

Martha Alvarez

From: Bob Beverly <bob.beverly@ymail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 4, 2020 9:46 AM
To: City Clerk; List - City Council; City Manager
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Proposal to remove parking for outdoor deck construction

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From: Lindsey Stone <lindseymariestone@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 8:17 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: [EXTERNAL] E-comment for Budget meeting

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Hi,

I want to comment about the City Budget. I participated in the budget survey you guys did a couple months ago and submitted comments that are pretty similar to what I'd like to say today. The fact that we spend 38% of our budget on police, is just too much. That is more than Public Works, Parks and Rec, Community Development combined! Departments which improve the quality of life and community for our city.

Looking at the Pie Chart and seeing that 58% goes to fire and PD is shocking. We are a small city, it seems wasteful to spend so much money for emergency services in a community that is not prone to wildfires, building fires, does not have a challenging bar scene, extreme amounts of crime, etc.

Studies have shown time and time again that investing in community resources builds city morale and encourages people to take care of their city. While we live in a beautiful community a lot of our parks are severely outdated and there are numerous public works projects that need to be completed.

I strongly oppose the police departments request for an additional million dollars. To request that much money while already receiving 38% of the budget is appalling. How does it cost a million dollars to hire two additional staff? That's not a one time cost, that's a permanent addition to our budget. Frankly I think the police department is taking advantage of the current unrest to increase their budget.

I would like to propose moving that million dollars towards funding for our parks and rec and public works. While playgrounds are closed, let's finally build Manhattan Beach a real aquatics center, let's finally replace the playground equipment at Polliwog. Let's use this reduced time to invest in city projects.

I take my kids on walks every day, and every day I have to move my stroller into the street and off a sidewalk because sidewalks throughout the city are not ADA compliant. I'm walking on a sidewalk and all of a sudden there's a light pole in the center, making me have to move my stroller into a busy street to go around it.

Additionally, cutting budgets towards parks and Rec and public works aren't true savings. Like the council asked repeatedly, "is this a true cost savings or will we pay for this next year?" These departments are just going to need additional funding next year. Why would we wait for the world to turn back to normal to start working on these projects. Meanwhile the additional million dollars towards police department is going to be required every year. Not including the fact that if these officers get raises (which they will, thank you unions) we are going to incur additional costs permanently.

I just think it's an absolute shame that we are slashing city budgets that could be used to better our city and instead the council appears to be considering these requests by the police department given the nations current unrest.

Lindsey Stone

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Daniel Stephenson <danielr4@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 7:24 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Outdoor dining

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I think a great option is to close MB Ave from MB Blvd north to 12 st and south to 9th Street, leaving MB Blvd open, but making those areas available for outdoor dining. It would also make downtown a more pedestrian friendly area. For the North MB, highland and upper MB Blvd locations taking away parking for dining areas would also be a great option. We should all walk or bike more anyway

Daniel Stephenson

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From: Loretta Raftery <Lraftery@HRLaborSolutions.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 2, 2020 10:25 PM
To: City Clerk
Cc: Richard Montgomery
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Comments for city Council meeting

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Hello. This email is to register my comments for the next city council meeting on the topic of using streets/sidewalks for restaurants and other retail uses. I am completely in favor of this. It is part of what we need to bring our city back to life.

Also want to complement our leaders and police force for handling the peaceful protest today. Very impressed and proud of our city.

I am both a longtime homeowner and business owner. Thanks for listening.

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From: Bob Beverly <bob.beverly@ymail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 4, 2020 10:05 AM
To: Richard Montgomery
Cc: Jill Lamkin; City Manager; List - City Council; Manhattan Beach Chamber of Commerce
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Proposal to remove parking for outdoor deck construction

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I only have 1 spot in front and part of it is in front of Rock&Fish. They marked it off yesterday. I for the most part am not in support of most of the Downtown Business Association. I am a resident first and want the downtown to be for the good of the residents. I do not want our downtown to be a tourist destination like Redondo, Hermosa, Venice, Santa Monica etc. Thanks, Bob

On Thursday, June 4, 2020, 09:50:15 AM PDT, Richard Montgomery <rmontgomery@citymb.info> wrote:

Thank you Bob for your comments.

Who told you the one or two parking spots in front of your restaurant would be used by anyone else but you?

Have you spoken with Jill at DBPA?

Richard

Sent from my iPhone



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From: CityOfManhattanBeach@citymb.info on behalf of City of Manhattan Beach
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Sent: Thursday, June 4, 2020 6:46 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Open Air Dining

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Message submitted from the <City of Manhattan Beach> website.

Site Visitor Name: Ted Cohen
Site Visitor Email: Cohen@cohenmainzer.com

It seems like a great option to allow for safer dining would be to allow restaurants to add tables in parking spots directly in front of their establishments. The City could also close streets in the downtown area during evening hours on weekends. Austin, TX, a much larger and busier city than MB closes several blocks each weekend. Expanding into outdoor space would allow restaurants to compensate for the reduced number of tables resulting from social distancing. I support such an approach.

Thanks



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From: Jill Lamkin <jill@downtownmanhattanbeach.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 4, 2020 11:17 AM
To: Bob Beverly
Cc: Richard Montgomery; City Manager; List - City Council; Kelly Stroman
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Proposal to remove parking for outdoor deck construction
Attachments: Outdoor Dining Parking Meter Map.pdf; ATT00001.htm

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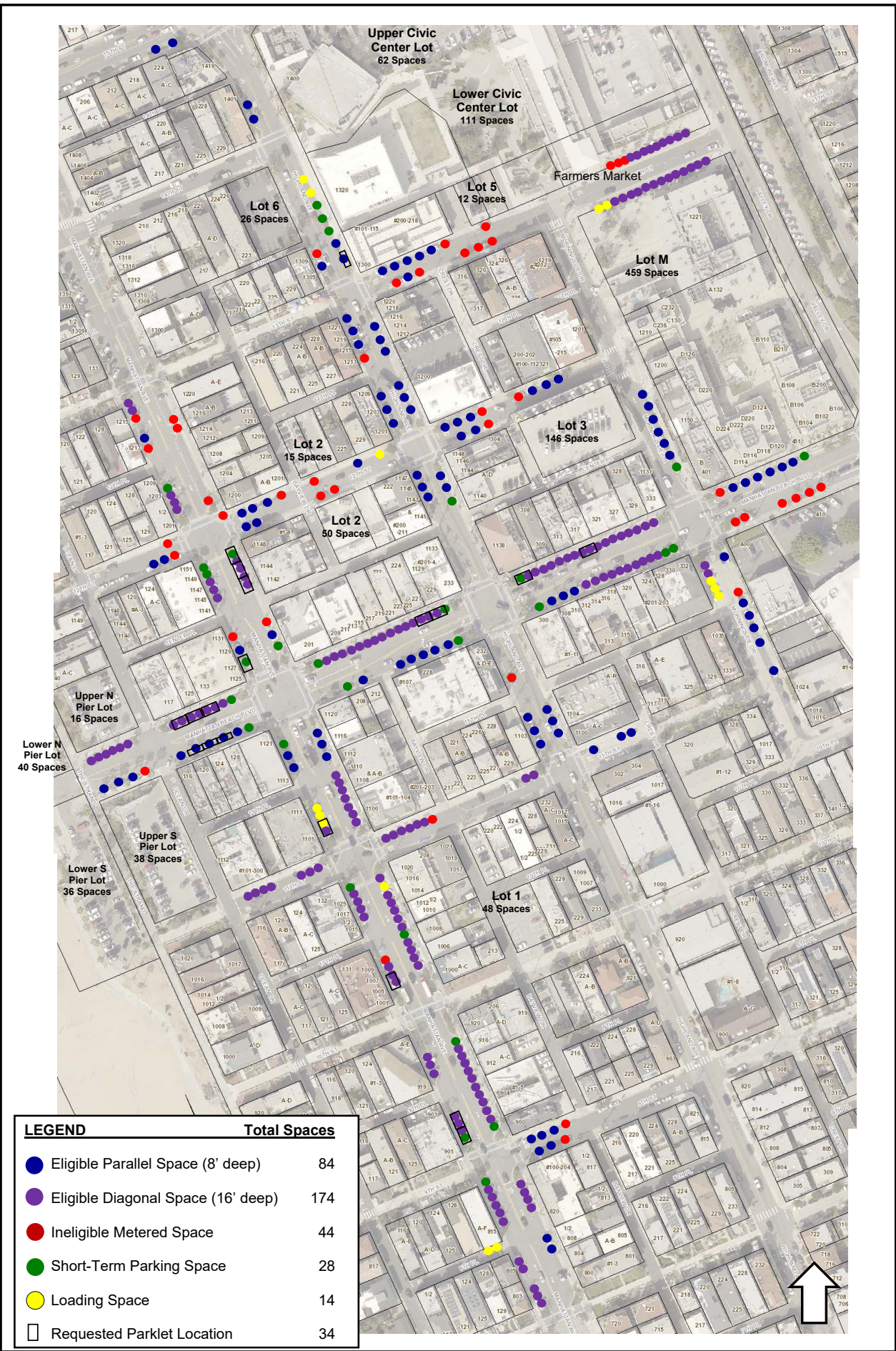
I apologize to Richard and Bob for receiving this twice, but I realized my previous response did not distribute to the entire group.

This is the first I'm hearing from Bob about this particular spot. Bob, as I've said to you before, it would be so much easier if we talked about this kind of thing in person.

I am attaching the parking meter map Erik Zandvliet (City Traffic Engineer) created with the parking spots that are eligible for outdoor dining applications. Originally, Rock'N Fish and Brewco combined asked for three spaces; yesterday, Mangiamo applied for another two. That would indeed take five parking spaces, including the one in front of Shellback's.

Bob, I would mention that Shellback is one of the only places directly adjacent to large parking lots in Downtown Manhattan Beach, and it would be nice to allow your neighboring businesses the opportunity to try to regain some additional capacity for dining while their indoor dining spaces are halved due to social distancing. This is not a cheap endeavor for them and we're all crossing our fingers that this increase in capacity will help them catch up, not get ahead. As a 25-year resident myself, I am most interested in keeping as many businesses Downtown open as possible; this isn't about growing their businesses to outsiders or tourists who aren't even traveling; this is about keeping our friends and neighbors employed.

As always, I'm happy to meet with either or both of you any time!



City of Manhattan Beach
Community Development
Traffic Engineering Division

Dining / Business Use of the Public Right-of-Way
Requested Parklet Locations

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From: Joseph Franklin
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 4:56 PM
To: List - City Council; Jessica Vincent; Mark Leyman
Subject: Appeal to Re-Open City Tennis Courts for Doubles Play
Attachments: regulation-tennis-court-size.png

Dear Mark, Jessica and Esteemed City Council,

May I please make an appeal to open our city tennis courts to allow doubles play?

Playing doubles affords adequate social distance all the time. I speak as a somewhat humble expert as my tennis partner and I are the 3.5 Doubles Champion in 2008, 2009 and as recently as 2018. (Additionally, I'm proud to state that the combined ages of the three pairs of opponents we played in 2018 were far less than only my age! At my age with so few trophies I take any occasion to talk about past victories...)

Playing doubles is all about a team spacing out to each cover as much of their side of the court as possible. This would naturally preclude a team on one side of the court from staying close together. As you can see on the attached diagram of a tennis court, a doubles team when serving would be approximately 36 feet apart with one player serving behind the service line and the other would be positioned at the net on the adjacent service box.

In fact, it would be even further apart as they would be on the hypotenuse of the right triangle formed by the service line and the middle of the service court. Thanks to the Scarecrow from the Wizard of Oz, everyone knows, "The sum of the square root of any two sides of an isosceles triangle is equal to the square root of the third side." In our case, the actual distance would be, well, ummm, er... anyway, it's longer than 6 feet.

The opponents on the opposite side of the court, facing the same court coverage challenge, are equally spread apart. On the rare occasion when feeling particularly frisky (and after the Advil has kicked in), both members of the team are at the net, the width of the court they have to cover is 36 feet, again, allowing for ample social distancing.

On the rare occasion when a team manages to eke out spectacular, extraordinary shots to win a point (we refer to them as "Sports Center" moments) we will certainly refrain from giving each other a requisite pre-COVID high five. Belittling and mocking our opponents, however, will continue in fine tradition.

From a mental health perspective, we all miss our time together on the court which is a high point in our week. Our spouses would appreciate our time out of the home. We are too physically and conditionally challenged to play singles with any enjoyment and I would bet that there are more doubles players than singles player who have traditionally played at Live Oak. By an informal poll, most of us who played before would assess the risk of playing now and opt to play. (This will allow us to talk about the non-players behind their backs which is another favorite pastime.)

As the City Council creatively found the solution for the retailers to open, we are confident you can find a way to make a decision locally to create a carve out allowing so many residents to return to a healthy activity which gives them so much joy.

Thank you for your consideration,

Joe Franklin
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