

City Council Regular Meeting - August 4, 2020

Meeting Time: 08-04-20 18:00

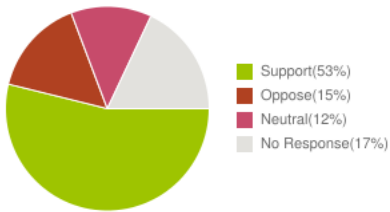
eComments Report

Meetings	Meeting Time	Agenda Items	Comments	Support	Oppose	Neutral
City Council Regular Meeting - August 4, 2020	08-04-20 18:00	34	39	21	6	5

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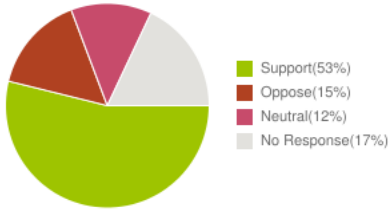
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E. PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 MINUTES PER PERSON)	35	19	6	3
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a) Review of Modifications to Emergency Order No. 13 on Facial Coverings.	3	2	0	1
9. 20-0118 Receive an Update on Homelessness Initiatives and Consider Adopting a Resolution Approving a Memorandum of Understanding Between the City of Manhattan Beach, the City of Redondo Beach and the City of Hermosa Beach Regarding the Implementation of the South Bay Beach Cities Homelessness Project (City Manager Moe).	1	0	0	1
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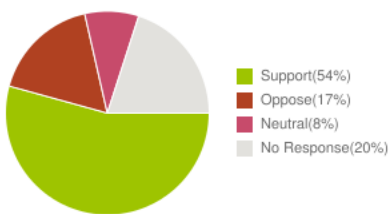
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Alison Chavez

Location:

Submitted At: 5:24pm 08-04-20

Please address the issue of police reform. Let's look at alternate policing models. I do not hate the police nor individual officers.

I want a better system. Specifically to MBPD, there has to be a better policy than "stop everyone who looks like they don't belong".

Chief Abell, this behavior has to be condoned at the top, or it wouldn't be happening; From what we've heard from commenters, we won't believe "it's not systemic".

Madhu Chatwani

Location:

Submitted At: 5:19pm 08-04-20

The City Council of MB represents all the residents of MB and we must address and be held accountable for the theft of Bruce's Beach from the Bruce family. The uncomfortable truth needs to part of the local history taught in elementary school and reparations to the Bruce family are necessary. We must take action and move towards becoming an anti-racist community. I am also writing to support Councilmember Hersman's call to open debate.

Jaya Loharuka

Location:

Submitted At: 5:18pm 08-04-20

The refusal to deliver justice to the Bruce family for their stolen land and livelihood represents the City's continual failure to recognize its role in enacting systemic racism against its (very few) Black residents. Many believe there is no race problem in Manhattan Beach simple because there is no representation of race in this predominantly white suburban neighborhood. Restitution to the Bruces is the first step in rectifying Manhattan Beach's erasure of the Black community.

Rodney Polk

Location:

Submitted At: 5:02pm 08-04-20

Anytime I have ever been to Manhattan Beach I have been stopped and harassed by the police. Asking me where I am coming from and where I am headed. It is a degrading experience I don't wish upon anyone. So to recently find out the history of Bruce's Beach is unsettling to me. I'm writing in support of Councilmember Hersman's call to open debate about Bruce's Beach on the City Council. The land that was stolen should also be returned to the Bruce Family.

Katherine Elias

Location:

Submitted At: 4:48pm 08-04-20

I urge the City Council of MB to address the historic injustices perpetrated against the Bruce family when their land was stolen from them under eminent domain. It is clear that the MB City Council's use of eminent domain at this time was to enforce racial segregation in Manhattan Beach. It is vital for Manhattan Beach as a community to recognize and rectify the injustices of the past, and such action begins with the City Council.

Cecelia Allen

Location:

Submitted At: 4:12pm 08-04-20

The City Council of MB, regardless of the change in leadership and time passed, remains accountable for the theft of the Bruce's land. Until City Council actively undoes their wrongdoings through restitution to the Bruce's and restoration of their land, they uphold the same white supremacist ideology that drove the Bruce's out of Manhattan Beach. Their inaction is racist. Their complacency is racist. MB must work towards becoming an anti-racist community, justice for the Bruce's is a start.

Jonathan Chapman

Location:

Submitted At: 4:11pm 08-04-20

Hi! I write once again to echo the need for the city to right a wrong in the matter of Bruce's Beach. Of course, any plaque commemorating the history should be updated to correct any inaccuracies. That would, however, be a hollow gesture. A solid action would be to restore title to all persons who were forced to leave Manhattan Beach as a result of what most likely was a cynical act of expropriation. Depend not just on anecdotal information; perform a forensic audit of records.

Monique Bolsajian

Location:

Submitted At: 3:14pm 08-04-20

The Bruce family deserves restitution for the loss of their land, their business, and the civil rights violations committed against them. The City should invite Dr. Alison Rose Jefferson to a Council Meeting to discuss Bruce's Beach, as her expertise is essential to this conversation. This is Manhattan Beach's opportunity to speak out against injustice and commit to an anti-racist future -- we need to take it. It is imperative that the City actively work towards righting MB's past wrongs.

Lola Heffernan

Location:

Submitted At: 3:04pm 08-04-20

Justice must be actively restored. The fact that there has been no remediation for all of these years does not indicate that no action is warranted, but rather that it is incredibly overdue. Reparations accounting for the loss of generational wealth are the only option to properly acknowledge and remedy the injustice MB is responsible for.

Matthew DuMont

Location:

Submitted At: 2:42pm 08-04-20

The city of Manhattan Beach must take action to identify how it can rectify the injustices of the past. Councilmembers like Suzanne Hadley have claimed that this is a settled matter because none of the owners of the Bruce Resort are alive today. The recent LA Times article makes it clear that the injuries sustained by the Bruces are still very much felt by their descendants today. Exploring the truth and reconciling our community's mistakes will make us stronger, not weaker.

Danielle Tyukody

Location:

Submitted At: 2:19pm 08-04-20

I would be proud if MB took action regarding Bruce's Beach. It's clear that some feel this issue was settled long ago, reflecting a tendency to erase the past because it's easier than dealing with the upsetting realities of the situation. The effects of the Bruce's family land being taken away is a trauma most residents of MB don't have to face, but that does not mean that it is not there or that MB should ignore it and shelve the issue until the next national movement. Let's rectify injustice now.

Josh Lesser

Location:

Submitted At: 2:12pm 08-04-20

No matter what is said by Russ Lesser and Mark Burton et al, the discussion around Bruce's Beach cannot be centered on fiscal matters. The land was taken from the Bruces via White Supremacist policies. We cannot undo that. The question now is whether we want to continue to live and govern under White Supremacist policies, or do we today want to take steps to dismantle the bias and bigotry that led to Bruce's Beach in the first place, and, perhaps repay (get it?) those who were harmed,

Alex Davis

Location:

Submitted At: 1:36pm 08-04-20

Please take action on Bruce's Beach. I support the petition calling for the city to take action on this issue. The plaque contains inaccuracies and misrepresentations. This needs to be fixed and the city must take the effort to more raise awareness of this history. Work with Dr. Alison Rose Jefferson, an expert on leisure sites in LA during Jim Crow. The Bruce family should be compensated for what was taken from them and the city should consult

with the family to come to an agreement.

Elizabeth Keller

Location:

Submitted At: 1:34pm 08-04-20

The city must return the land it stole from the Bruce family to its rightful owners, and provide restitution for loss of revenue and monetary damages for violation of their civil rights. The city should also replace the current plaque, which fails to address the full history of Bruce's Beach, and issue a public apology taking responsibility for the theft of the Bruce family land and acknowledge that Manhattan Beach is not only not immune from racism, but also has actively participated in it.

Sarah Keneipp

Location:

Submitted At: 1:31pm 08-04-20

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Zoobia Jilani

Location:

Submitted At: 1:19pm 08-04-20

It is imperative that the city of Manhattan Beach properly and respectfully addresses the racist history of how the Bruce family had their land stolen from them. The idea that this issue was settled when the land remains stolen and no adequate monetary compensation has been granted is extremely disappointing to see. To think that a vague plaque that no one is required to read is enough to rectify harmful racist actions clearly demonstrates a deep ignorance and is the height of arrogance.

Lily Kohler

Location:

Submitted At: 12:43pm 08-04-20

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James Smith

Location:

Submitted At: 12:41pm 08-04-20

As an MB property owner and taxpayer I feel this issue was settled 100 years ago and any attempt to hold present day residents responsible should not be considered.

Natalie Olivares

Location:

Submitted At: 12:24pm 08-04-20

MB's City Council needs to return the land to the Bruce Family and commit to anti-racist work as individuals and collectively. The lack of empathy for Black residents and community members expressed by the council through a continuous delay of conversing with the local anti-racist organizers is appalling. The council also needs to urge Chief Abell to answer anti-racist calls to defund the MBPD with an open attitude, rather than his current approach of ignoring the Black community needs.

Klaude Kimura

Location:

Submitted At: 10:58am 08-04-20

The land known as "Bruce's Beach" is entangled with an uncomfortable past that Manhattan Beach residents must face. This town, which is undoubtedly safe and secure from the ills of the world, need to recognize how this land was taken from the rightful owners along with the support of the KKK. Dr. Alison Rose Jefferson's report on her research should be included in the discussion of the historical context of this land that is enjoyed by many, including myself. Justice for the Bruce Family.

Justin Verbiest

Location:

Submitted At: 10:25am 08-04-20

Manhattan Beach needs to make a change after years of hateful, racist language and actions. This land belongs to the Bruce family, and now is the perfect time for Manhattan Beach to make reparations and take a stand with Black lives. This town undoubtedly has a subtext of racism. After hearing from other Black students in MB about their experiences, after failing to see any actions taken after the 2015 hate crime in the hill section, I feel that the city is LONG overdue to make change.

Carrington Walsh

Location:

Submitted At: 9:24am 08-04-20

Giving the land back to the Bruce Family is essential as Manhattan Beach reckons with their horrific history. White supremacists ran this family off their land and prevented them from ever reclaiming the land. It is highly immoral and this family deserves restitution. Do better, Manhattan Beach.

Kelsey Maloney

Location:

Submitted At: 8:36am 08-04-20

The land was unlawfully taken away from the Bruce family simply because they were Black. The city has not been accountable to the Bruce family. This story is not unique to Manhattan Beach, but we can be unique in our response today to the injustice of 100 years ago, at a time when our nation is grappling with how to respond to demands for racial justice. We can lead by returning the land to the Bruce family. I support the demands of the petition Bruce's Beach: Justice for the Bruce Family".

Sarah Ahmed

Location:

Submitted At: 7:41pm 08-03-20

It is imperative that we give the Bruce family's narrative a place in this upcoming forum. Not only is this an opportunity for our community to differentiate itself from those who shy away or deny their racist histories, it is an optimal time to educate the current residents about Manhattan Beach's part in furthering economic and emotional trauma on Black Americans. It would be a foul oversight to deny their voices in this matter.

Vicky Purvis

Location:

Submitted At: 7:36pm 08-03-20

There were 20 families involved in the case, is the City going to deed all the land back? Pay everyone reparations? There is no end. the full history of BB has been discussed publically by multiple media outlets, what can the CC add? The case is settled and should not be re-opened and the land should not be given back

Edward Gajdicar

Location:

Submitted At: 7:32pm 08-03-20

There was a contract and court case, the issue is closed, we cannot look back at 1920 with a 2020 lens. The museum can make an exhibit. No re-deeding the land back, no reparations.

thomas chang

Location:

Submitted At: 7:27pm 08-03-20

Bringing this up again when it was already discussed in previous CC is a waste of time. Perhaps all the people who care, should form a non profit and raise money and give the money to the Bruce's. The city has at least more important topics to cover, economic recovery, opening schools and residents. No to any reparations and giving the land back

Nicole Andrews

Location:

Submitted At: 7:19pm 08-03-20

The City should not re-deeding Bruce's Beach back to the Bruces nor pay any reparations. The property in question was deeded to the city under eminent domain almost 100 years ago, along with dozens of other properties belonging to people of all races. the Bruces received fair compensation. The issue was litigated and settled in court. We are a country o flaws, and the Bruces should go to court if they want to contest the land.

Andi Svenneby

Location:

Submitted At: 5:20pm 08-03-20

I support the anti-racist movement. The full history of Bruce's Beach needs to be acknowledged publicly, taught through local curriculum, and updated on the plaque. Full restoration of the original property as well as retributions for loss of generational wealth due to the unjust use of eminent domain to take the Bruce's property as well as generational trauma endured by this terrorization needs to be made by the City of Manhattan Beach in taking steps towards healing our racism as a community.

anthony accosta

Location:

Submitted At: 7:50am 08-03-20

A new statue of Willa Bruce next to the revised plaque is a nice compromise. The current plaque fails to give an accurate depiction of events and fails to mention KKK involvement, the harassment that Black visitors faced while enjoying the beach, and the circumstances regarding the eminent domain seizure of the land. City leaders must acknowledge and address the history of Bruce's Beach and the role of the city in seizing and condemning the property.

Mike Michalski

Location:

Submitted At: 6:49am 08-03-20

I am opposed to re-deeding Bruce's Beach back to the Bruces and to the payment of any reparations. My understanding is the property in question was deeded to the city under eminent domain almost 100 years ago, along with dozens of other properties belonging to people of all races. The issue was litigated and settled. If the Bruces, or any other party, think they can revive their settled claim a century later, the courts are always at their disposal.

Gabby Kula

Location:

Submitted At: 7:27pm 08-02-20

I'm in support of further discussion on Bruce's beach. I believe reparations as in order and that we must listen to our Black community when it comes to how this is best done. I also believe this is something that should be taught in our schools as evidence that racism is visible throughout our communities and is not a "far off" topic.

Priya Chatwani

Location:

Submitted At: 5:57pm 08-02-20

I'm writing in support of Councilmember Hersman's call to open debate about Bruce's Beach on the City Council. The City Council needs to address its use of eminent domain to enforce racial segregation in Manhattan Beach as well as the culture that led to it. Claiming we just don't have a problem in Manhattan Beach is false. We need to listen to Black community members and the Bruce family and push for real change.

Jamie Danis

Location:

Submitted At: 5:44pm 08-02-20

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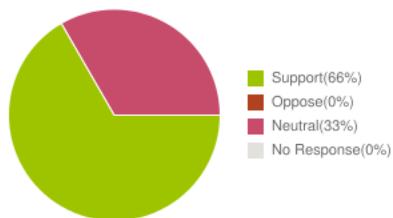
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Submitted At: 3:08pm 08-02-20

Encourage everyone to read "Land Ownership and Occupancy by Negroes in Manhattan Beach, California," By Robert Brigham, Master's thesis, 1956 before forming an opinion. Available at <https://repository.library.fresnostate.edu/handle/10211.3/181688>

Agenda Item: eComments for a) Review of Modifications to Emergency Order No. 13 on Facial Coverings.

Overall Sentiment



Kim Muller

Location:

Submitted At: 4:24pm 08-04-20

Writing tonite to reiterate that the curve is not flat. July cases in MB were up 95% over June, following the local/nat'l trend. 619 residents responded to an UNSCIENTIFIC poll on ND the last 3 days. 39% say they saw 75% wearing masks, 36% said 50% and 11% said 25%.

I've read dozens of comments from people saying they see even less compliance, so clearly enforcement is lacking.

Please enforce this mandate! The City needs to lead!

When can those of us stuck at home go out again

Ann Boreson

Location:

Submitted At: 2:04pm 08-04-20

I would like to discuss our mandatory mask ruling and what has happened to my family due to letting down our guard and not wearing a mask. COVID is real and my family has suffered greatly from our mistake and we are not out of the woods yet. I hope I can give a voice to how serious and contagious this virus is and the importance of a mask for the overall health of our community.

Carole Cooper

Location:

Submitted At: 6:25pm 08-02-20

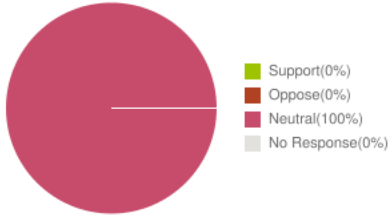
I've seen reports that officers have told adults that they can't cite teenagers sitting around in groups without masks in the civic center "because they're minors." Is this a correct interpretation of the ordinance?

Agenda Item: eComments for 9. 20-0118

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- a) RECEIVE REPORT
- b) ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 20-0031

Overall Sentiment



Lee Phillips

Location:

Submitted At: 9:02am 08-04-20

Thank you George and everyone who has worked to get the homeless to accept shelter especially in the pandemic.