

Glen Ellen Forum



Monday, May 6th, 2019 Dunbar School 7:00pm Minutes

❖ COMMITTEE UPDATES & OTHER BUSINESS

- **MARGIE** (5) TREASURER More Shed Applications available. A lottery for the 4 avail. Will happen. ESCRIP update
- **MELISSA** (5) BOARD 4/13/18 Elections results announced, board members Bettina, Rob Schermeister, Tracy, Nancy P., Deanna furlong, Angela (VP), Jim (Secretary), and Melissa (president). + Steering now Chair - Nick, Vice Chair - Oz, Secretary Poppy + Communications team Shannon (Chair), Laura & Emily
- BUSINESS GROUP (Tourism & Commerce), next meeting 5/23 @ Laurel Glen 6-7
- (0) ENGAGEMENT – No events currently on Calendar
- **NICK** (1) TRAFFIC & SAFETY – Fire Sign erected at the GEFD thanks to the United Way Grant Funds and will be maintained by the Fire Department.
- **BJ** (2) PROJECTS –request made for volunteers for Saturday, May 18 work day.
- **NICK** Jack London Yacht Club introduce event Winner waterstuff #22 Wendy Quinn in the first heat far right

❖ SPEAKERS

- CEPEC – Equestrian Possibility discussed their ideas to acquire the SDC property for an equestrian center. They propose cleaning up the trails and downed trees in the open space and then maintaining for horse trails. The horse manure would be collected daily by the ratto group. The economic benefit is based on tourism and it would take 13-16 million to keep going. Buildings and arenas would take about 10% of the existing space and would be where buildings on the property already existed (or existed prior to the fires) planned development would take approx. 10% of the land. Planning for 30 visitors per day when no event is planned. Access would be from Highway 12. Vehicles would have a fee while walking visitors would be free. Proposal is for 75 full time employees and 250 part time employees during events with 50-75 events April – October. 30 participants per show and no spectators. No horse boarding proposed. Trails in open space would be managed and controlled by the equestrian center, but available for public use except during some events. Bikes would likely not be allowed due to danger to people and horses. When asked if there is a scaled down option if the community would like to have an equestrian center as a small part of a bigger plan, no clear answer was given other than a possible community center or club house added to the design.
- SDC – Upcoming meeting at the Hannah Boys Center Saturday 06/15/19 9am-12pm. There has been an agreement reached between the State of CA and the County of Sonoma for 43 Million for the 3-year period to be together a specific plan for land use development including residential. The current housing crisis demands residential use of the campus and probably preservation of open space for park land. There is also a focus to preserve the cemetery and the water. There should not be a sale or lease prior to rezoning. Visioning lab language has been consistently focused on open space, sustainable uses, community, education, housing, and historical preservation. The Presidio trust is thought to be a model to look closely at.

❖ REMINDERS

- THANK YOU FOR COMING - Our Next Meeting is Monday, June 3rd at 7pm