

Alexandria Latragna

From: Lindsey Fox <lindseywfox@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 12, 2021 1:46 PM
To: Anthony Lee
Cc: Isla Garraway; Kristin L. Drew; Tyler St Bernard; Alexandria Latragna
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: History Panels and installation

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Hi Anthony,

FYI, any emails you send to us about the plaque or the history are subject to the Brown Act and part of public comment. I have cced Alexandria on this email so she can answer any questions about how that works.

Best,
Lindsey

On Apr 12, 2021, at 10:56 AM, Anthony A. Lee <member1700@gmail.com> wrote:

Actually, Isla, I did not realize that the history committee is going to be meeting tonight. I will not be able to attend on Zoom, but I hope you will tell me about it. I will not be able to give anything to Allie today to post for your meeting. Sorry.

I will look at the spreadsheet. But I would still like to get a copy of Kristin's earlier draft for the plaque. That is, unless she thinks that draft is no longer accurate and has been superceded by new research.

There was a long segment on Bruce's Beach on Good Morning LA, on Chanell 11 this morning. Did you see it? It is probably up on the internet somewhere. Janice Hahn and Duane Shepard spoke for some time. Manhattan Beach came out looking very bad. This has become a big national story. So your work is very delicate and can blow up at any time.

So, I would recommend at your meeting that the committee go back to the City Council to ask for funds to hire Dr. Jefferson as an expert consultant for the history panels. Her participation is needed to insure the credibility, accuracy, and authority of the history text. Otherwise, you run the risk of, that is, I can almost guarantee that the history on the panels will be attacked by the Bruce family as a white narrative. That is unnecessary and entirely avoidable.

Anyway, I will do what I can to help. But I am not the one you need to be working with here.

Concerning the Brown Act, it doesn't affect me, since I am just a private citizen at this point. So, I feel free to write to you all without restriction. I hope that is OK with you.

Warmest,
Anthony

On Mon, Apr 12, 2021 at 7:05 AM Garraway, Isla <IGarraway@mednet.ucla.edu> wrote:

Hi Anthony,

A spreadsheet of the facts, annotated with sources and photos should be posted. Please use that spreadsheet to consider what should be on the panels. We will be discussing at tonight's meeting. When you compose language, we can submit to Allie to post and integrate with our proposals. Seems like this would be the best workflow given our communication limitations with the Brown Act.

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 11, 2021, at 6:46 PM, Anthony A. Lee <member1700@gmail.com> wrote:

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Dear Isla and Kristin:

I have been thinking about the history panels that your committee is supposed to put together in place of a plaque. I am happy to help you in any way I can. I am attaching Anthony Bruce's statement, which is lightly edited and abridged. He sent it specifically to use on the history panels. I have not heard from him lately. But he has not withdrawn his statement, so I believe you are free to use it. It should certainly be on the panels somewhere.

I can do a rough draft of language for the panels based on the sources available and the research of your committee. This should be a short text that will include the basic facts, but which must engage the public, meaning tourists and passers-by. Also include whatever photos are available, three or four of them. Brevity and engagement are the important issues.

Anyway, can you send me a copy of the draft for the plaque that Kristin wrote up a few weeks ago. The Final Report committee did not think it was appropriate. But that will give me some place to start on a rough draft.

OK, thanks. I hope the members of your committee have found some way to collaborate and communicate, despite the Brown Act.

Regards,
Anthony

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From: Lindsey Fox <lindseywfox@gmail.com>
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Bruce's Beach Apology
Attachments: City and US Racism Apologies.docx; ATT00001.htm

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dDear Team:

A friend of mine who lives in Manhattan Beach received this copy of an excellent letter that was sent to the City Council. The attachment contains some good information. She did not know who wrote the letter.

Anthony

Subject: Bruce's Beach Apology

Dear Mayor Hadley and City Council Members,

As a resident of Manhattan Beach, I continue to be concerned about the reputation and safety of the community where I live and plan to retire. I thoroughly enjoy all our community has to offer, especially my walks on the beach.

When the City Council met on March 16th to discuss the Bruce's Beach Task Force, it was a long and painful meeting. The cries of "we're not racist" coming from our white community members quite frankly screamed of White Fragility to me (for a good understanding of "White Fragility," I recommend reading Robin DiAngelo's book of the same title). Hearing that we are an "inclusive" community as long as you can afford to live here was an appalling statement and seems to miss the point. We are a tourist town, like it or not, and people from all over the country and the world come to visit our community. People need to feel safe visiting Manhattan Beach, whatever their race. As the media continues to publicize our racist past (Bruce's Beach) and even recent racist incidents, eyes will continue to be on our response to that as a community, and this will govern who decides to visit or live here.

While the Council voted to disband the Task Force, calling its work complete, the Council rejected the creation of any kind of diversity and inclusion committee and the question of an apology was deferred to a later meeting. I am writing today to urge the City Council to **vote in favor of Manhattan Beach issuing an apology**. An apology is not a statement of whether or not Manhattan Beach is a racist town. It is a means of stating that we, as a community and you, as Mayor and City Council Members, are SORRY for what happened in our town 100 years ago. It signals that we, as a community, do not support this type of action in our town, because we aim to be inclusive. I know some believe an "acknowledgment" is adequate, but that feels to me like a Nazi leader saying "I was only following orders...It wasn't me...." or "I didn't do it, it was before my time." Acknowledgment without apology insults me and will be offensive to many others. I even worry that it could lead to a rise in violence against our community. The optics of a failure to apologize will not provide good marketing for our charming beach enclave.

For your reference, to ensure that we would not be asking Manhattan Beach to venture into uncharted territory, I did some research on cities and towns that have issued apologies. Some of these include the Cities of Burbank, CA; Tampa, Florida; Austin, TX, Spartanburg, SC; Greensboro, NC; and Charlotte, NC. As you know, some of these latter cities are in former confederate states. I mention that only for perspective. If a City in a state that fought against the abolishment of slavery can issue an apology for it's racist past, we certainly can AND SHOULD do the same. (Links attached)

I stand with many who do not want to hang their heads in shame because we live in a racist community. Failing to acknowledge and apologize for our past will label us as racist. Please vote in support of a Bruce's Beach apology,

If the Council wishes to hear speakers at the meeting when the vote takes place, I would be happy to provide a concise statement in favor of an apology.

Tampa City Council issues apology for city's racist past:

<https://www.tampabay.com/news/tampa/2020/09/03/tampa-city-council-member-calls-for-racial-apology-reconciliation/>

Greensboro, NC City Council issues apology for violent police racist act in Greensboro Massacre in 1979

Edinburgh City Council apologies for racism: <https://www.scotsman.com/education/council-leaders-apologies-for-racism-experienced-by-pupils-in-edinburgh-schools-3162526>

City of Nova Scotia apology for past racist abuse against children in a "colored school"

Austin City Council formally apologizes for systemic racism: <https://www.kut.org/austin/2021-03-04/city-council-apologizes-for-austins-systemic-racism-vows-to-invest-in-a-black-embassy>

Spartanburg, SC City Council apology for systemic racism: <https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/spartanburg-s-c-city-council-apologizes-to-african-american-residents-for-past-systemic-racism/ar-BB19y3h9>

Charlotte, NC Mayor apologies for City's racism: <https://www.wbtv.com/2020/08/15/charlottes-mayor-apologized-citys-role-systemic-racism-what-comes-next/>

City of Burbank apology for racism: <https://www.wbtv.com/2020/08/15/charlottes-mayor-apologized-citys-role-systemic-racism-what-comes-next/>

City of Vancouver apology for racism: <https://vancouver.sun.com/news/local-news/city-of-vancouver-formally-apologizes-for-komagata-maru-racism>

Five Times the U.S. has issued apologies: <https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/five-times-united-states-officially-apologized-180959254/>

US House Resolution 194 acknowledging and condemning slavery/our racist past:

<https://www.govtrack.us/congress/bills/110/hres194/text>

Kansas City Star apologies for racism: <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/12/21/us/kansas-city-star-apology.html>

LA Times Apology for biased reporting: <https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2020-09-27/los-angeles-times-apology-racism>

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From: Lindsey Fox <lindseywfox@gmail.com>
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Subject: Bruce's Beach Task Force

Dear History Committee:

Of course, the Task Force is dissolved. But the History Committee as still function for a short time.

I spoke to Allison Hales today. She was quite upset to learn from the City Attorney that she will not be allowed to return to the History Committee. I was disappointed to hear that, since I thought we had put the whole earlier episode behind us. It is not helpful to have this division continue.

Before the Task Force was disbanded, the Forum sub-committee had discussed this problem and agreed that the solidarity of the Task Force was essential if we were to achieve anything. Therefore, we agreed to ask Allison to join our group. We informed the co-chairs of this. Of course, that is no longer possible.

I am appealing to you, therefore, to take a similar course as the history committee in the interest of unity. You should consult and agree to ask that Allison be reinstated to your committee. If this is not possible, then you should ask her to join your meetings as a consultant to produce your final products--the design and wording of the history marker and the history report on the website.

I think that it is extremely destructive to have this division continue on your committee and on the now defunct Task Force. It serves no purpose and continues to cause pain and anxiety for many, including me.

As I have said before, I am happy to meet with your committee at any time to discuss any aspect of your work.

With warm regards,
Anthony

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Cc: Alexandria Latragna <alatragna@citymb.info>, klongs@gmail.com
Subject: Re: History Report and Exhibit Wording Suggestions from Anthony

Thank you very much, Isla. I enjoyed having a chance to speak to you and Kristin about some specific issue on the history of Bruce's Beach. I am happy to do it again, if you think it would be helpful. I am happy that you posted some of the things we discussed.

Concerning the general condition of the park, my point was that Brigham's eyewitness account of the park as barren, neglected, and unused is the best evidence you can find. It is more important than the documentary evidence, whatever it may be. Whatever the documents may seem to imply on paper about the condition of the park, Brigham saw it and reported on it. Unless there are contradictory reports saying that the park was green and cared for and in use, Brigham's testimony is final. This is the historical principle of best evidence.

My point about the transfer of the lot to the Bruces for \$10, is that this is not a sale but rather a gift. So the question arises as

to why someone would do that. The probably reason was that someone was paying taxes on the lot, or owed taxes in arrears, and had no plans to develop it. They just wanted to get rid of it, probably to avoid the taxes. Of course, that can be easily confirmed by looking at the tax records.

Concerning the KKK, there is no reason to bend over backwards to speculate that the Klan may not have functioned in Manhattan Beach in the 1920s. There is overwhelming evidence that it did, including cross-burning, newspaper reports, leafleting at the beach, and so on. You are never going to find minutes of Klan meetings, of course. But the evidence is clear.

I understand why the committee is being super-careful and super-skeptical about the evidence for racist motivations of some of the white folks in Manhattan Beach during the 1920s, but at some point this becomes a bit gamey. I know that there are conservative attacks on your research. But your reticence to read the clear evidence can become offensive to the black community. Racism was, after all, the norm in the early years of the 20th century, and there is no need to pretend that it was any different in Manhattan Beach.

Concerning the "fair price" that Willa Bruce was reported by one newspaper to have been willing to sell her beachfront property for, the point is that may have been a facetious comment. Or just a sarcastic remark. Since the Bruces would ask a price of \$120,000 in their lawsuit immediately afterwards, which was outrageously exorbitant, we can conclude that they were unwilling to sell their land to anyone. And we can conclude this with high confidence.

Further, the suggestion that Peck was unaware of the No Trespassing signs and other barriers that were erected adjacent

to his beach property to prevent black people from having easy access to the beach simply beggars reason. Manhattan Beach was a very small town at that time, and Peck was a civic leader aware of all the goings on. If he did not instigate the barriers himself, he was most certainly aware of them and did nothing to prevent or protest their being there.

I am sure there is lots more. But let me end here by congratulating your committee on the tremendous amount of work you have done that has become so important. This is difficult, tedious, and often thankless research. Your committee has pursued it tirelessly for months. Certainly you should be commended. Thank you so much.

Warm regards,
Anthony A. Lee

On Mon, Apr 5, 2021 at 2:13 PM Garraway, Isla <IGarraway@mednet.ucla.edu> wrote:
Dear Anthony,

Thanking for taking the time for a rigorous discussion yesterday about the history report and sharing your ideas for the exhibits for which we are tasked with composing new wording. It was great to discuss annotating interviews from eyewitnesses that may not require as much corroboration as those provided by further removed individuals. I am summarizing our discussion for Allie to post in public comments.

1. **Racist Harassment:** Activity reminiscent of KKK tactics (air let out of tires, mattress burning, homes set aflame, cross burning) recounted in interviews in Brigham's thesis can be corroborated by independent news articles published in the late 20s/early 30s, indicating that the KKK was active (or, at the very least, KKK-like activities were happening) in Manhattan Beach, in addition to the other incidents documented across the South Bay.
2. **Mrs. Bruce's desired price to sell her resort:** It is well documented that the Bruce's did not want to sell their resort and leave Manhattan Beach. In the lawsuit against the city for the eminent domain proceedings, the amount Mrs. Bruce was seeking for her property + damages was reported as \$120,000 in Brigham's thesis. We have a copy of the complaint, but it is poor quality so we cannot verify this amount is correct. However, we plan to view the microfilm, when it accessible, to verify this number. This is a pending task, but we are highly confident that this info will be verified with the original source document.
3. **Park Development:** Brigham provided a personal, firsthand, eyewitness account of the vacant, barren site he was accustomed to seeing with a photo in his thesis. We know

that the park was extensively landscaped in 1956, but we also found reports of development between 1929-1956. In March 1933, the Manhattan Beach News and Los Angeles times reported that the city had commissioned plans for the proposed "Beach Front Park" and requested funding from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to pay for equipment and workers. By August 1933, the MB News reported progress on this park, but it was still "pending further development". In the late 1940s, major infrastructure developments occurred that may have resulted in the landscape that Brigham observed in the 1950s. When we have access to newspapers and complete records, we will be able to provide more evidence whether the park was re-landscaped, properly landscaped or finally landscaped in 1956.

Other info that we are attempting to verify with original source documents include:

1. Comparable sales for oceanfront property South of 27th street where the Bruce's bought their first lot. We would like to verify that the report in the LA Times piece from 1912 was accurate that the Bruce's paid " a high price" for their lot.
2. Evidence of the "All are Welcome" sign that was reportedly featured at the resort (interview with Lonnie Bunch).
3. Further research into potential tax liabilities by sellers on the adjacent property that the Bruce's acquired for \$10 to better understand the pricing of that lot.

As far as the panels and wording for the new exhibits, we appreciate your input that we should consider:

1. Including pictures in the timeline of events
2. Limiting the context of racial discrimination that was occurring in most suburban areas across the country at the time to just a few sentences.

We hope that you will be able to continue to provide suggestions and feedback about the wording.

Isla and Kristin

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Date: Tue, Apr 6, 2021 at 5:34 AM
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FYI...

Just 3% of L.A. landmarks are linked to Black history. One project aims to change that
The Getty Conservation Institute and the city are embarking on a three-year project to preserve landmarks that represent Black heritage across L.A.

Read in Los Angeles Times: <https://apple.news/AqQ0LzrXxRXu45AI32yrmdw>

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Pardon the brevity of this message. Sent from my iPad

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From: Lindsey Fox <lindseywfox@gmail.com>
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Dear History Committee:

I suppose you have seen this announcement. Janice Hahn is going to hold a major news conference at Bruce's Beach tomorrow. I am certain that it will make national news. She is widely rumored to be planning to return the Bruce land back to the Bruce family and then somehow have the country lease it back from them. Maybe. We shall see.

I suppose you have also seen the banner headline in today's Beach Reporter concerning the City Council's "acknowledgement." Clearly, that has not resolved the matter.

Concerning the history, I am happy to meet with members of your committee again anytime.

Concerning the wording on the history panels to replace the plaque, I can get back to you with some proposals. The important thing to understand is that the panels will be for the benefit of tourists and passers-by. It cannot be a history of Bruce's Beach or pretend to be a history of Bruce's Beach. It is rather intended to honor and memorialize the residence of the area who were forced out and to raise awareness of what was done.

Therefore, the length and tone of the panels should be closer to a newspaper article than to a full history. The language should be simple and engaging, the facts should be basic, and there should be pictures and illustrations. It should be something that people can read in five or ten minutes, and something they will enjoy reading.

In addition, part of Anthony Bruce's statement should be included to honor his family and memorialize their loss. This should be set of in a separate section.

Anyway, I am still thinking about it. I will get back to you as soon as I can.

Best wishes,
Anthony

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Date: Thu, Apr 8, 2021 at 9:59 AM

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To: Inclusion Committee <inclusioncommittee@manhattanbeachchamber.com>

Cc: Allison Hales <allyhales@icloud.com>, Anthony A. Lee <member1700@gmail.com>

Hello Again,

Below is the media advisory for the BIG Bruce's Beach announcement tomorrow at 10 am AT BRUCE'S BEACH.

If you plan to attend, I would arrive at least 15 minutes early.



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Good Morning all,

Please see the advisory that went out for the press conference tomorrow. Thanks!

-Jennifer



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April 7, 2021

Contact: Liz Odendahl, Supervisor's Communications Director
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Major Announcement to be Made Regarding Bruce's Beach

Manhattan Beach, CA-- On Friday April 9, LA County Supervisor Janice Hahn, California State Senator Steve Bradford, and a number of prominent local officials will hold a press conference to make a major announcement regarding the LA County beachfront property once owned by Willa and Charles Bruce.

In 1912, a young Black couple named Willa and Charles Bruce purchased beachfront property in Manhattan Beach and built a beautiful beach resort that served Black residents. It was one of the few beaches where Black residents could go because so many other local beaches did not permit Black beachgoers. The Bruce's and their customers were harassed and threatened by white neighbors including the KKK. Eventually, the Manhattan Beach City Council moved to seize the property using eminent domain, purportedly to create a park. The Council took the property in 1929 and it remained empty for many years.

The property the Bruce's once owned was years later transferred to the State and in 1995 transferred to Los Angeles County. It is now the site of the Los Angeles County Lifeguard Training Headquarters.

LA County Supervisor Janice Hahn has recognized the opportunity the County has to begin to right the wrongs of the past and bring some justice to Charles and Willa Bruce's descendants. She has been meeting with the family and has stated her intention to work to return the land to them.

Friday's announcement will be a step toward achieving that goal.

When: Friday, April 9, 2021 at 10 am

Where: 2600 The Strand, Manhattan Beach CA **Be advised to arrive early because parking is limited**

Who: LA County Supervisor Janice Hahn

CA State Senator Steve Bradford

LA County Supervisor Holly Mitchell

CA State Assemblyman Al Muratsuchi

Chief Duane Yellowfeather Shepard -- Representative of the Bruce Family

Kavon Ward, Founder of Justice for Bruce's Beach

Dr. D'Artagnan Scorza, Director of the LA County Anti-racism, Diversity and Inclusion Initiative

And More

Press should RSVP to Liz Odendahl, Communications Director for Supervisor Janice Hahn via email at lodendahl@bos.lacounty.gov.

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Subject: Fwd: Disbanded Task Force Update

Dear History Committee:

I just sent the e-mail below to the disbanded Task Force. You may want to see it too. There was a lot of history told at the press conference. You might wish to review it.

One important thing, the Bruce family is mightily offended by references to "Willie" Bruce. The family knows her by "Willa" and that is the name she used toward the end of her life. That is the name they knew her by. They regard "Willie" as a slave name and an insult. So you should abandon all references to Mrs. Bruce as "Willie" immediately.

Also, Duane Shepard seems to regard himself as the keeper of the Bruce family history. You should certainly reach out to him to get his input on the history report. If he has objections to the report, you should hear them.

Also, the County Fire Chief, who is black, recounted an important piece of oral history during the press conference. You should include his anecdote in the history report.

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Dear Team:

I was able to attend Janet Hahn's press conference this morning. It was quite an event. It seemed that there were over 100 people there. Lots of press, including international press. It was reported on the 11:00 am news on Channel 9 KCAL. And I am sure on other local news stations.

Janice Hahn announced that she is going to give the Bruce land back to the Bruce family. There will have to be some State laws passed to accomplish that. But Al Muratuchi, our rep in the state Assembly was there, and he seemed to think there would be no problem with tha. So the land is going to be returned.

It was a fun press conference. You can watch a recording of it here <https://www.facebook.com/justiceforbrucesbeach/videos/234369098430088>

The City government looked really bad.. There were a number of speakers, including Janice Hahn, Al Muratuchi, Mitch Ward, Kavon Ward, Duane Shepard, and a number of county

officials. Several of them denounced the City's recent "acknowledgement" and called for a full apology, including Janice Hahn. So if the Council thinks they have resolved anything, they are wrong.

By the way, Hildy Stern was thanked and cheered three or four times by the speakers and the crowd for her strong stance on the Council. She is well liked.

Anyway, I met a number of these folks, including Hahn. I confirmed with Mitch Ward that we will see him on the 19th. Kavon and Duane were very friendly. I told Hahn that the Task Force is still meeting, something she didn't know. I meet Kelly from the Chamber of Commerce for the first time in person. So it was a productive meeting.

Just letting you all know.

Anthony