

Mr. Millar's letter includes two false accusations . . . plus an offer to hold a special meeting for “KFA” after the regular FOSA board meeting on May 15.

After responding to the two false accusations, quoted below, we will refocus on the main purpose of the original “KFA” letter that was delivered to the FOSA board of directors on April 3, 2019, which was to request “**written responses.**”

- (1) “We have been informed that you intend to use the Activity Center to conduct meetings for a political purpose, in violation of the FOSA rules and regulations.”
- (2) “When staff advised leadership of the [occupancy] violation, you ignored the requests to vacate the premises and instead continued to conduct the meeting.”

Response to (1): That accusation is false.

The “KFA” coalition is NOT in any way shape or form a “political” group and does not have any "political" affiliation, agenda, or objectives.

Instead, “KFA” simply grew out of a gathering together of FOS neighbors that came together in an entirely spontaneous and extemporaneous manner, resulting from neighbor-to-neighbor conversations, during which many FOS resident property-owners expressed concerns about FOS boards of directors seeming to be unresponsive to and even dismissive of FOS members' concerns.

Furthermore, “KFA” is not a formal “organization” and does not have any elected or appointed “leaders.” Instead, “KFA” is simply a “coalition” of like-minded members in the FOS community who share common desires, most particularly to keep freedom of speech accessible and keep Fountain of the Sun affordable. Thus, the handle “KFA” also evolved spontaneously.

This “KFA” movement was largely triggered by the FOS board of directors imposing huge increases in dues and assessments which more than 98% of informally polled FOS residents strongly oppose. This led to many more expressions of concern about FOS board decisions and actions that FOS residents felt were not being heard. Then further informal polling found more issues that FOS residents also strongly disagreed with.

As a result of this overwhelming and nearly unanimous consensus, this informal coalition of FOS neighbors joined together to circulate an opinion questionnaire derived from a distillation of members most serious concerns in order to collect a larger “Vote” from FOS resident property-owners.

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Response to (2): That accusation is also false.

When the “KFA” coalition quickly grew in numbers from a couple of initial gatherings in private homes to more participants than could be accommodated in a private home, one of our participants requested, and was granted permission to use the Fireside Room for subsequent gatherings. No formal application was required and no application form was ever requested or signed.

As three successive gatherings in the Fireside Room continually grew in attendance, on April 1, 2019, there was an “overflow” crowd that extended into the Admin building lobby and into the room adjacent to the Fireside Room. By the way, many of us had previously observed this to occur at many previous events in the Fireside Room, including at several FOS board meetings.

During the “KFA” April 1, 2019 gathering (which was video recorded), at approximately 10 minutes before 8:00 PM, a FOS security guard showed up and informed us that we had "too many" people in the Fireside Room. Several members in attendance expressed a variety of responses, and while there was no “leadership” per-se “in charge” of this gathering, several participants near the front spoke to the security guard and commented (to the effect) that the gathering was almost finished and would be concluded within 10 minutes (by 8:00 PM). At no time, was there any "request to vacate the premises" and at no time did anyone in the audience refuse to cooperate or “ignore” a request to vacate the premises immediately. The video recording of the meeting confirms these facts.

Subsequent to the April 1, 2019 meeting, an informal request was made with Heather for the “KFA” group to meet in the Activity Center since the attendance had obviously outgrown the Fireside Room. That request was granted and the Activity Center was nicely set up by the FOS staff for approximately 150 chairs and the wired microphone, as had been requested. Approximately 150 residents did show up for that April 15, 2019 meeting in the Activity Center and everything worked out just fine.

Although I had not been the person who requested reservations for any previous “KFA” meetings, after someone else requested the reservation for the April 15, 2019 meeting, I did contact Heather to request the use of the corded microphone instead of the battery powered microphones, most of which had lost power during our previous gatherings.

Therefore, as a result of that contact, after the April 15 meeting, Heather sent an email to advise that a “reservation agreement” would be required to request future reservations.

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Because Heather sent that request to me, I read the entire 4-page document and I filled in the information and signed and initialed the reservation form on April 18, 2019 and delivered it to Heather. She signed acceptance of it and gave a copy of the signed and initialed documents to me. When I took out my check book and offered to pay the refundable security deposit that was mentioned in the documents, Heather said that was not required for members of the FOS community, but only for "outside" groups.

This transaction on April 18, 2019, was the first time that I (or anyone in our coalition, as far as we know) had ever seen these reservation documents and rules.

It is important to note, however, that many events held in the Fireside Room have been over capacity, including the May 2, 2019 FOSA board meeting.

At no time did any member of the "KFA" coalition encourage or condone overcapacity. When it became apparent that more space was needed, a larger meeting room was requested, and the next (April 15, 2019) "KFA" meeting was held in the Activity Center with complete compliance and no problems.

Assuredly, the "KFA" coalition will always comply with all FOS rules and restrictions.

**The main purpose of the original "KFA" letter** delivered to the FOSA board of directors was . . . in everyone's best interests . . . to request "**written responses.**"

While we appreciate Mr. Millar's offer to schedule a separate meeting for a limited audience after the May 15, 2019 FOSA board meeting, that is not a satisfactory response to the KFA "Formal request for FOSA board response" for many reasons:

"KFA" respectfully requested that the Board address issues in writing because, when issues are raised and discussed during meetings, people often come to very different understandings about what was said. The board has alleged that there is a lot of disinformation going around. Clear, definitive written responses to questions and concerns are the best way to reduce and minimize misunderstandings.

One "KFA" objective is to help facilitate more accurate and coherent communication. "KFA" encourages all residents to speak freely at the "KFA" meetings. Issues are then written down for everyone to consider and to provide a concrete basis to seek clear and coherent responses, in writing, so that everyone can gain more accurate and consistent understanding. This will benefit the board in many ways, including reducing the risk of misunderstandings and contention at meetings. It can also diffuse tense situations and alleviate frustration by both the board and residents. Please also consider this:

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