

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

yes, Thank God for OUR COAST

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

Any other stories or comments?

Date: 3/4/00 Signature:

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: Connie Fitzgerald [Age Bracket: 40s]

Address: 946 Junipero Sierra
San Francisco
CA 94132

Phone: 452-1958

How do you use Fort Funston?

I walk my dogs off leash 3-4 times a week.

For how long? 3yrs

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Dogs family

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?

Yes.

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks?

possibly - yes -

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston?

Yes - especially on weekends

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

All walks of life.

Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail?

WITH

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Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

Yes

More friendly and social place?

Yes

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input?

Yes

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

Yes - The forts that guarded the coast

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

No

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?

I feel that all areas of fort funston should be maintained and left open to all

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

I have been informed that the swallow does not go to the areas that are already designated to them

Any other stories or comments?

Date: 8/4/00 Signature: [signature]

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: Jim & Joyce Smith [Age Bracket: 50's]

Address: 745 Detroit St.
S.F., CA 94131

Phone: _____

How do you use Fort Funston?

To walk dogs

For how long? 12 yrs

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?

Yes

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks?

Yes

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston?

Yes

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail?

60:60? No

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Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

More friendly and social place?

YES

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input?

YES

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

YES BATTERIES FOR PROTECTION OF COAST

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

YES

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?

WANT IT OPEN

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

O.K. WITH ME

Any other stories or comments?

Date: 3/4/00 Signature: J Smith 00605

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: Mildred Ballin [Age Bracket: 67]

Address: 1907 - 16th ave.
San Francisco, Calif.
94116

Phone: 415-731-9000

How do you use Fort Funston?
walking my dog; self and socializing.
There is space enough for everyone.

For how long? 10 years.

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)
all the above.

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more? yes.
most other areas are not dog friendly.

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks? Yes.
difficult for me to even think about going to another place.
Fort Funston is perfect for me.

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston? yes. Fort Funston has everything. ample parking, flat areas to walk, benches to sit when tired. Wonderful views, all ages to watch and enjoy interacting together with their pets.

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)
all ages together and engaging each other.

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Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

Very much so.

More friendly and social place?

yes.

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input?

yes.

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

Very little.

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

Very little.

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?

Safer if it is left open.

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

most of the Swallows have moved South of Ft. Funston.
Noise from the rifle range perhaps?

Any other stories or comments? Hang glide people maybe?
Please think about what you are doing with Ft. Funston. Other park areas will not be happy to have joggers, loud children, dogs and old people hobbling about. Just think of all the cars and lack of parking in that area.
Fort Funston has everything that anyone could ask for.

Date: 3/4/00 Signature: Mildred Bollock

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: Pamela Lubich [Age Bracket: 50]

Address: 2417 Homewood Ct
San Jose
CA

Phone: 408 985-1169

How do you use Fort Funston?

hiking & rock & fossil hunting

For how long? 25 yrs history

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

family Grand children

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?

N/A

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks?

N/A

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston?

yes

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

all

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Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail?

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Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

Yes

More friendly and social place?

Yes

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input?

Yes

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

have a couple boats

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

some

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?

have open

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

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Any other stories or comments?

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Date: 3/4/00 Signature:

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: Mike Dahlin [Age Bracket: 39]

Address: 782 Foerster Street
San Francisco, CA
94127

Phone: 415 452-2954

How do you use Fort Funston?

Place to walk my dogs, socialize with friends, engjoy the views.

For how long? 5 years +

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Friends, dogs, family

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?

Definitely. I still use Sunnyside Park and Dolores Park, but both are trying to keep off-leash privileges.

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks?

I suppose so. I can't imagine not using Funston for recreation with my dogs and friends.

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston?

I'm here every Saturday and Sunday from 10 am to 12 am and it seems like there may be a little increase, but not great.

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

People and there dogs seem to make up about 80% of the users at that time.

Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail?

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No difference with regard to safety.

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Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

Probably.

More friendly and social place?

Definitely.

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input?

Yes. Why weren't we?

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

Obviously it was a military fort named after a General who played a big role in San Francisco during the 1906 earthquake. They built all of the bunkers for WW II, but they were never used. (obsolet

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

No.

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?

We still use it. I think they should just post warning signs and leave the trail open.

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

I'm fine with that. It seems like a good idea.

Any other stories or comments?

I have many rich memories and experiences associated with Fort Funston. It is an important part of the "SF experience" for me.

Date: 3/4/00 Signature: Michael E. Dell 00611

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: Chloe Sherman [Age Bracket: 30]

Address: 16 FOUNTAIN ST
SF
CA 94114

Phone: 821-6276

How do you use Fort Funston?
Dog & hiking & beach enjoyment

For how long? 6 yrs

With whom (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?
YES!

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks?
Yes - & very disappointed.

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston?
yes!

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail?
Fine WITH The trail!

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Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

Yes!

More friendly and social place?

Yes!

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input?

Yes!

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

yes — from plaques.

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

No.

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?

DONT close the TRAILS!

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

Any other stories or comments?

I look forward to coming to this area with my dog & friends for serenity & peace every weekend & even weekdays. Would be extremely sad if this was not available

Date: 3.4.02

Signature:

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: Janet Peacock [Age Bracket: 55]

Address: 16 Desvio Court
Pacifica, CA 94044

Phone: 650 357-5659

How do you use Fort Funston?

Dog Exercise

For how long? 1-2 hours

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Family & Dogs

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?

Yes

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks?

Yes

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston?

Yes

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

All of the Above

Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail?

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Both

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Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

Yes

More friendly and social place?

Yes

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input?

Yes

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

Yes - used during WW II in case of enemy attack

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

I remember when the bunkers etc were open and you could go through them.

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?

Shouldn't be closed to people.

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

I think the birds would adapt to people + dogs.

Any other stories or comments?

Date: 3-4-00 Signature: Janet E Pearson

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: Carla Hatley [Age Bracket: 35-45]

Address: 131 Duncan St
San Francisco, Ca
94110

Phone: 415-282-282-0258

How do you use Fort Funston?
Dog walking & exercise for us.

For how long? 6 years

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)
family & Dogs

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?
yes

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks? Unfortunately!

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston? yes

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)
All types which makes this a very friendly & great place to enjoy!

Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail?
Safer!!

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Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

yes

More friendly and social place?

yes

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input? yes

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?

It will reduce the amt. of area we can enjoy

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

I understand the problem but also understand the birds are following the bugs/food which is chging the scope of the protection area

Any other stories or comments?

Date: 3-4-00 Signature:

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: Edward Douglas [Age Bracket: SeniorR]

Address: 470 Helen Dr.
Millbrae CA
94030

Phone: 650 - 697 - 1226

How do you use Fort Funston?

Dog walking

For how long? 20 years

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?

Yes

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks?

Yes

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston?

Yes

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

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Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail?

With The Trail

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Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

Yes

More friendly and social place?

Yes

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input?

Yes

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

I remember it closed. Then a radar site and at present

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

I remember it closed and decaying and closed to the public for any use

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?

I prefer it open

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

NO

Any other stories or comments?

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Date: 3/4/00 Signature: Edward L. Vaughan

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: Anne Keating [Age Bracket: 80]

Address: 1525 Oak Ridge Dr.
Hillsborough, CA 94010

Phone: 650 343-2285

How do you use Fort Funston?

Walking, visiting with dogs and people

For how long? 15 years +

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Dogs, family, friends

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?

Yes

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks?

No - because people are friendlier and safer here

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston?

Yes

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

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Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail?

With

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Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

Yes

More friendly and social place?

Yes

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input?

Yes

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

It was military.

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

Nothing other than I have always enjoyed it.

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?

Object.

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

Could be condensed into lesser area.

Any other stories or comments?

I am outraged that there was not public notice of intent

Date: 3/4/99 Signature: Anne Keating

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: William Hall [Age Bracket: _____]

Address: 131 Duncan St.
SF CA 94110

Phone: 415 282.3463

How do you use Fort Funston?

Walks with my spouse, friends & Dog.

For how long? 10 yrs.

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?

Use it more yes!

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks?

YES!

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston?

YES!

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail?

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Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

OH YES!

More friendly and social place?

OH YES!

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input?

YES! YES! YES!

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

NO...

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

NO...

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?

PLEASE DON'T CLOSE THIS TRAIL!

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

NO

Any other stories or comments?

Date: 03-04-00 Signature: [signature]

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: KAREN FLETCHER [Age Bracket: 30]

Address: 1194 EISENHOWER ST
SAN MATEO, CA 94403

Phone: (650) - 341 - 1137

How do you use Fort Funston?

TO WALK MY dog OFF LEASH

For how long? 4 YEARS

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

FAMILY, DOGS

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?

YES

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks? YES

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston?

NO

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

ALL

Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail?

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WITH

Fort Funston Use
Survey

Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

yes

More friendly and social place?

yes

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input?

yes

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember? yes - it used to be a military establishment

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

ice plants are non-native

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?

yes - don't do it

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

yes - don't do it

Any other stories or comments?

My dog loves coming to Ft. Funston

Date: 3/3/00 Signature: Karen Stetcher

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: Corinne Beall [Age Bracket: 67]

Address: 305 Moncada Way
SF CA 94127

Phone: 415-584-6892

How do you use Fort Funston?

Exercise for my health
Plus: dog walking

For how long? 22 years

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?

we has used FT Funston basically all these years with not one negative incident on our part. (family, dog, friends)

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks?

not likely.

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston?

yes

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled) all of these are included and are compatitable

Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail? Just as safe in any situation outdoor. common sense

00626

GGNRA019571

Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

In all the years I've used Ft Funston the dogs have not been a problem as they are all socialized from puppy hood, More friendly and social place?
or they don't continue to use the park til they are polite!

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input?

definately!!

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember? Of course as I am a San Francisco native have informed grandchildren, visitors - etc as we travel along these trails.

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

See above!!

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?

With the exception of the pimall area that eroded, and should be moved slightly East to have more safety for children especially

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

as they use this area only for a short time, when it is nesting time I can see keeping dogs on leash during this time + children supervised

Any other stories or comments?

Please keep this our park as there's so little wilderness areas that give such a lift to my day. Thank you

Date: 3/4/00 Signature: Connie Beall

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: Linda Ros [Age Bracket: 48]

Address: 262 Moonaway
Pacifica, CA 94044

Phone: 650-355-6526

How do you use Fort Funston? I use Fort Funston to walk my dogs off-lease and as exercise for myself. I also enjoy the beautiful views

For how long? 3 yrs

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled) myself, my spouse, and my dogs as well as friends and family

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more? Yes - there are not enough places to be able to walk my large dogs off-leash

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks? -no- there are no other places (parks) near me to take my dogs off leash

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston? I believe so. It is a very popular park for dogs.

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled) Dogs, disabled, seniors children, families and couples.

Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail? I think the trail should be open - perhaps move it a little bit more away from the cliff edges.

00628

GGNRA019573

Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

yes

More friendly and social place? - yes - most dog people are a friendly lot - I enjoy the social interaction as do my dogs

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input?

yes

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

Just some of what I read

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

no I don't.

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure? Please reopen it. - Just move it a few feet

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure? Please do not close this area off. I don't believe that one small area relative to the entire coast will significantly affect the bank swallows.

Any other stories or comments?

as a taxpayer I should have some say about the use of the park. There are precious few places to take a dog off leash for play and exercise

Date: 3-4-00 Signature: [signature]

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: CANDICE WINTON [Age Bracket: _____]

Address: 842 SOUTHGATE AVE
DALY CITY CA 94015

Phone: 650 757 1977

How do you use Fort Funston?

DOG WALKER

For how long? 6+ months

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?

yes

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks?

yes

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston?

yes, on weekends

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail?

with

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Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

More friendly and social place? yes yes

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input?

yes

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

No,

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

no

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

Any other stories or comments?

Date: 03-04-00 Signature:

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: D. PAPPAS [Age Bracket: 21+]

Address: FREMONT AVE
SUNNYVALE CA

Phone: NOT LISTED

How do you use Fort Funston? GET OUT IN TO THE FRESH AIR
RELAXATION

For how long? 10-12 S

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled) FRIENDS, FAMILY, DOGS

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more? YES

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks? NO I WOULD FIND A SIMILAR AREA ELSE WHERE

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston? YES

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled) EVERYONE
ALL KIND OF DOGS

Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail? N/A

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GGNRA019577

Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs? yes

More friendly and social place? yes

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input? yes

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember? NO

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure? I wish they would have kept it

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure? N/A

Any other stories or comments?
Keep Nature for the use of the PUBLIC
Stop preventing us from enjoying what God gave us.

Date: 9/13/00 Signature: Donna Spark

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Fort Funston Use

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: PAULA MURPHY [Age Bracket: 30]

Address: 325 SANCHEZ ST
SF CA 94114

Phone: 415/436-0115

How do you use Fort Funston?

Walk dog on trails + beach

For how long? 3 yrs

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Partner

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?

NO

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks?

I don't know. Would probably go to beaches

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston?

yes

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

families

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Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail?

Parts of the trail are dangerous but not so much that the whole trail needs to close

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Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

?. Never came before had a dog

More friendly and social place?

Very friendly

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input?

yes

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

NO

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

NO

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?

Would be nice to have community input

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

Seems a bit extensive

Any other stories or comments?

fort funston is the best place on earth. It should remain what it is - a great place to exercise yourself + your a

Date: 3/4/00 Signature: Paula A Murphy

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: ELEANOR MITCHELL [Age Bracket: _____]

Address: 355 PORTOLA RD
PORTOLA VALLEY 94028

Phone: 650 851 1327

How do you use Fort Funston?

FOR BEAUTY & ENJOYMENT WALKING W/ MY DOG

For how long? 2 YRS.

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

FAMILY & DOGS

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?

ABSOLUTELY. SAN MATEO COUNTY HAS NO OFF-LEASH PARK AREAS.

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks?

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston?

NO.

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

CAUL, BABIES IN STROLLERS TODDLERS

Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail?

PLS. OPEN THIS TRAIL

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GGNRA019581

Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

ABSOLUTELY. OTHERWISE I WOULD NOT FEEL AS SAFE IF I WERE ALONE.

More friendly and social place?

YES

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input?

Yes

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

NO

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

No

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?

UNNECESSARY

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

NOT STRAIGHTFORWARD
NEED FULL DISCLOSURE

Any other stories or comments?

00637

Date: 3/4/00 Signature: Eleanor J. Mitchell

09440

FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: Dan Foley [Age Bracket: 41]

Address: 387 Imperial Way #11
Daly City CA
94015

Phone: (650) 755-9321

How do you use Fort Funston?

Dog Walking

For how long? 10 years

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?

Yes

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks?

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston?

Yes

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Lots

Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail?

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GGNRA019583

Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

Yes

More friendly and social place?

Yes

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input?

Yes

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?

Please don't close it!!

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

Any other stories or comments?

00639

Date: 3/4/2000 Signature:

Fort Funston Use

GGNRA019584

09440

FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: CINDY DECORTO [Age Bracket: 35-45]

Address: 150 HALEN DR
DALY CITY, CA
94014

Phone: 650 994 8883

How do you use Fort Funston?

WALK MY DOGS
TRAIN MY DOGS

For how long? 3 YEARS

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

ALL OF THE ABOVE

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?

YES, IT IS VERY UNFORTUNATE THAT OTHER CLOSURES IN S.F HAVE CAUSED INCREASED PRESSURE HERE

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks?

NO

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston?

YES, ESPECIALLY THE LAST TWO YEARS

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

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ALL OF THE ABOVE

Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail?

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MAKE THE SUNSET TRAIL LEASH RESTRICTED AREA FOR DOGS TO PREVENT OVER THE EDGE INCIDENCES. DON'T PUNISH THE MOBICITY IMPAIRED

Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

YES ABSOLUTELY

More friendly and social place?

YES A 10+ ON A 1-10 SCALE

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input?

YES! WHY WEREN'T WE NOTIFIED.???

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

YES - IT WAS FUN WHEN THE BUNKERS WERE OPEN

NO TO LONG AGO

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

NO

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?

RE-OPEN IT!

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

OKAY, BUT THE CLOSURE AREA IS TO EXTENSIVE

Any other stories or comments?

THIS IS A TRAVESTY!

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Date: 3/4/00 Signature:

Fort Funston Use

09440

FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: Sean Dean [Age Bracket: 23]

Address: 1266 Guerrero
SF, CA 94110

Phone: 415 282-9482

How do you use Fort Funston?

walk dogs

For how long? 1 yr

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

friends dogs

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?

yes

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks?

yes

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston?

yes

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail?

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GGNRA019587

Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

yes

More friendly and social place? yes

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input?

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

yes

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

should close to protect land and animals. If needed, can discontinue use of funston.

Any other stories or comments?

Date: 1 3/4/00 Signature:

00543

Fort Funston Use

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: ROBT & LAURA REGULE [Age Bracket: 50]

Address: 140 SAN ALESO AVE
SAN FRANCISCO 94127

Phone: 415-239-2779

How do you use Fort Funston?

HIKING & DOG WALKING

For how long? 15+ YRS.

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled) — ALL

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more? — LESS

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks? YES

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston? YES

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail?

WITH — IF PROPER WARNING SIGNS ARE IN PLACE.

00644

GGNRA019589

Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs? YES -

MORE USERS

More friendly and social place? YES - FOR SHEE

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input?

ABSOLUTELY - THERE SHOULD NOT BE UNILATERAL DECISIONS ON THIS SPACE.

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

YES OPEN SPACE FOR YEARS - MAINTAINED BY THE USERS - AFTER ARMY ABANDONED.

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember? IT'S BEEN LIKE THIS FOR AS LONG AS WE'VE BEEN USING. PARK SERVICE HAS NOT BEEN ADDITIVE

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure? — SOME AREA SHOULD BE SET ASIDE.

Any other stories or comments?

Date: 3/4/00 Signature:

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Fort Funston Use

GGNRA019590

09440

FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: Susan Turner [Age Bracket: 40]

Address: 2345 Fenston
San Bruno, CA

Phone: _____

How do you use Fort Funston?
walk dog off leash

For how long? 1 yr

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)
family, Dogs

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more? yes

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks? NO

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston? yes

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled) Dogs, Seniors - on all weekdays

Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail? would be fine with

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Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs? Yes, a much safer place as it attracts lots of families + dog, I feel very safe coming by myself with my dog ~~&~~ important!!
More friendly and social place? yes, very much so
much safer, too!

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input? yes

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember? was fort during WAR - lots of debris left.
How could dog make it worse??

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember? ice plant kept dunes in place with less erosion. Taking out ice plant is stupid!!

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure? SAD to have closed.
Maybe A compromise dogs on leash with info on "why"

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?
If we love dog, we should love swallows
Protection for all. Some compromise could be made.

Any other stories or comments?
Ft. Funston a great place!
My dog became "socialized" here + is now a much better dog. Friendly people keep it safe

Date: 3/4/00 Signature: Susan Turner

00647

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: Helen Vozenilek [Age Bracket: 41]

Address: 1877 ALABAMA
SF CA 94110

Phone: 415-282-0816

How do you use Fort Funston? to walk dog

For how long? 10 Y

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?

Yes

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks?

Yes

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston?

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

children, dogs, seniors

Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail?

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GGNRA019593

Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

More friendly and social place? Yes Yes

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input?
Yes

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure? Ridiculous

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure? the area is already closed off. What the hell else do you want?

Any other stories or comments?

Date: 3/4/00 Signature:

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: KRISTELOIS MACKENZIE [Age Bracket: 30'S]

Address: 1901 WAWONA ST.
SAN FRAN 94116

Phone: 415-504-6525

How do you use Fort Funston?

WALKING / DOGS.

For how long? MONTHS

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?

YES

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks?

YES

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston?

YES

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

ALL OF THE ABOVE

Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail?

00650 NO

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GGNRA019595

Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

YES

More friendly and social place?

YES

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input?

YES, DEFINITELY.

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

NO,

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

NO

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?

VERY UNFORTUNATE

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

NO COMMENT.

Any other stories or comments?

THIS IS A WONDERFUL, UNIQUE PARK FOR DOG OWNERS. IN THE CITY—

Date: MARCH 3, 2000 Signature: L MacKenzie

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: Al Beall [Age Bracket: 71]

Address: 305 Moncada Way
San Francisco CA 94127

Phone: 415-584-6892

How do you use Fort Funston?
Walk dog + my own healthy walking

For how long? 22 years

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?
Not really, just prefer here.

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks? No

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston?
Yes

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)
All of the above, plus —

Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail?
With !! People will just continue to use it in spite of the "Keep Out" signs

00652

GGNRA019597

Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

Probably

More friendly and social place?

Yes,

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input?

Absolutely

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

Not really except that in the 60's (and 50's) it was great for Boy Scout campouts (with permit)

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

Sorry, but I ~~didn't~~ don't remember.

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?

Stupid.

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

In favor of it, but ~~you're~~ they, whoever "they" are, are going way overboard.

Any other stories or comments?

The government puts up fences which many people ignore. Perhaps they should cite a few trespassers so people will obey REASONABLE restrictions.

Reopen the tunnels.

Date: 3/4/00 Signature: Alvan H Beall, Jr

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GGNRA019598

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: THOMAS CAREY [Age Bracket: 48]

Address: 181 BELLEVUE
DALY CITY CA. 94014

Phone: 415-587-1235

How do you use Fort Funston?

For how long? 26 YEARS

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

ALL OF THE ABOVE

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?

~~NO~~

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks?

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston? YES

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail?

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GGNRA019599

Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

More friendly and social place?

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input?

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

Any other stories or comments?

Date: _____ Signature: _____

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: Laura Folger [Age Bracket: 40s]

Address: 2245 17th Ave
S.F 94116

Phone: 415 681 4057

How do you use Fort Funston?

recreational walks of the upper and beach area for myself and my dog — I dog here -

For how long? 10 yrs

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Friends, Dog

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?

yes!

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks? I would be forced to — The other parks are already used to maximum usage.

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston?

yes —

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled) — but less disabled

00656

Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail?

I think that we are all adults and able to make safe choices as to how we use the space.

GGNRA019601

Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

yes, As a single female I do feel safer.

More friendly and social place?

People my friends remark On how friendly + mellow everyone is. It is unusual. It's because everyone loves + value this spa

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input?

yes!

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

no

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

no

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?

open it up.

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

support it.

Any other stories or comments?

Keep an open ear - open mind - Listen to the majority of the tax payers that use this area and keep communication line open + friendly

Date: March 4 00

Signature: Laura Folger

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Fort Funston Use

GGNRA019602

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: VANDA SWIFT [Age Bracket: 30-40]

Address: 1625 - 8th ave SE

Phone: 704-3112

How do you use Fort Funston?

WALK WITH DOG

For how long? 13 YRS

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?

YES

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks?

YES

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston?

YES

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail?

00658

comments: DO NOT KNOW

GGNRA019603

Part 1

Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

YES

More friendly and social place?

YES

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input?

YES

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?

NO

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

NO

Any other stories or comments?

GREAT PLACE TO BRING DOGS TO PLAY

Date: 3/4/2006 Signature: [signature]

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Fort Funston Use

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: Lindsey Kefauver [Age Bracket: 50ish]

Address: 3739 20th St
SF CA 94110

Phone: 415/647-5649

How do you use Fort Funston?

for afternoon, dog-walking, whole watching, sunset admiring, especially to show off to out of town visitors

For how long? 20 yrs

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more? absolutely

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks?

yes, more often.

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston?

yes / esp. traffic dog due to reduction to 1 path

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

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Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail?

with partial fencing at 2 places was path was undercut

GGNRA019605

Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

Absolutely

More friendly and social place?

yes definitely

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input? yes definitely

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember? It is opening @ 1972

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember? NO

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure? yes. Bad idea they could fence off the 2 undermined places - not nearly as expensive as removal of the asphalt path!

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure? We need to protect them but the area doesn't have to be totally closed off to people/children & dogs. And vast native plants could be planted elsewhere.

Any other stories or comments?

Date: March 23, 2000 Signature: Lindsay Lafevre

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Fort Funston Use

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: Kurt Heiss [Age Bracket: 39]

Address: 1909 Lake St., #9
S.F., CA 94121

Phone: (415) 752-0294

How do you use Fort Funston? Weekend walks w/ my dog & occasional surfing in front

For how long? 5 years

With whom: (Family, Children, (Dogs) Seniors, Disabled)

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more? Same

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks? Yes

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston? Yes

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail?

00662

GGNRA019607

Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

Not sure

More friendly and social place? Yes

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input? Yes

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember? Not really

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember? No

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure? Should be fixed ASAP

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure? NC

Any other stories or comments?

Ft. Funston is a great resource and should be protected. However, there should ~~not~~ opportunities for public comment/input.

Date: 4/4/00 Signature:

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Fort Funston Use

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: Lyn Plemmons [Age Bracket: 30]

Address: 2135 31 Ave
SF CA 94116

Phone:

How do you use Fort Funston?

To walk + hike to beach

For how long? 5 years

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

family + friends w/ dogs

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?

NO

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks?

ND

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston?

NO

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

All above

Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail?

w/ sunset trail

00664

GGNRA019609

Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

yes

More friendly and social place?

yes

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input?

yes!!!

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

none

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

no

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?

any closure of nature is a shame

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

a shame!!

Any other stories or comments?

keep the park fully functioning

Date: 3/4/00 Signature: Lyn P Lemmon 00665

Fort Funston Use

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: Inger Arum [Age Bracket: 30-40]

Address: 184 Ellsworth
S.F. 94110

Phone: _____

How do you use Fort Funston?

Walk dogs

For how long? 14 yrs

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?

No

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks? Maybe

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston? Yes

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

w/ owners

Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail?

Not familiar w/ trail

00666

GGNRA019611

Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs? Yes

More friendly and social place? Yes

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input? Yes

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember? No

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember? No

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure? Not aware of it.

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure? Not aware of it.

Any other stories or comments?

Date: 3/4/00 Signature: [signature]

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Fort Funston Use

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: Sam Melcam [Age Bracket: ____]

Address: 47C APPIAN WAY
S.S.F. CA 94080

Phone: (650) 872-0186

How do you use Fort Funston?

1~2 a week

For how long? 10 years

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?

Not sure

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks? NOT SURE

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston?

Yes. every year more people to come with a dog

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

00668

yes a lot

Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail?

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I don't think this closure effect any to prevent danger, because even you close the area, people go there, go then

Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

Yes

More friendly and social place? Yes

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input? Yes.

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember? yes. ~~or when~~

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

No.

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?

I'd like to take a walk on the sand and love to go through that area to see the ocean

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

Any other stories or comments?

This is the only area in the city to off leash the dog. we really have to keep this way and let our dog a freedom.

00669

Date: 2-4-00 Signature:

Fort Funston Use

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: TINA CASSON [Age Bracket: 41]

Address: ~~PO BOX 241~~
1158 NAPLES
SF 94112

Phone: 586 1720

How do you use Fort Funston?

I walk my sister's dog.

For how long? 5 years

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

DOG

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?

yes

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks?

yes

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston?

yes

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

all of the above

Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail?

with

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Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

Yes

More friendly and social place?

Yes

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input?

yes

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

used to protect SF

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

No

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?

unnecessary

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

aren't dogs just as important as birds?

Any other stories or comments?

I see many disabled people and dogs (including mine) that may not be as comfortable elsewhere

Date: 3/4/00 Signature: Tina Closson

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: MAXINE BAUER [Age Bracket: 40-45]

Address: 3634 20th St #2
San Francisco, CA 94110

Phone: (415) 643 8580

How do you use Fort Funston? for long walks with my dog.

For how long? 2 yrs plus

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Dogs & friends

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?

yes

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks?

yes

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston?

NO

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Children & Dogs & Seniors

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Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail?

either I'd like to keep it open - move it inland a little away from cliffs' edge

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Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

yes

More friendly and social place?

yes

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input?

yes

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

vaguely

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

keep it natural

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?

keep it open

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

I think it a good idea

Any other stories or comments?

This is a wonderful place

Date: 3/4/00 Signature: Marlene Bauer

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GGNRA019618

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: John Valdez [Age Bracket: GEN X]

Address: FORT FUNSTON
morning walk
AFTERNOON WALK

Phone: EMAIL: BLKTGR143@AOL.COM

How do you use Fort Funston?
I use it as a way to relieve stress from the daily grind (work)... By walking my dog I've met ~~many~~ hundreds of people from different walks of life... From other dog walkers, hang gliders & especially people from out of town... I always tell them this is the best place to walk your dog...

For how long? 20+ years

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)
everyone + people from out of town (friends, relatives)

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?
no, because this ~~was~~ is the first place I was going to anyway...

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks? No, I would just break the ~~law~~ LAW (probably)

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston?
Oh yes, especially ~~not~~ on weekends & on weeknights

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)
everyone, but my favorite next to the dogs are tourists, because I get to tell them how beautiful ~~this~~ the Fort is for dogs. I also get to learn however little about where that person is from... (everyone)

Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail? 00674
It was definitely safer w/ it because it wasn't so congested to have two trails... But now you have no choice but to walk w/ ~~corgi~~ everyone on one Trail...

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Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

A safer & more friendlier place due to the dogs; Oh yeah... I even met a monk from Tibet in full clothing regalia. He couldn't speak a ~~word~~ WORD of english, but I

More friendly and social place?

Knew he wanted to pet & have a picture taken w/my dog... (TGR ... CHOW CHOW)

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input?

Oh yes; very much so; without input from users it might as well be communism, dictatorship... he he he but no laughing matter...

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

yes, just as the name implies, a fort for the army... also a missile site after... Now a park service...

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

natural condition such as soil, sand erosion due to Mother Nature I remember 20+ years ago I couldn't see the beach right below the observation deck...

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?

yes, I think they did a despicable job of ~~tearing~~ closing & TEARING down the asphalt which was being used by everyone especially for seniors, baby carriages, wheelchairs...

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

I commend them on trying to protect the swallows, but ~~they're~~ (GGNRA) doing a lousy job of implementing it... The swallows will move probably a little South towards where the gliders take off because of erosion; then they (GGNRA) will hear it from the gliders.

Any other stories or comments?

I remember when I was younger (early teens) dogs, people, surfers it was a very warm day (80°)

We just came up from the beach, ~~and~~ and were starting our walk on the trail, I suddenly pulled down my friend's shorts in front of a couple that was walking towards us. Then I realized he didn't have any underwear. Until the day I die, it will bring tears of laughter everytime I think of it. As of my unfortunate, ~~his~~ friend, I'm the godfather of his f[illegible]

Date: 3.4.00

Signature: [signature]

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: Carole Rossi & Gene Bregman [Age Bracket: 45-55]

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S.F. CA 94116

carole.rossi@ucop.edu

Phone: (415) 759-1309

How do you use Fort Funston? WALKING OUR dog all the time & used to come out here all the time before we had a dog

For how long? 10 years

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more? NO

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks? NO

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston? yes

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail? Safer with the Sunset TRAIL - IT IS IMperative

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GGNRA019621

Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs? yes

More friendly and social place? yes

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input? yes

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember? NO personal knowledge

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

NO

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure? I am extremely opposed to it. If finances are a consideration, we would be happy to help raise money for the TRAIL

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

Need MORE INFO

Any other stories or comments?

Date: 3/4/00 Signature: Carole Rossi

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Fort Funston Use

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: Jane Johnstone [Age Bracket: 37]

Address: 525 Sanchez ST
SF CA 94114

Phone: _____

How do you use Fort Funston? Dog walks

For how long? 2 Y2 yrs.

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Family, Dogs

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?

No

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks? NO

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston? yes

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

All of the above

Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail?

w/

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GGNRA019623

Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs? yes

More friendly and social place? yes

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input? yes

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? yes What do you remember? Just what I have read

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?
yes

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure? Don't close it

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure? No

Any other stories or comments?

Date: 2000 Signature: J. N. Johnson

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: MARCY MANTELL TERRI HERRICK SAM LAMBROS [Age Bracket: 41]

Address: _____

FOSTER CITY, CA 94404

Phone: 349-4820

How do you use Fort Funston? 3 TIMES/WEEK

For how long? 1 1/2

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?

YES

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks? YES

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston?

YES

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

YOU.

Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail?

CAN'T SAY

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GGNRA019625

Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

YES

More friendly and social place? YES

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input?

YES

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember? LITTLE

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember? NO

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure? THINK IT SHOULD STAY OPEN

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

Any other stories or comments?

LOVE TO TAKE THE DOGS AND BE SOCIAL

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Date: 03/4/00

Signature: Pamela J. M. Jamison

Terry Herrick

Mary P. Martell

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

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(P) 415 582 2991

How do you use Fort Funston?

dog walking; enjoyment of the environment, viewing of the ocean etc.

For how long? 4 yrs

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Dogs, family, friends

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?

yes

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks?

yes

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston?

yes, especially since off leash areas elsewhere in SF have since been closed

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

All of above

Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail? 00682

Why? With

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Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

Yes

More friendly and social place?

Yes, avid dog owners are more social considerate + concerned about safety, aspects etc

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input?

Absolutely

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

was a city park for exclusive consideration of the needs of the dog owning public

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

No

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?

Open it — we need the space

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

protect the shallows as needed, NOT to be excessive in the attempt and to consider + listen to the public

Any other stories or comments?

Date: 3/4/00 Signature: _____

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: Gretchen White [Age Bracket: 37]

Address: 2289 46th Ave
San Francisco, CA
94116

Phone: 415-564-8306

How do you use Fort Funston?

Walking.

For how long? 4 yrs.

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?

Yes

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks?

Yes

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston?

Yes

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Everyone.

Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail?

Neither

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Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

Yes

More friendly and social place?

Yes

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input?

Yes.

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

It was used by the army.

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

It is a sand dune + they planted ice plant to prevent erosion

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?

It is ridiculous to close the whole area + say it is for our safety.

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

Why are the bank swallows more important than the people + dogs that need this park even more - we don't have anywhere else to go!

Any other stories or comments?

Date: 3/4/00 Signature:

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: Tama Eichen [Age Bracket: 43]

Address: 2419 46th Ave
S.F, Ca 94116

Phone: 415 731 4375

How do you use Fort Funston?

FUN / exercise for me & my dogs

For how long? 9yrs

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Dogs

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?

NO.

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks?

yes

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston?

yes

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Dogs

Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail?

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With

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Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

yes

More friendly and social place?

yes

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input?

yes

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

NO

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

NO

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?

I don't understand it

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

Any other stories or comments?

This has been a wonderful place for my dogs to run & exercise as well as socialize w other dogs

Date: 3/4/01 Signature:

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: Annette Bailey [Age Bracket: 33]

Address: 2289 46th Ave.
San Francisco
CA 94116

Phone: 415-564-8306

How do you use Fort Funston?

Walk my Dog

For how long? 5 years

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Friends + Dogs.

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?

yes

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks?

yes

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston?

yes

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Dogs, Seniors, kids, Families.

Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail?

Would be as safe w/ it, as long as the crosion is monitored.

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Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

yes

More friendly and social place?

yes.

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input?

yes.

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

Used by the army defending the California Coast.

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

Erosion.

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?

Should be re-opened, after some maintenance work

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

The swallows are only the bank - not necessary to close off a large area to protect them. People

Any other stories or comments? who visit Fort Fun. do not bother the swallows or the cliff sides

Date: 3/4/00 Signature: Annette Bailey

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: Jodi Reid [Age Bracket: 40]

Address: 243 Elsie St
SF CA 94110

Phone: 415 821 1880

How do you use Fort Funston?

running with dog

For how long? 4 years

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?

yes

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks?

yes

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston?

yes

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail?

with

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Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

yes

More friendly and social place?

definitely

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input?

yes

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

No

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

N/A

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?

this is my favorite place to walk w/ my baby + dog.

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

I think we can protect the swallows + keep the trails open — multiple use

Any other stories or comments?

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Date: 3/4/00

Signature:

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: SUZANNE RUDE [Age Bracket: 90]

Address: 534 47th AVE
SF 94121

Phone: 415 386 8509

How do you use Fort Funston?

DOG WALKING

For how long? 1 YR.

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

DOGS

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?

YES

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks?

NO

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston?

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

ALL

Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail?

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NO

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Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

YES

More friendly and social place?

YES

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input?

YES

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

YES

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

YES

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?

SHOULD NOT BE CLOSED

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

LOVELY, GREAT

Any other stories or comments?

FEDS DON'T LIVE HERE
SHOULDN'T KEEP REGULATING
SO MUCH

Date: 3-4-00 Signature: Suzanne Rude

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: Suzanne Freyjock [Age Bracket: _____]

Address: 531-LAWTON
SF CA
94122

Phone: 415 6649465

How do you use Fort Funston?

To walk my Dog see the sunset
My children watch the hang gliders

For how long?

20 yrs

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?

yes

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks?

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Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston?

yes

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail?

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GGNRA019639

Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

yes

More friendly and social place?

yes

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input?

yes

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

I use to ride horses there in the 70s

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

no

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?

Bad idea

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

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Any other stories or comments?

Federal government is taking over all and no one can enjoy anything anymo

Date: 3/4/00 Signature: [signature] 00695

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: Tony DeYoung [Age Bracket: 43]

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SF CA 94114

email: tony@artlab.com

Phone: 415 8650645

How do you use Fort Funston?

Dog walking & sto-seeing

For how long? 6 yrs

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Dog & Family

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more? Yes

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks?

Yes

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston?

Yes

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Dog, Children, Seniors, disabled, family

Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail?

With

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GGNRA019641

Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

Yes

More friendly and social place? definitely

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input?

Yes!

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?

DO NOT CLOSE IT

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

Protect the bank NOT the huge area where I walk

Any other stories or comments?

Date: March 4 2000 Signature: Tony M

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GGNRA019642

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: Judith Morrow [Age Bracket: 50]

Address: 2612 California
SF 94115

Phone: 921-0129

How do you use Fort Funston?
come with my dog + our friends

For how long? ~ 8 yrs

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)
see above

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?
yes

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks? don't know

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston?
no

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled) all

Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail?
wouldn't mind restricting areas nr cliffs / slide zones

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GGNRA019643

Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

absolutely

More friendly and social place?

absolutely

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input?

yes!

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

no

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

haven't seen any changes in dyes.

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?

see above ~~re~~ on closure remarks

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

Seems like they do okay.

Any other stories or comments?

This is an important part of the social life of families in the Bay Area and chromanizes all of us. I could say more. Pls contact me if you wish

Date: 3/3/2000 Signature: Judith Marcus 00699

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: ~~Lee~~ Ramona Berven [Age Bracket: 32]

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SAN FRANCISCO, CA
94109

Phone: 415-885-5195

How do you use Fort Funston?

hiking

For how long? 10 years

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

family, children

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?

NO

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks? NO

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston?

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Everyone. Great community.

Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail?

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Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

YES!

More friendly and social place?

YES!

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input?

YES!

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

No

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

No

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?

Totally Against it

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

Any other stories or comments?

Date: 3/5/00

Signature:

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: Joe Metro [Age Bracket: 40]

Address: 374 Douglass
SF 94114

Phone: 865-0645
joemetro@sirius.com

How do you use Fort Funston? Walk dog

For how long? 3 yrs

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled) Dogs + Family

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more? yes

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks? yes

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston? yes

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled) dogs, families

Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail? no change but less attractive

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GGNRA019647

Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

much safer & nicer

More friendly and social place? yes

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input? yes

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember? yes - old military base

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember? no

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure? will be horrible

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure? a waste of space

Any other stories or comments?

Date: 3-4-00 Signature:

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: Linda Wilford [Age Bracket: 54]

Address: 435 Dewey Blvd.
San Francisco, Ca. 94116

Phone: (415) 566-7070

How do you use Fort Funston?

Walk here about 3 x week

For how long? about 25 years

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

husband and dog

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?

No - Ft. Funston has been a beloved area since I discovered it 25 years ago - I love its beauty and its different aspects at different times of the year.

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks?

Yes.

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston? Yes!

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled) all of these

Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail?

Not sure. - I miss the ocean views

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Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

Yes – there are people with dogs all the time, all weather, making it a place a single (aged person could come and feel safer

More friendly and social place? Yes

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input?

Yes!

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

Sometimes I wish San Francisco had kept Ocean Beach and Ft. Funston – the city needs access to these areas.

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

I remember people nestling in the cliff side, before it was (or we were aware) it was so treacherous. One could find private moments even on a crowded day.

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?

I miss the views

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

I support protection of wild animals

Any other stories or comments?

This is such a special place – wonderful at low tide, exciting when whales and dolphins go by, beautiful at any time! Access for the public is very important.

Date: 3-4-00 Signature: Linda Wilford

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: A W Adams IV [Age Bracket: 71]

Address: 2014-19th Ave
S.F. 94107

Phone: 647-1191 or 647-8319

How do you use Fort Funston?

Dog's

For how long? 1956; 4 or 5 times a week form 1992

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?

No

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks? No

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston?

Yes

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail?

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Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

No opinion

More friendly and social place? Yes

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input?

Yes

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember? Yes call me 647-1191

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

Yes Worked with N.G. 56' to 58'

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?

Too bad.

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

No

Any other stories or comments?

No

Date: 3-4 Signature: [signature]

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: [illegible] [Age Bracket: 50]

Address: _____

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SF

Phone: 415 665-5058

How do you use Fort Funston?

Hang Glide

For how long? 9 yrs

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?

No

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks?

No

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston?

Yes

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled) all

Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail?

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Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

Yes

More friendly and social place?

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input?

Yes

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

Nike site

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

The swallows are moving to West Lake Cliffs

Any other stories or comments?

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: John Murphy [Age Bracket: 33]

Address: 3822 22nd St.
SF Ca 94114

Phone: 415 285-4082

How do you use Fort Funston?

Walk my dog

For how long? Almost 1 hr.

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Beckett, my Lab

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?

No.

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks?

Yes.

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston?

Yes.

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

People w/ dogs

Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail?

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Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

Yes.

More friendly and social place?

Yes.

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input? Definitely

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

No.

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

No. Not in 2012

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

Any other stories or comments?

Date: 3/4/07 Signature:

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: THAO H NGO [Age Bracket: 32]

Address: 1065 CLAYTON ST
SF CA 94117

Phone: 415 731 2421

How do you use Fort Funston?

EXERCISE MY DOG

For how long? 1 YEAR

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?

YES

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks?

YES

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston?

NO

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

ALL OF THE ABOVE

Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail?

ALSO WITH

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Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

YES

More friendly and social place?

YES

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input?

YES

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

WAS USED TO REMOVE THE COAST

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

NO

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?

SHOULD NOT BE CLOSED. WOULD MAKE IT FOR MORE CONFUSED

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

FIRST TIME I HEARD OF THIS

Any other stories or comments?

Date: 3.4.00 Signature:

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: STEPHEN BILLARS [Age Bracket: 40]

Address: 1065 CLAYTON ST.
SF, CA 94117

Phone: 415-661-1126

How do you use Fort Funston?

Walk my dog, Maggie
Usually once per day.
Regularly clean-up debris while walking

For how long? 1 year

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Partner, Dog

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?

Yes — few alternatives

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks?

Would have to — dogs need exercise area
No other alternative

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston?

About the same

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

All of the above, however, fewer seniors & disabled.
Mostly dogs and their owners.

Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail?

Trail should be relocated further inland.

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Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

Yes! The keep homeless, drug users out of park; prevent encampments

More friendly and social place?

Definitely!

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input?

Absolutely; as a taxpayer, I pay for their choices; they are obligated to inform the public

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

Yes; and a guard roasting during WWII.

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

Mostly dunes. The GGNRA is currently cutting down non-native trees; what do they expect in return? Wind-blown dunes?. Its misguided -

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?

Should be relocated inland and re-opened

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

Slowly but surely, they are closing off more and more of park. I believe GGNRA is using this as an excuse to limit use by dogs/people.

Any other stories or comments?

Date: 3/4/00 Signature:

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: Heinz Walter [Age Bracket: _____]

Address: 2090 OAKMONT DR.
San Bruno
CA 94066

Phone: _____

How do you use Fort Funston?
FOR OUR DAILY WALK
WITH OUR DOGS

For how long? 15 YEARS

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?
SAME

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks? YES

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston? YES

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail?
THE SUNSET TRAIL IS A IMPORTENT
PART OF FORT FUNSTON, AND MUST BE
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

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Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?
YES ,

More friendly and social place? YES

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input? YES

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember? NOT MUCH

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?
ONLY DO THE DOG OWNERS CLUB

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?
IT MUST BE A SAVER TRAIL
AND MUST BE REPAIRED

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?
THE DOGS WONT BOTHER THE
SWALLOWS, THERE CAN NOT GET
CLOSE TO THERE NEST'S

Any other stories or comments?
REPAIR THE TRAIL'S
SO THEIRE ARE EXCESABLE
FOR SENIORS AND DISABLED.

Date: 3/4/2000 Signature: [signature] 00717

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: ANDREA DRAKE [Age Bracket: 52]

Address: 856 DELL RD
PACIFICA CA 94044

Phone: (650) 557-0923

How do you use Fort Funston?

Dog walks

For how long? 1 hour

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?

This is the only off-leash area I know

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks?

No choice - I would take her to Golden Gate Park

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston?

ONLY COMING LAST FEW MONTHS.

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

All ages; mostly adults, inc. Seniors

Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail?

With

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Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

Yes!.

More friendly and social place?

Yes!.

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input?

Yes!.

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

No

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

No

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?

They Should'nt close it!

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

Any other stories or comments?

This is the only place my dog can be a Natural dog & Not bother people who hate dogs

Date: Mar 3, 2000 Signature: [signature] 00719

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: LORI Gottlieb [Age Bracket: _____]

Address: 1076 B Homestead
SF

email: docs12345@yahoo.com

Phone: 790-0269 (pager)

How do you use Fort Funston?

walk dogs, enjoy scene

For how long? 1 yr.

With whom: (Family, Children, (Dogs), Seniors, Disabled)

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?

No

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks?

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston? Yes

Who do you see out here? (Children, (Dogs), Seniors, Disabled)

Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail?

with

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Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

probably

More friendly and social place? yes

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input?

yes

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

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Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

not

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

Any other stories or comments?

Date: 3-4-02 Signature: [signature] 00721

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: Jim McKinney [Age Bracket: 53]

Address: 15 Hillview Court
San Francisco 94124

Phone: 648-2211

How do you use Fort Funston?

Dog walks

For how long? — 4/5 min

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

wife, 2 dogs,

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?

Yes

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks?

Probably ...

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston?

Yes

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

All

Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail?

With!

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Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

Maybe

More friendly and social place?

Yes!

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input?

Yes!

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

I remember when no one came...

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?

Please re-route the closed area

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

adequate at present

Any other stories or comments?

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Date: 3/3/2000 Signature:

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: Philip E. Kay [Age Bracket: 47]

Address: 734 43rd Ave
S.F.

Phone: 415 668-6106

philipekay@aol.com

How do you use Fort Funston?

Walk Dogs

For how long? 10yrs.

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?

NO

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks?

NO

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston?

Yes

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail?

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Not an issue

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Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

Yes

More friendly and social place?

Yes

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input?

Yes

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

Missle and Battery Base

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

Sand Dunes

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?

Reopen

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

Reopen

Any other stories or comments?

Date: 3.4.00

Signature:

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: NADINE BAHNAN [Age Bracket: 29]

Address: 104 CAMELIA DR.
DALY CITY, CA
94015

Phone: (650) 756-2662

How do you use Fort Funston?

To walk myself and my dog

For how long? 3 1/2 YEARS

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Dogs, family, friends

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?

Yes.

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks?

Yes

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston?

Yes

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

People w/ their dogs + families.

Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail?

With

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Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

Yes.

More friendly and social place?

Yes.

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input?

Yes, definitely.

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

Battery / Military.

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

There is more erosion now

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?

I think it was extreme. They could have just fenced off certain areas.

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

Again, too extreme. There is no evidence that the presence of people / dogs is harmful.

Any other stories or comments?

I love this place + so does my dog.

Date: 3/4/00 Signature: Madine Rohman

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: Robin Kay [Age Bracket: 40-09

Address: 734 43rd Ave
SF, Calif.
94121

Phone: 668-6106, 387-6622

How do you use Fort Funston?

everyday - Dog walking

For how long? 1-2 hrs per day

With whom: (Family) Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more? yes

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks?

yes

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston? yes

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail? yes

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Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

As a women, knowing the dogs are here I feel much safer!

More friendly and social place?

yes!!!

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input?

yes!

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

NO

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

no

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?

Its terrible

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

Its Not necessary

Any other stories or comments?

People here w/ dogs also seem more willing to help one another when there's a problem. So for safty and protection I feel very safe here.

Date: 3/4/2000 Signature:

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: Michael B. Goldstein [Age Bracket: _____]

Address: P.O. Box 460905
San Francisco CA
94146-0905

Phone: 415 646-0966

How do you use Fort Funston?

To walk/run with my dog.

For how long? Seven years.

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?

Yes — city parks and Ocean Beach.

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks?

Yes.

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston?

Yes.

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

About 90% dogs/people together.

Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail?

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With.

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Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

Yes, definitely.

More friendly and social place?

Yes.

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input?

Absolutely!

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

No.

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

No.

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?

I'm outraged -- we used it daily and there was no notice or opportunity for comment.

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

It's a red herring, not a bank swallow.

Any other stories or comments?

The closed areas are our favorites.

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: Karen Taylor [Age Bracket: _____]

Address: 1836 Santiago St
SF CA 94116

Karen.L.taylor
@flysfo.com

Phone: 415 566 5910

How do you use Fort Funston?

dog walks & personal exercise
stress reduction, social outings

For how long? 1/hr per day

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Family, Friends, Dogs

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?

No!

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks?

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston?

No

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Dogs & Dog Owners
of all types

Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail?

With

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Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

Yes

More friendly and social place?

Yes

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input?

Yes!

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

No.

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?

It has been closed for too long.

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

Any other stories or comments?

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Date: _____ Signature: _____

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: Maurelle Shine [Age Bracket: 41]

Address: 1911 Oakknoll
Belmont, Ca
94002

Phone: 650 595-8742

How do you use Fort Funston?
Walks with Dog
Walks with Father

For how long? 4 yrs

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks? no

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston? no

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail?
No opinion

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GGNRA019679

Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

More friendly and social place? yes!!

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input? absolutely!!

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember? I have lived in the area all my life. We use to come here as a child & walk around.

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember? Basically the same as it was yrs ago

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?
Lets work together to come up with a solution that works for everyone

Any other stories or comments?

Date: 3/4/00 Signature: Maureen Shive

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: JEANNE LLAMA [Age Bracket: 65-70]

Address: 517 ORTEGA ST
SF CA. 94122

Phone: 415-664-5552

How do you use Fort Funston?

Walking myself
& Dogs off-leash

For how long? 25 yrs

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?

no. I am here every day possible.

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks?

yes

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston?

no

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail?

1:700

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GGNRA019681

Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

yes

More friendly and social place?

Yes

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input?

Yes

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?

I am very disappointed & wish they could reroute it in some way

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

No OK with that

Any other stories or comments?

Date: 3-3-2000 Signature: Jeanne Lama

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: Pat Kellegher [Age Bracket: old]

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SF 94112

415 824-1069 wk.

Phone: PATV@KEARNEYOBANION.COM

How do you use Fort Funston?

Dog walking

For how long? 3yrs.

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

family, friends, dogs

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?

Yes

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks?

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston?

Yes

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Dogs

Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail?

With

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Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

Yes

More friendly and social place?

Yes

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input?

Absolutely

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

No

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

No

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?

It's a shame

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

So much is being needlessly closed off.

Any other stories or comments?

I love this place!

Date: 03-4-00 Signature: Pat Villegas

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: TAMMY ROSENBLOOM [Age Bracket: 30]

Address: OAKLAND, CA 94611

Phone: _____

How do you use Fort Funston?

about 1 or 2 times a month

For how long? 2 hrs

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

husband & 2 dogs

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?

NO

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks?

yes

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston?

yes

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Dogs

Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail?

more crowded

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Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

yes

More friendly and social place?

YES

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input?

YES

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

NO

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

NO

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

Any other stories or comments?

WE LOVE bringing the dogs here!

Date: 3/4/00 Signature: Tammy Rosenbloom

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: FLORENCE CRISTOBAL [Age Bracket: 50's]

Address: 120 James Ct.
SSF, CA.
94080

Phone: (650) 952-8892

How do you use Fort Funston?

TO WALK OUR DOG, EXERCISE & ENJOY THE SUNSHINE & THE OCEAN.

For how long? ALMOST 2 years

With whom: (Family), Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?

Yes.

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks?

NOT REALLY. HERE YOU CAN UNLEASH THE DOGS & CAN PLAY FREELY.

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston?

PROBABLY. ~~I~~ WE HAVENT BEEN USING IT LONG ENOUGH TO NOTICE IT.

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

~~I~~ EVERYBODY - MOSTLY DOGS.

Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail?

~~IT DOES~~ I DONT THINK SO.

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Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

DEFINITELY.

More friendly and social place?

BOTH.

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input?

DEFINITELY.

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember? IT WAS USED DURING THE WAR.

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

KIND OFF. I KNOW THAT THERE ARE SOME EROSION GOING. BUT PEOPLE ARE AWARE OF IT.

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?

SWALLOWS BREEDING.

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

IT'S OK TO CLOSE SOME AREA BUT NOT TOO MUCH LIKE WHAT'S GOING ON NOW.

Any other stories or comments?

~~IF THERE'S LITTLE AREA~~ THE AREA WHERE WE CAN WALK THE DOGS NOW ~~WAS~~ IS OVERTAKEN BY THE GGNRA; IS TOO much.

Date: 2/4/00 Signature: Florence Cristobal

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: Brunhilde E. Walter [Age Bracket: 60]

Address: 2090 OAKMONT DR.
SAN BRUNO
CA. 94066

Phone: 871-6966

How do you use Fort Funston?

Walk and walk my dogs

For how long? 20

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?

no

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks?

yes

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston?

yes

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail?

no

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Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

yes

More friendly and social place?

yes

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input?

yes

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

Military Post

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

as a area without fences

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?

~~It~~ it should repaved and closed.

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

it is nice to protect them but there do not need the whole area?

Any other stories or comments?

Date: 8/15/2000 Signature: Barbara E Walk

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: Ada Wong [Age Bracket: 49]

Address: 1534-8TH AVE.
S.F. 94122

Phone: _____

How do you use Fort Funston? ON A DAILY BASIS, SOMETIMES TWICE ON SAT. & SUN.

For how long? 5 YRS.

With whom: (Family, Children, (Dogs), Seniors, Disabled)

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?
N/A

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks? NO, THIS IS THE ONLY SAND PARK I KNOW OF.

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston? YES, MORE CROWDED.

Who do you see out here? (Children, (Dogs), Seniors, Disabled)

Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail? WITH

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Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?
YES!

More friendly and social place? YES!

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input? YES.

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember? NO

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember? EROSION IS OCCURRING AT A RAPID PACE ESPECIALLY ALONG THE CLIFF AREA.

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure? DON'T SHUT OFF THE SCENIC ROUTE.

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

Any other stories or comments? THIS IS THE ONLY SCENIC DOG WALKING AREA. LOVE TO WATCH & LISTEN TO THE WAVES WHEN WALKING ALONG THE SAND TRAIL.

Date: 3/4/00 Signature: Ada Wong

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: Doris Seth [Age Bracket: 70]

Address: 1311 Southgate Ave
Daly City, Ca. 94015

Phone: 650-755-1988

How do you use Fort Funston? Walking.

For how long? 20 yrs.

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled) Husband who is semi-disabled — sometimes our grandchildren or our own children + several friends + dogs.

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?
No - because we don't have a dog and we only enjoy the Fort

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks? No

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston? Yes — especially on weekends

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled) All four mentioned and all ages.

Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail? We have always enjoyed the Sunset Trail — and think there could have been or should be alternatives to save it.

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Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

Yes

More friendly and social place? Very friendly and just the greatest place to walk

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input? Most certainly - do believe they wouldnt have altered the landscape as much.

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember? Just that it is a very import part of S.F.

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember? Not to the extent of its conditions prior since my husband + children didn't move here until 1957

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure? Very disappointed that its taking on such changes.

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure? Just don't understand the importance of this project.

Any other stories or comments? Sorry to see the tunnel closed and the mess they made by tearing up the concret.

Date: 3-4-2000 Signature: Doris Seitz

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: J. Seitz [Age Bracket: 72]

Address: 1311 Southgate Ave
Daly City CA

Phone: 650-755-1968

How do you use Fort Funston?

WALK

For how long? 20yrs

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Family Dogs

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?

No

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks?

No

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston?

No

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Dogs

Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail?

NOT SAFER

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Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

yes

More friendly and social place?

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input?

yes

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

yes

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?

should not have closed

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

no

Any other stories or comments?

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Date: Mar 4

Signature:

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: Laura Fosbender [Age Bracket: 29]

Address: 628 Cortland Ave
San Francisco, CA
94110

Phone: 415-641-8030

How do you use Fort Funston?

once a week I take my dog to get off-leash exercise & socialize with other dogs

For how long?

8 mos @ (1½ hrs/visit)

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

just me & the dog

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?

no

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks?

yes

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston?

unknown

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

children, dogs, seniors, disabled

Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail?

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Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

Yes

More friendly and social place?

absolutely

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input?

yes

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

no

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

no

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?

I don't ~~ear~~ want it to close. Closes off the best part of the park.

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

no

Any other stories or comments?

Date: 3/3/00 Signature:

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: CHARLIE STABB [Age Bracket: 26]

Address: 400 SPEAR ST #218
S.F. CA 94105

Phone: (415) 227-4338

How do you use Fort Funston?

Recreation area for myself and my dog.

For how long? 3 years

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more? Yes

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks? Yes (Dolores Park in Particular)

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston? Yes

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

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Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail?

With was fine. People are aware of the "danger" of of the trail...

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Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

Yes

More friendly and social place?

Yes

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input?

Yes

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

No personal knowledge

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

No, but I have seen a change in the condition of Ft. Funston recently

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?

I was a nice trail ~~that~~ included a piece of history

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

Any other stories or comments?

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Date: 3/4/00 Signature:

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: LORI WINKLER / KAREN BRUNGARDT [Age Bracket: 40+]

Address: 4077 23RD Street
SF CA 94114

Phone: 415-821-0677

How do you use Fort Funston?

Walks for My dog walks.

For how long? 5 years

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Dogs, Friends

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?

yes.

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks?

Already use city parks - but very few off leash areas

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston?

Yes, definitely

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

All-

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Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail?

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It is safe if clearly marked for idiots. It's fine but put signs up saying climbing on crumbling cliffs not a smart idea

Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

yes. Absolutely otherwise it would be a gang area

More friendly and social place?

yes. Place people can socialize in the city w/less hassle

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input?

Yes

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

No-

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

No

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?

Want it open / keep it open!

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

Dogs on leash or voice control should not be ticketed.

Any other stories or comments?

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Date: March 4/08 Signature:

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: Laura Sweet [Age Bracket: 31]

Address: 17 Fieldcrest DR
Daly City CA 94015

Phone: 650-755-1283

How do you use Fort Funston?

exercise my dogs and myself

For how long? 24 YRS -

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?

NO

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks?

NO

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston? YES

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without ~~the Sunset Trail~~?

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Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

yes!!

More friendly and social place? yes

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input?

YES

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

NO

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

NO

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure? I wish they would ~~[illegible]~~ re-consider.

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure? Fence it closer to the ~~bluff~~ bluff

Any other stories or comments?

Date: 2/03/00 Signature: Laura Sweet

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: Klaus Hofmann [Age Bracket: 70's]

Address: 107 Lomitas Ave.
South San Francisco

Phone: (650) 583-6812

How do you use Fort Funston? exercise for myself and dog

For how long? 10 years

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?

no

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks? No

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston? yes

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail?

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Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

yes

More friendly and social place? certainly

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input? yes

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember? Remember, yes!

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?

Don't like it — this trail is the best walk

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

Silly!!

Any other stories or comments?

Date: Mar 4 2000 Signature: K. Hoffmann

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: Bonnie Hansen [Age Bracket: 37]

Address: 3641 19TH S
SF CA 94110

Phone: 415 285 8114

How do you use Fort Funston?

Dog Walking

For how long? 2 yrs

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?

Yes!

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks?

Yes

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston?

Yes

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail?

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Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

Yes

More friendly and social place?

Definitely !!

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input?

Yes

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

No

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

No

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?

No

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

No

Any other stories or comments?

No

Date: 3/4/00 Signature:

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: Mary G. Bolton [Age Bracket: 50]

Address: PMB # 446
570 El Camino Real
Redwood City Ca

Phone: 650-225-4322

How do you use Fort Funston?

Walk my dogs

For how long? 2 times/week

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Family & Friends & other dogs

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more? Yes I drive 25 miles each way to come here 2 to 3x/week

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks? YES - but I would have to dodge the police and the dog hating/fearful people

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston? YES

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Everyone - Children dogs seniors disabled, flyers picnickers

~~Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail?~~

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Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs? YES
And people care about this park and maintain it

More friendly and social place?

YES, I have met my

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input? YES

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember? No I am New to the Bay Area But I see remains of Bunkers so possible something during the Wars

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

No, it looks very natural and wild and clean to me

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?

No trail should be closed. What is the justification for closing off public land

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

it should be left open to dogs & walkers NO BIKERS / motorized vehicles.

Any other stories or comments?

Where else can we go to let our dogs and children run free without fences?

Date: March 6, 2000 Signature: Mary G Bolton

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: Dorothy K. Cherkas [Age Bracket: 35-40]

Address: 741 Pointe Pacific Dr. #9
Daly City, CA.
94014

Phone: (650) 991-1145

How do you use Fort Funston? One of the few places I could walk or run with my dog in the area. Freedom from traffic & noise. The place is beautiful. We feel lucky & fortunate to have this place.

For how long? 5 yrs

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more? Yes.

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks? Not really

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston? Yes

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)
All of the above

Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail?

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Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?
Yes.

More friendly and social place? YES

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input? YES

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember? It was used as a lookout point in WW II.

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember? No

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure? I don't think this or any area should be closed off for private use.

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure? Not really

Any other stories or comments?
Fort Funston should be available to all living creatures and should not be made private or for commercial [redacted] use. It should be free and open to the public as use for recreational purposes. Thank you.

Date: 2/04/00 Signature: Dorothy Clark

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: Bill & Silvana Tobin [Age Bracket: 40]

Address: 2100 47th Ave
S. F. CA 94116

Phone: (415) 681 2455

How do you use Fort Funston?

for long enjoyable walks w/ our dogs.

For how long? one hour daily

With whom: (Family), Children, (Dogs), Seniors, Disabled)

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?

yes

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks?

yes

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston?

yes

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail?

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Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

Yes, very safe

More friendly and social place?

Very friendly & social

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input?

yes

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

Any other stories or comments?

this is a place we have been coming everyday, for years! My husband, myself and our dogs love this place!

Date: 3/4/00 Signature:

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Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

Yes

More friendly and social place?

Yes

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input?

Yes

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

During WW II it was used for coast artilary.

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

Any other stories or comments?

Date: Mar 4, 2000 Signature: Jane Gumas

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: Zane Dymond [Age Bracket: 74]

Address: 1927 Great Highway.
San Francisco Ca 94116

Phone: 415 (566-3345

How do you use Fort Funston?

as a dog walker

For how long? 1 hr daily

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

my dog

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?

Yes

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks?

Yes

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston?

Yes

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Dogs

Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail?

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: Mark Klaiman [Age Bracket: 37]

Address: 222 27th St
SF CA 94131

Phone: 282-2005

How do you use Fort Funston?
- off leash walks w/ dogs & kids
- quiet contemplation

For how long? 2 hrs 2x wk

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)
- 3 dogs
- wife & triplet kids (starting in May)

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?
yes

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks?
yes

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston?
yes

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)
- all of the above

Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail?

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Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

yes: more responsible folks are around
less overnight parties

More friendly and social place?

yes: friendly faces

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input?

yes!

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

NO

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

no

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

Any other stories or comments?

Date: 3/4/00 Signature:

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: MARIA NOWICKI [Age Bracket: 50's]

Address: 2324-14TH AVE.
SAN FRAN. 94116

Phone: 664-4062

How do you use Fort Funston?

WALKING DOGS EVERY DAY FOR APPROXIMATELY 20 YRS.

For how long? 20+ YRS.

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

FAMILY, CHILDREN, DOGS

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?

YES

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks?

NO, MOST DON'T ALLOW DOGS

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston?

A LITTLE

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

PEOPLE WITH DOGS, PEOPLE WALKING

Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail?

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GGNRA019719

Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

YES! WITHOUT A DOUBT

More friendly and social place?

YES! MOST DEFINITELY

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input?

YES!!!

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

HAS CHANGED VERY LITTLE IN RESPECT TO VEGETATION.

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?

TOTALLY UNNECESSARY

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

BANK SWALLOWS NEST IN THE SANDY CLIFFS TOO MUCH IS BEING CLOSED OFF FOR

Any other stories or comments? NO REASON

CLOSING OFF THE AREA WILL NOT ENSURE RETURN OF THE SWALLOWS OR STOP EROSION WHICH KEEPS HAPPENING NATURALLY ALL THE TIME.

Date: 3/4/00 Signature: Maria G. Nowicki

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: Cristine Peterson [Age Bracket: 45-50]

Address: 415 Gateway Dr
#38
Pacifica CA 94044

Phone: 650 355-7381

How do you use Fort Funston?

Walking my dog

For how long? 18 mos

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Dog & Friends & family

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?

yes

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks?

YES

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston?

YES - more people, families - makes for a happy enviornment

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Kids Dogs - ~~ever~~ everyone!

Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail?

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Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

Yes

More friendly and social place?

Most definetly

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input?

YES! Doesn't the gov't work FOR us?

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

NO

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

NO

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?

Why didn't I have A say in it?

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

If they are moving open the areas previously closed for them

Any other stories or comments?

Date: 3.4.00

Signature: [signature]

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: Julie Childers [Age Bracket: 40-45]

Address: 811 Edgemar Ave
PACIFICA CA 94044

Phone: 650-738-8090

How do you use Fort Funston? DAILY MORNING WALKS W/ MY DOG

For how long? 7 years

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Dogs, family & friends

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?

Yes!

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks?

Yes

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston?

Yes

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Everyone! Disabled, seniors. kids

Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail?

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Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

Yes - For keeps vagrants away

More friendly and social place?

Yes

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input?

Yes - Last time I checked the government works for the people. This is our park!

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember? More freedom for everyone.

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure? I believe that we should have an opportunity to see the studies and to evaluate all the options to save the swallows

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

MORE DATA NEEDED!

Any other stories or comments?

Date: 3/4/00 Signature: Susan M Childers

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: Dayna Pesenti [Age Bracket: 19]

Address: 666 Cedar Ave
San Bruno, CA
94066

Phone: 650 952 0929

How do you use Fort Funston?
as a fun place to take my dogs where they can run off leash and socialize with other dogs

For how long?
5yrs

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)
family friends and dogs

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?
yes

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks?
yes

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston?
yes

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)
everyone, kids, dogs, seniors, disabled, families

Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail?

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Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

yes

More friendly and social place?

yes, definitely

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input? yes

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

no

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

no

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?

limits the areas that dogs are available to use

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

I agree that the swallows need to be protected but why close areas where the swallows don't live

Any other stories or comments?

Date: 3/4/00 Signature:

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: Valerie Louie [Age Bracket: 39]

Address: 730 28th Ave
San Francisco
CA 94121

Phone: (415) 221-9231

How do you use Fort Funston?

For walking my child + dogs, for the open space.

For how long? Years

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Family + Dogs

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?

Yes!

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks?

Yes

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston?

Yes

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

all of above, including runners, bicyclists, + families.

Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail?

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Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

Yes

More friendly and social place?

YES!!

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input?

Definitely!

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

Yes – it was used as a site to defend the area (military)

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

no

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?

We missed it... it has made the other areas much more congested.

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

I understand the need to protect the swallows, but feel it should be seasonal (during their time here)

Any other stories or comments?

Ft Funston is the best place in the world for dogs! and dogs need this area. This is also the only place I can go that I can bring my child in a stroller + 2 dogs without worry.

Date: 3-4-2000 Signature: Valerie Clarke 00783

about cars + grouchy

non-dog people

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: JANINA DIETZEL [Age Bracket: 32]

Address: 121 HOFFMAN AVE
SAN FRANCISCO
CA 94114

Phone: 415 4779940 x 12

How do you use Fort Funston? during weekends and evenings — with my dog — to relax

For how long? 3 years

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

husband, friends, and my dog

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?

absolutely — it is frustrating how few areas are available in SF for off-leash recreation

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks?

WHICH ONES ???

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston?

VERY MUCH SO — SINCE WE STARTED COMING HERE 3 YEARS AGO

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

MAINLY DOG OWNERS — HAPPY DOG OWNERS

Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail?

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Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

IT'S A GREAT PLACE TO SOCIALIZE YOUR DOG OFF LINE ...

More friendly and social place?

BEST DOGGY PLACE IN SAN FRANCISCO

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input?

ABSOLUTELY

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

I believe it has been open to off-leash recreation for a long time

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

don't know

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

just seem to have happened everybody thought it was a sneaky act

Any other stories or comments?

Closing more and more areas will lead to more and more congestions — when will the authorities wake up please?

Date: March 4 2000 Signature: J Miller

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: Janice Noiz [Age Bracket: 52]

Address: 342 Beaumont
Pacifica 94044

Phone: 650 738-2589

How do you use Fort Funston?

with my dogs

For how long? 10 years

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

friends & dogs

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?

yes

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks?

yes

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston? yes

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

all of the above

Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail?

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Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

yes

More friendly and social place? yes

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input?

yes

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

yes - ranches

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

ice plant

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?

Park is safer if trail is open

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

Any other stories or comments?

People must have a voice

Date: 3-4-02 Signature: Janice Ruiz

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: Gail Prescott [Age Bracket: 65]

Address: 357 Ulloa St

S.f. Ca. 94127

Phone: 415-566-9413

How do you use Fort Funston?

Walking for myself & dogs

For how long? 5 yrs.

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Dogs & myself - senior

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?

yes

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks?

No - To crowded with people

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston?

With the Sunset Path closed - yes.

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Dogs, Seniors, disabled - few children.

Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail?

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Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

Yes

More friendly and social place? Yes

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input?

Yes

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

No -

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

No -

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure? It's a lot safer for a woman Paved for Elderly - Yes - it needs To be opened & fenced along the edge if necessary.

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

No

Any other stories or comments?

Paths cut off — less benches for the seniors. It's A place the disabled & seniors can come & bring their dogs.

Date: 3/5/00 Signature: Gail D. Pigsott

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: Anna Marie Hall [Age Bracket: 56]

Address: 3618 22nd St. #22
S.F. Ca. 94114

Phone: (415) 282-9567

How do you use Fort Funston?

Walking dog. For my own exercise + pleasure.

For how long? 13 yrs. +

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more? Yes

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks? No. I will still come here, only the place will keep getting even more crowded on weekends.

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston? Yes

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled) Everybody!

Do you think Fort Funston would be ~~safer with or without the Sunset Trail?~~

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Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs? Yes

More friendly and social place? Absolutely

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input?

Yes

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure? Dumb!

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure? Enough is enough - I doubt if the swallows need that much protection

Any other stories or comments?

Fire the Park Service.

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Date: 3-4-00 Signature: Anne Marie Hall

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: PAT GOLDBERG [Age Bracket: 56]

Address: 1622 - 21st Ave
SF, Ca 94127

Phone: 415-665-2980

How do you use Fort Funston? VISITING (99%) with my dogs / off leash - bring out of town visitors

For how long? at least 15 years / more - Since before it was part of GGNRA

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)
friends - dogs - Seniors / children - I am on disability - Benches are important

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?
~~Yes~~ - but it does force me into more congested area - I use to go to LANDS END ALOT

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks? NO - CITY PARK AREAS ARE SMALL / near roads
They are worthless for active dogs

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston?
Yes - increased people / & dogs cause other areas have closed & / other GGNR areas closed

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)
all of above - plus horses / a pig or two

~~Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail?~~

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SINCE YOU GATED IT & CLOSED IT TO OFF LEASE THIS

Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

Definately!

More friendly and social place?

Definately

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input? Definately!!

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember? My only knowledge is before the Rangers moved on to the property here - Never had hassles / a food truck was here - paths were kept up / No ranger even appeared accept to close to

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

Some weather changes / lots of ice plant / people in a good mood / not feeling hassled.

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?

It should be kept open / & the tunnel! only the edges should be posted

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

The edges 3-5 ft from cliff should be fenced & posted - not all the way to the paved trail

Any other stories or comments?

I feel again like I'm pushed towards the EAST side of the path) near The Horses (which I avoid) & the ROAD! For safety I like the West side of the trail.

Date: 3/4/00 Signature: Pat Kolsberg

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: M. HIGGINS [Age Bracket: 50]

Address: 375 NORTHRIDGE DR.
DALY CITY, CA 94015

Phone: —

How do you use Fort Funston?

WALKING

For how long? 10 YRS

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?

NO

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks?

NO

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston?

YES

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail?

NO DIFFERENCE

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GGNRA019739

Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

YES

More friendly and social place?

YES

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input?

YES

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

NOT PERSONAL BUT I KNOW BACKGROUND

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

NOT PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE BUT I HAVE WORKED & REPLANTING.

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?

NOT HAPPY

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

NO PROBLEM DURING MONTHS THEY ARE THERE

Any other stories or comments?

Date: 3/14/20 Signature:

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: JUDITH JOHNSON [Age Bracket: 39]

Address: 342 EDNA
SAN FRANCISCO, CA
94112

Phone: 415-469-9577

How do you use Fort Funston?

Weekends & weekdays w/ my dog

For how long? 2yrs.

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

1 Dog

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?

YES

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks?

YES

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston?

YES

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

ALL ABOVE

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Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

YES

More friendly and social place?

YES

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input?

YES!

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

NO

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

NO

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?

BAD

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

UNNECESSARY. SWALLOWS HAVE COAST & LAKE MERCED.

Any other stories or comments?

Date: ~~3 Feb~~ 4 Mar. 2000 Signature: Judith L. M. [illegible]

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: Frank Rabon [Age Bracket: 42]

Address: 784 Southgate Ave
Daly City, CA 94015

Phone: (650) 994-9509

How do you use Fort Funston?

Yes

For how long? 3 years

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Family & 2 dogs

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?

Yes

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks?

Yes

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston?

NO

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

children, dogs, Senior people in general

~~Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail?~~

4/6/00

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COVER

GGNRA019743

Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

Yes

More friendly and social place?

Yes

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input?

Yes

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

Yes. fort

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

Yes

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?

No

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

NO

Any other stories or comments?

No

Date: 3/2/00

Signature:

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: MING LU [Age Bracket: 50]

Address: 4096 17TH. #204
S.F. CA 94114

Phone: 415 252 7848

How do you use Fort Funston?

WALK MY 2 DOGS.

For how long? TWO HOURS

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?

YES

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks?

NO

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston?

YES

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

~~Do you think Fort Funston would [illegible] without the Sunset Trails~~

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OVER

GGNRA019745

Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

YES

More friendly and social place?

YES

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input?

YES

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

FREE FOR EVERYONE

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

NO

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?

KEEP IT OPEN

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

WHY.

Any other stories or comments?

Date: 3/4/00 Signature:

00801

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: NANCY STAFFORD [Age Bracket: 50]

Address: 1377 16th AVE
SF, CA. 94122

Phone: 415 681-2649

How do you use Fort Funston?
RECREATION & DOG WALKING

For how long? 11 YRS

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?
SOMEWHAT BUT USUALLY COME HERE ANYWAY

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks? YES

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston?
YES

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)
BUT PRIMARILY PEOPLE WITH DOGS USE THIS EVERY DAY.

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OVER

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Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

YES

More friendly and social place?

YES

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input? ABSOLUTELY

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember? WAS USED IN WW II FOR LOOKOUT & TRAINING & PROTECTION FROM ENEMY FORCES

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember? WHEN I FIRST CAME HERE THERE WAS MORE OPEN SPACE THEN STARTED CLOSURES TO TRY & PROTECT THE BIRDS & BRING BACK NATIVE PLANTS — SPENT A LOT OF MONEY ON PLANT RESTORATION WHICH HAS HAD LIMITED SUCCESS & DESTROYED THE ROADS DUE TO THE HEAVY EQUIPMENT

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?

WRONG

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure? I AM FOR PROTECTING THE BIRDS BUT I DON'T THINK SO MUCH SPACE IS NEEDED TO DO THAT

Any other stories or comments?

Date: March 5, 2000 Signature: Mary Stafford

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: DANA DANET [Age Bracket: 30-40] - 31

Address: 196 MONTE VISTA LN.
DALY CITY CA 94015

Phone: 650.754.0538

How do you use Fort Funston?
Weekend and multiple weekday use. Dog walking and socialization for myself & dog. Usuall this area is my only outlet for social skills and communication outside of work.

For how long?
3 yrs.

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)
Wife & dog

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?
I dedicate all my time to fort funston.

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks?
Absolutely

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston?
I have seen an increase of fort funston by many dogs, hiker, bikers, etc..

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)
Everyone ~~and~~ uses and enjoys the park

~~Do you think Fort Funston would be [illegible] the Sunset Trail?~~

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Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

Without question

More friendly and social place?

Without question

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input?

I would of wanted to voice my concerns regarding the closure

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

My knowledge is based on riding and walking around the fort

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

I don't, very rarely have concerns about the natural environment, been spoken or posted.

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?

I think the Sunset Trail closure has given the opportunity to close other areas off.

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

This is ridiculous, I ~~do~~ do think that by closing off this sandy area will lead to condensed area use that will result is extreme wear.

Any other stories or comments?

Date: 3/4/00 Signature:

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GGNRA019750

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: Tom FENWICK [Age Bracket: 44]

Address: 4096 17TH ST. #202
SAN FRANCISCO, CA

Phone: 621-6051

How do you use Fort Funston?

Walk the dogs

For how long? 10 years

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?

NO

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks?

YES

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston?

YES

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

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Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

YES

More friendly and social place?

YES

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input?

YES

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember? MILITARY USE

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

NO

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?

IT'S TERRIBLE.

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

NO

Any other stories or comments?

Date: 3-4-00 Signature: Thomas Jenwick

00807

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: Carolyn Wright [Age Bracket: 39]

Address: 701 Minnesota St.
#102
San Francisco, CA 94107

Phone: 415 824-7874

How do you use Fort Funston?
Every day, past 2 years

For how long? 2 hours/day

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)
w/ friends, out of town visitors

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?
No

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks? yes

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston?
yes

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)
gliders, bikers, runners

~~Do you think Fort Funston would be safe with or without the Sunset Trail?~~

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Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

yes

More friendly and social place? yes

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input? Absolutely

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember? Yes, WWII use in case of Japanese attack

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

dunes

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?

Please re-open. It's my favorite part

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

Seems excessive

Any other stories or comments?

I love this place. It is becoming more and more crowded. I am concerned about over use.

Date: 3/9/2000 Signature: [signature]

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: Jeffrey G. Wells [Age Bracket: 49]

Address: 240 Valley St.
San Francisco, CA
94131

Phone: (415) 821-0831

How do you use Fort Funston?

Exercise dog & self

For how long? 2 yrs.

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Dog & Friends

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?

Yes

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks? Yes

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston?

Yes

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Every walk of life

[redacted]

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Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

Yes

More friendly and social place? Certainly - you meet many friendly and interesting people

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input? Yes

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember? Gun batteries to protect coast during WW II

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure? No

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?
~~No problem if~~ Need more info but our dogs need more free area to run. Running my dog brings me even closer to nature.

Any other stories or comments?

Date: 3/4/00 Signature: Jeffrey & Wells

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: Ann GRIFFIN + family 50+ +3 [Age Bracket: 20 yrs old]

Address: 1315 Vancouver
Burlingame, CA 94010

Phone: 650-347-4285

How do you use Fort Funston?

walk dog + enjoy view.

For how long? 2 years

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

family + friends

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?

yes

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks?

yes

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston?

yes

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

all

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Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

More friendly and social place? Definitely Definitely

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input?

yes

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

yes

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

no

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?

~~to~~ please reopen.

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

Any other stories or comments?

all our out of town + out of state visitors love it for all — dogs

Date: 3/5/00 Signature: [signature]

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Fort Funston Use

GGNRA019758

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: Jeff Speed [Age Bracket: 30]

Address: 132 Farish St
SF CA
94110

Phone: _____

How do you use Fort Funston?

— It's an invaluable area to bring my dog to socialize + exercise off leash

For how long? 3 years

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

myself, friends, co-workers..

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?

absolutely

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks?

— resultably, yes... or out of the city.

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston?

yes... especially on weekends.

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

— a cross section of everyone

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Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

Yes

More friendly and social place?

Yes

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input?

- absolutely

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

no

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

no

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?

—

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

— any animal protection areas should be able to co-exist with the use for dogs.

Any other stories or comments?

Date: 3/4/00 Signature:

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Fort Funston Use

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: Deirdre Keane [Age Bracket: 30-]

Address: 291 Putnam St., Apt. H. S.F. Ca. 94110.

Phone: (415) 643-9945

How do you use Fort Funston?

For Myself and my Dogs

For how long? 15 years

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

family, Children (3), & Dogs

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?

yes

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks?

yes

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston?

yes

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

all listed above

~~Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail?~~

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Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

yes

More friendly and social place?

yes

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input?

yes

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

used to be barracks

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

yes - swallow live in the cliff side

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?

Questions as to why?

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

why?

Any other stories or comments?

I love fort funston, and have volunteered with the park service. I believe that there can be a balance between protecting Nature & our lives

Date: 3/4/00 Signature: Deirdre Keane

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: WARREN & LISA KRASTMAN [Age Bracket: 40-50]

Address: 1582 11TH AVENUE
SAN FRANCISCO

Phone: 415 681-9377

How do you use Fort Funston?

DOG WALK

For how long? 5 YEARS

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?

~~YES~~ YES

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks?

WOULD BE FORCED TO.

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston?

Who do you see out here? (~~Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled~~)

EVERYBODY INCLUDING NORMAL PEOPLE

~~Do you think Fort Funston would be safer with or without the Sunset Trail?~~

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Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

YES

More friendly and social place?

YES

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input?

YES

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

SKEET SHOOTING

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

YES

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?

NO

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

NEVER SEEN BANK SWALLOWS NOR HAVE WE SEEN ANY DOG CHASING BIRDS.

Any other stories or comments?

Date: 3/3/00 Signature: [signature]

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: Jon Kaplan [Age Bracket: 35]

Address: 66 Curren St.
SF CA 94112

Phone: (415) 841-1216

How do you use Fort Funston?

Dog Walking

For how long? 2 yrs

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

1 Dog & Wife

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?

NO

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks?

Yes

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston?

Yes

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

lots of people & Dogs

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Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

Yes

More friendly and social place?

Yes

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input?

Yes

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

Yes

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

Yes

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?

No

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

No

Any other stories or comments?

We got married on the bluff trail. We want to go back periodically to renew vows!

Date: 3/4/00

Signature:

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: Tom DelCarlo [Age Bracket: 45]

Address: 224 Everglen Dr
San Bruno CA

Phone: (650) 871-4164

How do you use Fort Funston?

Dog Run

For how long? 10 years

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?

No

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks?

No

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston?

Yes

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

All The Above

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Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

Yes

More friendly and social place?

Yes

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input?

Yes

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

No

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

No

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?

No

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

No

Any other stories or comments?

No

Date: 3/4/00 Signature:

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: GEORGE WALCZAK [Age Bracket: 43]

Address: 661 VILLANOVA RD
OTAI, CA 93023

Phone: 805.640.1558

How do you use Fort Funston?

WALK MY DOG

For how long? 10 YRS (I VISIT MY FAMILY IN SF EVERY TWO WEEKS)

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?

LESS

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks?

YES

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston?

NO

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

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GSCOH

GGNRA019769

Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

YES

More friendly and social place?

YES

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input?

ABSOLUTELY! THE CURRENT RESTRICTIONS ARE A SPIT IN THE FACE OF DEMOCRATIC PROCESS!!

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

THE CURRENT MOVE TO CLOSURE SUGAR COATS ITS ANTI-DEMOCRATIC DRIVE UNDER THE GUISE OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure? NONSENSE. NATIVE GROWTH OF PLANTS IS FARCICAL!! NOTHING HAS BEEN NATIVE SINCE THE ARMY WAS ESTABLISHED.

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

THE OCEAN SMELL & SURF WIDES OUT THE SWALLOW NESTING AREAS NOT DOGS.

Any other stories or comments?

Date: Feb 35 00 Signature:

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: Eve M. Lynch [Age Bracket: not young...

Address: 1369 Page Street
San Francisco, CA 94117

Phone: (415) 552-0127 email: evemlynch@juno.com

How do you use Fort Funston?

Walks

For how long? 2 years

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Husband, dogs (2)

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?

no, but I'm worried about Crissy Fields now that they're closing it off for the new marsh, etc.

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks?

no, I would be more likely to tear down the fence.

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston?

no, it's been great the whole time

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

everybody! it's the best part of the city!

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Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

yes, definitely

More friendly and social place?

yes

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input?

Of course, but better would be to be able to stop these plans ahead of time altogether

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

it's windy + cold some days, sunny + gorgeous others. Glad it's not a fort anymore (tho that's what the fence will make it)

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?

yes. Don't.

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

With all the North Coast available to them, why make SF the protected habitat? This is a large city needing lots of recreation space for residents, their families, and their dogs. I don't care about swallows — I care about all the cool, friendly dogs and people I see out here!

Any other stories or comments?

Date: 2-4-00 Signature: Anne M Lynch

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: Kathy Cole [Age Bracket: 40+]

Address: 62 Bronte St
San Francisco CA 94110

Phone: 415 821-6911

How do you use Fort Funston? Dog exercise, me-exercise

For how long? 1 week

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled) 1 Dog, sometimes friends + dogs

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more? No

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks? yes

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston? ?

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled) All of the above

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Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs? yes

More friendly and social place? yes definitely

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input? yes

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember? No

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember? NO

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure? NO

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure? As long as there remains places for off-leash dogs, I respect it.

Any other stories or comments? This is new to me & my dog & we really enjoy using this area.

Date: 3/4/2000 Signature: Kathy J Cole

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: CRAIG JAMES [Age Bracket: 40's]

Address: 154 BOCANA ST
SAN FRANCISCO
CA 94110

Phone: N/A

How do you use Fort Funston?

exercise, outdoors appreciate nature
Dog run socialise seaside

For how long? 5 yrs

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?

yes

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks?

yes

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston?

yes

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

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Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

NO

More friendly and social place?

yes

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input?

yes

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

NO

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

NO

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

Any other stories or comments?

Date: 3/4/00 Signature:

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: George Macaluso [Age Bracket: 48]

Address: 154 Bocana St
SF 94110

Phone: _____

How do you use Fort Funston? Dog walking

For how long? 4 yrs

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)
Family, Dog

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?
yes

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks?
yes

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston?
no

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)
all of the above

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GGNRA019777

Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

no.

More friendly and social place?

yes

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input?

yes

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

Any other stories or comments?

I think that protecting the environment is very important & if dog owners do not let their dogs run in planted areas then everyone could coexist in this park without hurting the natural areas.

Date: 3/4/00 Signature: Liz Macleod

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: Kristine Kowaczek [Age Bracket: 30's]

Address: 22 Arlington Dr.
So San Fran
CA 94080

Phone: (650) 9924492

How do you use Fort Funston? Dog Walking

For how long? 1 year

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more? Yes

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks?

Anywhere that would allow him to socialize & run

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston? Yes

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

All types

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GGNRA019779

Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

YES

More friendly and social place? DEFINATELY

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input?

Yes

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

Yes - My folks have told me

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

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Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure? Want more info

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

Want more info

Any other stories or comments?

Please let me know more if possible

Date: 3/3/00 Signature:

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: James Cunningham [Age Bracket: 40]

Address: 4605 25th #2
SF CA 94114

Phone: (415) 826-3527

How do you use Fort Funston? dog walks 4-5 times per week

For how long? 12 years

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

2 dogs

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?

no - less

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks?

yes

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston?

no

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

all of the mentioned

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Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

Yes

More friendly and social place?

Yes

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input?

YES

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

No

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

No

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

Important

Any other stories or comments?

dog walkers are not effectively observing current fences

Date: 3/4/00 Signature: James H. Cunningham

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: Tim Statler [Age Bracket: 28]

Address: 385 61st St.
Oakland, CA
94618

Phone: 510-655-1820

How do you use Fort Funston? Dog/people walking

For how long? 2 yrs.

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more? No

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks? No

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston? No.

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

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Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

More friendly and social place?

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input?

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

Any other stories or comments?

Date: _____ Signature: _____

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: Michal King [Age Bracket: 36]

Address: 430 29th St.

Phone: 415 821-7258

How do you use Fort Funston?

DOGS & personal

For how long? 9 yrs

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?

of course

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks?

No

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston?

yes

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

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Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

Yes

More friendly and social place?

Yes

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input? Yes

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

Could It be that the Shooting Area area across the street allmost every afternoon they shoot Guns Could be the reason why the birds are leaving?

Any other stories or comments?

Date: 03/04/00 Signature:

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: Patrick Mahaffy [Age Bracket: 39]

Address: 18988 Carillo court
Sonoma, CA

Phone: (707) 933 9065

How do you use Fort Funston?

Dog recreation

For how long? 3 YRS

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Family, Dogs

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?

Yes

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks? Yes

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston?

Yes

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Dogs, Children, Families

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Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

Yes

More friendly and social place?

Yes

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input?

Yes

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

No

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

No

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

Any other stories or comments?

Date: 3/5/2000 Signature:

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: Mary Schembre [Age Bracket: 35]

Address: 242 Charing Cross
Pacifica CA 94044

Phone: 650-738 1910

How do you use Fort Funston?

walk dog FREE!

For how long? 5 years

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Family, Dogs

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?

Yes

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks?

Haven't considered Ft. Fun would close — EEEK!

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston?

Yes

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

all

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Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

More friendly and social place? Yes

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input? Yes

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember? NO

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?
yes - much the same. Park not kept up - Rains, etc. causing natural erosion. Not result of dogs.

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?
I understand the safety issues there - cliff areas were lovely but made me nervous.

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?
HORRIBLE! One of the best playpens on earth.

Any other stories or comments?

Date: 11/5/00 Signature: [signature]

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: HOLLY STOUMEN [Age Bracket: 20-30]

Address: 15 EASTGATE
DALY CITY CA

Phone: (650) 301-5008

How do you use Fort Funston?

TO WALK OUR DOG AND FOR JOGGING

For how long? 6 years

With whom (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?

Yes!!!

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks?

NO - because my dog is a transplant from Hawaii and needs to be by the ocean.

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston?

Yes!!!

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

everyone.

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GGNRA019791

Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

Yes! and safer for the dogs.

More friendly and social place?

yes.

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input?

Yes!

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

War time use

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

not really

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?

NOT A GOOD IDEA!

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

ITS NOT THE DOGS THAT DISTURB THE BIRDS, BIRDS + DOGS HAVE GOTTON ALONG FOR CENTURIES, ITS CONSTRUCTION AND OTHER MAN MADE NUISED.

Any other stories or comments?

there will be no place to walk our dogs and as a result, there will be more dogs in parks + city streets which is not safe for anyone.

Date: 3-3-2000 Signature: Holly Stamm.

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: SONNY RICHMOND [Age Bracket: 60]

Address: 130 FRANCISCAN DR.
DALY CITY

Phone: (650) 756-5940

How do you use Fort Funston?

WALK MY GOLDEN RETRIEVER

For how long? 10 YRS.

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

MY DOG

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?

YES

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks?

NO

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston?

YES

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

PEOPLE WITH DOGS WHO HAVE BECOME FRIENDS OF MINE.

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Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

More friendly and social place?

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input?

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

Any other stories or comments?

Date: _____ Signature: _____

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: MICHAEL DEDERIAN [Age Bracket: 30]

Address: 242 CHARING CROSS WAY
PACIFICA, CA 94044

Phone: 650-359-3424

How do you use Fort Funston?
WE WALK OUR DOG THERE 1-2 TIMES A WEEK

For how long? LAST 2 1/2 YEARS

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)
WITH WIFE AND DOG AND SOMETIMES FRIENDS

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?
I DON'T EVEN KNOW OF OTHER OFF-LEASH AREAS

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks?
WHERE!?

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston?
NO

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)
ALL OF THE ABOVE - LOTS OF SENIORS

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Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

YES

More friendly and social place? ABSOLUTELY

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input? DEFINITELY - I FIND THE ABRUPTNESS UPSETTING.

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

NO

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

NO

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure? NO

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

YES - VERY UPSETTING. THAT'S A VERY POPULAR AREA.

Any other stories or comments?

Date: MARCH 4, 2000 Signature: Michael T. Dodi

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FORT FUNSTON USE INTERVIEW SHEET

Name: MARGARET MURRAY [Age Bracket: over 40]

Address: 517 Los Palmos
SF 94127

Phone: 986-2800

How do you use Fort Funston?

Dog running, hiking

For how long? 20 yrs

With whom: (Family, Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

Has the closure of other off-leash areas caused you to use Fort Funston more?

Yes!

If the off-leash areas of Fort Funston are closed off, would you be more likely to take your dog(s) to City parks?

It would be terrible if Funston weren't off leash. Dogs are being run out of town

Have you noticed increased use of Fort Funston?

No

Who do you see out here? (Children, Dogs, Seniors, Disabled)

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Do you believe that Fort Funston is a safer place as a result of the presence of the dogs?

Yes

More friendly and social place?

Yes

Would you have wanted to know in advance of the current changes to Fort Funston so as to have input?

Yes

Do you have any personal knowledge of the historical use of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

Hiking

Do you have any personal knowledge of the natural condition (or prior condition) of Fort Funston? What do you remember?

No

Any thought on the Sunset Trail closure?

Very sad

Any comment on the bank swallow protection area closure?

keep it - dogs & birds can coexist

Any other stories or comments?

I live near Sunnyside Park.
Neighbors there want to ban dogs
from our park. Funston is the
only place we have to go.

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Date: 3/4/00 Signature: Margarete Mena