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**From:** Kinninger, April <april.kinninger@lundquist.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 16, 2021 3:14 PM  
**To:** City Clerk  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach Task Force

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Good day,

I am a Manhattan Beach resident, what I understood the Bruce's Beach Task Force task was to "address the beach's accurate history, rewrite the inscription on a plaque at the park, and consider art installations to honor the Bruce family legacy."

That I am supportive of.

I do not support these recommendations:

"Pledging that the city will promote racial equity and become more inclusive;" This infers that MB is not inclusive which I find offensive and believe to be untrue.

"Creating an art installation that could be educational, interactive, contemplative and more;" This is very vague, and I would want to understand the costs involved, and how to avert potential vandalism.

"Keeping the task force on as a permanent advisory panel to the City Council and expanding its mission;" I find this task force to be quite polarizing and do not support it in a permanent manner.

Thank you, april kinninger

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**To:** robertbush @dslextre.me.com  
**Cc:** robertbush @dslextre.me.com; Steve Napolitano; Richard Montgomery; Suzanne Hadley; Hildy Stern; Joe Franklin; Bruce Moe; Quinn Barrow; List - City Council; mmatthews; jfenton; speel; cgraves; jfenton; jboxer; jcochran  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] masks

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Seven ways to make your COVID-19 mask more effective with a better fit

by Robert Bush

L. A. Times Feb. 14, 2021

**The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention this week offered new tips on how to make your mask more effective to protect against the spread of the coronavirus. The key, scientists said in a [report](#) Wednesday, is to make the masks fit better.**

**Using a loose medical procedure mask or only a cloth mask blocked only about 40% of particles from a simulated cough in tests. But [tighter-fitting masks](#) have the potential to reduce exposure to potentially infectious particles by more than 90%, the CDC said.**

**“Wearing any type of mask performs significantly better than not wearing a mask. And well-fitting masks provided the greatest performance,” said Dr. Rochelle Walensky, the CDC’s director.**

**Universal mask wearing is seen as critical to keeping the spread of the coronavirus on a downward trend. More than 1,000 Americans a day are still dying from COVID-19, Walensky said.**

A [report](#) published by the CDC found that states that have imposed mask orders have seen declines in the growth of COVID-19-associated hospitalizations.

“The science is clear. Everyone needs to be wearing a mask when they are in public or when they are in their own home but with people who do not live in their household,” Walensky said. “This is especially true with our ongoing concern about new [variants](#) spreading in the United States.”

It’s important, experts say, because even with the rollout of vaccines, masks will be around for a while. Dr. Anthony Fauci, the nation’s top infectious disease expert, says people will need to wear masks “for several, several months.”

Here are [some ways](#) to improve your mask-wearing strategy:

A regular blue medical mask often has a side gap. To improve the performance of a mask, officials suggest placing a tight-fitting cloth mask over the paper mask.

### 1. DOUBLE MASK

One way to improve masking is to first put on a paper mask — commonly known as a blue surgical mask — and then put on a tight-fitting cloth mask over that, Los Angeles County Public Health Director Barbara Ferrer said this week.

The second mask will cover big gaps that can occur with a paper mask, allowing air to leak around the sides.

Another option is to use a cloth mask that has multiple layers of fabric, according to the CDC.

## **2. CHOOSE A MASK WITH A NOSE WIRE**

**A nose wire is a metal strip at the top of a mask that can be molded to fit the bridge of your nose to prevent air from leaking out the top.**

## **3. USE A 'MASK FITTER' OR 'BRACE'**

**There are new devices you can buy that can be placed over a disposable or cloth mask to prevent air from leaking around the edges of the mask.**

## **4. CHECK FOR A SNUG FIT**

**Try to make sure air doesn't flow from the area near your eyes or from the mask's sides.**

**“If the mask has a good fit, you will feel warm air come through the front of the mask and may be able to see the mask material move in and out with each breath,” the CDC says.**

## **5. KNOT AND TUCK THE EAR LOOPS**

**Knotting the ear loops of a face mask at the mask's edge, and folding and tucking excess mask material under the edges, can help improve the fit.**

## **6. DON'T COMBINE A KN95 OR AN N95 WITH ANOTHER MASK**

**Use only one KN95 mask at a time.**

**CDC officials say KN95s as well as traditional N95s are intended to be used on their own. Adding extra masks underneath or on top of them “could not only affect how well they fit the face and decrease their effectiveness, but could increase the effort needed to breathe through them,” the CDC said in an email to The Times.**

**“Masks that are not comfortable may not be worn by people as long as they are needed. It’s important for consumers to find a mask that fits well but that also is comfortable enough that they can wear it for prolonged periods, if needed,” the agency said.**

**The CDC suggests [not using N95 masks](#) that are intended for healthcare workers, saying they [“should be reserved](#) for healthcare workers and other medical first responders to prevent supply shortages.”**

**Joseph Allen, assistant professor at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, [said on Twitter](#) that he would rank a KF94 mask — constructed to a South Korean specification — over a KN95 mask, which is built to a Chinese specification.**

**Allen told [WGBH-TV](#) that he’s concerned that some KN95s are counterfeit, and instead of offering 95% efficiency, they offer 25% efficiency. In contrast, he hasn’t seen reports of counterfeit KF94 masks. KF94s also come in smaller and medium sizes, which may be especially helpful for people who want the protection of an N95 mask but find it’s too big.**

**“N95 is not that good if the fit is poor,” Allen told KCBS-AM, a [radio station](#) in San Francisco. By contrast, “KF94s are comfortable, 94% effective... I’ve bought a couple myself, I really like wearing them. I find them to be really quite comfortable.”**

**Still, even common blue surgical masks supply significant protection. If everyone in a room was wearing a blue surgical mask, which captures 70% of respiratory particles, the combined impact results in 91% efficiency, he [tweeted](#).**

#### **7. DON’T COMBINE TWO DISPOSABLE MASKS**

**“Disposable masks are not designed to fit tightly, and wearing more than one will not improve fit,” the CDC says.**

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**From:** vicky.purvis@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 17, 2021 11:01 AM  
**To:** Steve Napolitano; Hildy Stern  
**Cc:** List - City Council; City Manager  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] BB Task Force: Sub committees

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I watched the CC meeting last night and did not quite understand something.

I understood that the CC tasked the task force with art, accurate history and plaque.

How did the task force end up with art, history and resolution of apology?

It would seem the task force, somehow is making independent decisions.

I hope one of you will explain how the subcommittees match up with what the CC directed.

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**From:** cynthia palm <galcapale11@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 17, 2021 10:50 AM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Downtown Manhattan Beach Dining Road Closure

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Good Morning.

I wanted to let you know that I think the handling of the outdoor dining challenge during Covid has been great. Straddling the line of supporting local business and following safety guidelines certainly has not been easy.

I myself only ate outside this past weekend for Valentines day. It was a terrific experience. I respect individual choice when it comes to his matter but I believe it is appropriate to provide options for our local business owners and residents.

ALL THAT BEING SAID, and because I really truly love our community, I wanted to write because I saw the Patch article this morning about extending the road closure for another week. I support this. AND I wanted to just throw something out.

- 1) Outdoor dining the way we have handled it has made our downtown BETTER in my opinion.
- 2) I would like to see something like this be a permanent fixture in our community.

The question is HOW can we do this in a creative and positive way and make a mark on how innovative and flexible we are as a city.....so I wanted to share this. I am sure you have all seen these before in European cities where they have had to get innovative on space.

These Pylons retract into the street allowing for driving and traffic. They then come up, when it is time for pedestrian only traffic. On one trip in Nice, the entire plaza turns into a pedestrian only outdoor dining space in the evenings, where in the day, it had been a standard bustling thoroughfare.



Also, they can be pushed down by law enforcement and emergency personnel as needed to get vehicles through (not sure how, maybe some sort of an override code). I just wonder if it is time for us to consider something like this? It could work wonders in our town in my opinion and create a wonderful experience while also reinforcing earth friendly and healthy habits. Park outside the city core and walk a block or two. Potentially, arrangements for additional parking could be made with curing certain hours with BANKS, MARKETS, etc.

This could also serve to assist in many community events from Lighting the Pier, to Open House, Holiday Fireworks, Little League Parades up to and including Hometown Fair etc.

Anyway, something to think about.....

Have a good day!

Cindy Palm



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**From:** DeDe Tran <dededavis@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 17, 2021 10:36 AM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Get Bruce's Beach Task force back on Task

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Dear Council Members,

I have reviewed the proposed resolution put forth by the Bruce's Beach Task Force and I do not agree with it or support it.

I ask the City Council to direct the Task Force to return to it's original direction to report on the factual history of the area and recommend a piece of art and a plaque.

I was raised in this City and am currently raising my young family here as well. As an almost 40 year resident, I do not agree with the resolution and hope the council will not support it.

Thank you,  
DeDe Tran  
MB Resident

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**From:** Heather K. <heathergothitched@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 17, 2021 12:22 AM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Clarification about Bruce's Beach Task Force Sub-committees

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Hi Councilman Napolitano,

I was confused about the 3 subcommittees... Councilman Franklin asked if it was History, Art Piece, and Plaque, (which is what I remember from many months ago when this all started) but you were quick to nod your head no and deflect and not answer his questions so now I'm just curious what is actually the task of each subcommittee? Has it changed recently?

I can't imagine the stress of trying to reel in so many differing opinions and getting everyone to stay laser-focused on the task at hand! I only have 4 kids and it feels like herding cats most days!

Love always,  
Heather Kim

P.S. Thank you to Mayor Hadley and Councilmen Franklin and Montgomery, for displaying our Kids Need Classrooms Yard Signs! Your support means so much to us parents and shows you really care about our message. (Although the one displayed at City Hall could've been positioned a bit better 😊) Please continue to fight for our children!!!

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**From:** Heidi Rayden <heidirayden@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 17, 2021 12:05 AM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] BBTF Sub Committees

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Dear Council,

Regarding this evening's CC meeting : Since Steve failed to answer / clarify Joe Franklin's direct question...  
"are the three sub committees tasked with the CC charge of 1)history 2)rewriting plaque & 3) art ?

I'll answer it for him .... in the BBTF 10/27 meeting T.C 52:10 Steve & then Hildy established the sub committees as the following 1)plaque 2)art piece 3) ROA \*Not included in CC original charge & 3) Forums.

Consequently the ROA proposal & redress should not be accepted by CC for consideration as it was not included in the original charge.

Additionally , the ROA & it's controversial redress demands are not "NextDoor" gossip as Richard "form" responds to everyone.

The last BBTF meeting on 01/25 presented a nearly finished proposal of the ROA.

Regards,  
Heidi Tobias

PS but I'm glad we could solve leaf blower concerns because that is such a determinet to quality of life unlike the real crime increase we are experiencing in MB.

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

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**From:** CharJarHar <charjarhar@verizon.net>  
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**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] CC mtg clarification

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Hello all,  
Great meeting  
Thank you for your untiring service

I heard councilmember Joe ask Steve what the BBTF subcommittees were but I didn't hear an answer He specifically asked if they were History, Art Piece and Plaque

Steve, what are they? Hopefully they are a subset of the 3 tasks

Steve/Hildy, was someone dropped and if so, which alternate moves up?

Sincerely  
Charlene Harding

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**From:** Natalie Umof <natalieumof@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 16, 2021 10:30 PM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Bruce Beach Task Force

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As a first generation Mexican woman I am extremely concerned about the direction of the Bruce's Beach Task Force and how it paints the picture that Manhattan Beach is racist.

I have never experienced racism here in our beautiful city and chose to work extremely hard to purchase a home here with my husband so that we may raise our daughter in a welcoming and SAFE city.

I have lived in areas of Los Angeles where there is discrimination and have never felt that in the 10 years that I have worked and lived in the city.

The members of the task force DO NOT represent all of the homeowners of the city of Manhattan Beach. Their proposal of returning the land to the former property owners is preposterous and will exclude ALL members and citizens of the city from enjoying the beautiful space that is known as Bruce's Beach. Does the history of the area need to be taught? Yes. However, the city and its current homeowners did NOT displace the family. Eminent domain is not limited to Manhattan Beach, it was happening all around the state at that time. Does that make it ok? Absolutely not. Yet the land was not stolen from them, they were paid for it. Isn't taking the land away from the public just as bad as taking it away from the family? Now it would be taken away from ALL who enjoy the beach area (no matter their race or where they live!).

In addition building low income housing along the beach is not something that should be up to the Task Force. This is beyond their scope and should be voted on by the city as bringing in low income / very low income housing will decrease property values, increase segregation and likely increase crime rates.

As a concerned Manhattan Beach resident I know this city to be one of inclusion and compassion and believe this Task Force is acting beyond its scope and generating segregation within our beautiful city.

Natalie Umof

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**From:** Rory O <captainowow@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 16, 2021 7:14 PM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] You need to listen to non-koolaid drinkers

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Wow, I am appalled at city council considerations. You've been listening to indoctrinated BLMr's too much. Here, as much as you want us to listen or view your input, it's time you should listen to a Black intellectual in our 20-21st centuries, Thomas Sowell. I feel some education is required in order for many to see gaps in their decision making.

[Thomas Sowell](#)



### Thomas Sowell

Thomas Sowell (/soʊl/; born June 30, 1930) is an American economist, social theorist, and senior fellow at Stanf...

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**Thomas Sowell on the Legacy of Slavery**

He is brilliant and because he is unbiased, his information is very enlightening.

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**From:** Patricia Lane <patricialane213@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 16, 2021 6:02 PM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Manhattan Beach is NOT a RACIST Community

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Dear City Council Members,

One question, “What is happening in our City?????”.

(Aren’t there other much pressing matters to focus on right now, like getting our schools open.

So many children are dying, committing suicide!)

I have lived here since 1986, and my husband moved here way before that.

I am just flabbergasted that we are being called a Racist Community!

Is this really serious? I cannot believe it.

My goodness! How insulting.

Manhattan Beach is a beautiful, caring, inclusive community.

In all the years I’ve lived here, I have never felt that it was racist.

What I find incredible are all these demands for reparations.

My family lost everything during the Bolshevik Revolution in Russia, and

then again when Mao Tse Tung took over in China, and I mean, they

lost EVERYTHING, and had to leave with the clothes on their back. My

family never whined for ‘reparations’ or ‘restitution’, and there were

millions

of other families like my own that went through the same thing. Should

we all start demanding back everything we lost too?

I’ll leave it at that.

Patricia Lane



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**From:** Heidi Rayden <heidirayden@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 16, 2021 5:43 PM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] BBTF Resident Concerns

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Dear Council,

I am writing to express concern regarding the unauthorized expanded scope of the BBTF, the lack of civility by some members towards each other, inaccurate offensive comments made by TF members regarding our city & the residents who reside here , the redress section of the ROA (which reads like a hard left wing agenda furthering anti police sentiment rather than a balanced document) and lastly I write with concerns over the line item "costs" associated with the redress proposals in addition to the logic of a homeless shelter ( I mean "transitional" housing) placed in the middle of the most expensive real estate in the South Bay.

The task force was reminded repeatedly of their charge which the entire council stated on Sept.1. Steve repeatedly reminded the TF of the charge in their meeting (10/27 Time Code 28:56 & 37:43) in the same meeting Mike Jenkins (T.C 48:20) informs the group that "council may have a restricted version / idea of what we want to do here, we want a deeper dive". Same sentiment from Anthony Lee at (TC 35:51) This sentiment continues throughout all meetings. Fast forward to 01/25 (TC 2:39) Mike Jenkins states .."Frankly I'm not even sure exactly what that is" (regarding the CC charge) & Steve again states to the group the charge in great detail. Perhaps some of the confusion is from this moment in the 11/23 meeting TC 23:18 when Hildy states "we don't know what our project is"....

Regarding lack of civility , plenty on display here in both January meetings. A lawyer belittling the historian over her facts so line items in the redress stay, members attacking other members not being black enough to serve on the arts commission & non stop unprofessional interruptions. Thus CC has "decorum for the BBTF as an agenda item tonight.

Offensive comments. Anthony Lee non stop stating MB is racist every way imaginable, another member stating that POC are "persecuted" when they come here & the most offensive comment 01/14 (TC 1:15) " residents don't even like black neighbors with money". There is no such racism & judgment in my neighborhood or in the city. This is irresponsible and a mischaracterization to paint an entire city along with our MBPD as racist when they are not.

The redress section of the ROA speaks for itself. Again falsely painting residents as racist, our MBPD to be monitored by DEIC ,a two day REI training for \$11k (at a time when the city cannot afford garbage bags in our public bins or poop bags for public use) And I'll save the best for last, the proposal of homeless shelter spearheaded by the land use lawyer who doesn't even realize city parks have signs on them 01/14 Meeting (TC 2:13). For anyone who wants to see how a homeless shelter (in the middle of a residential area) impacts a neighborhood, take a field trip to Venice (Main Street & Rose Ave.) where Venice CC did just that. Is this the vision of diversity sought for MB?

The constant attack that MB is not diverse due to racism is false. Anyone is welcome to live here if they can afford to. Furthermore, our town & beaches are always filled with people of all races, colors & ethnicities & this is a beautiful thing.

Thank you  
Heidi Tobias  
Tree Section Resident