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From: Janet Volpe <janetvolpe@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 25, 2021 3:41 PM
To: List - City Council; Bruces Beach Task Force
Cc: Bruce's Get The Facts
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please proceed carefully and with great deliberation

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Dear Council and Task Force members-

Please defer any plans to approve the Bruce's Beach Task Force History Report, plaque, and art installation until an independent group of historians can review the history. With all due respect to the Task Force , it is imperative to have a fresh set of eyes, without any agenda, to either validate or correct this history.

It is especially important to take this step back as it seems that many (L.A. city council, Hollywood and potentially school officials) are jumping in to paint Manhattan Beach with a broad brush of racism. Please proceed cautiously, with all due diligence so that the truth stands front and center.

Respectfully,
Janet & Domas Vailokaitis

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30 year Manhattan Beach residents
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From: Judi Alves <judi.alves@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 25, 2021 3:10 PM
To: Bruces Beach Task Force
Cc: List - City Council; brucesbeachgetthefacts@gmail.com;
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach History Report

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I understand that professional historians are reviewing the Bruce's Beach History Report.

As I am of the belief that the current History Report prepared by the task force is a biased document, I am asking that you delay approving the report, new plaque and art installation until after the professional historians weigh in.

I would think that we are all interested in having an accurate history report, at least I hope that is the case.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Judi Alves

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From: Martha Tapias Mansfield <tapias@usc.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, May 25, 2021 8:21 AM
To: List - City Council; Bruces Beach Task Force
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach Movie: Get the FULL Picture: Stop current History report

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Dear City council and Bruce's Beach Board,

First and foremost, I thank you for your leadership and service to our community. As a first Gen Latina, I'm proud to be a Manhattan Beach resident for over 30 years. I consider myself very OBJECTIVE and factual, I spent over 20 years in media, LA Times, NBC, Univision.

Question #1:

1. How do I get on the Bruce's beach advisory Board?
2. **Get ALL the facts straight, BALANCED journalism is key.**

I applaud exploring the history of Bruce's Beach, what I am incredibly concerned about is the **lack of balance and depth to the history**. With BLM issues at its height at this point in time, the media, will **sensationalize the piece simply to create more viewers**, which in turn creates tension in our community. The purpose is to bring justice to everyone, and I can assure you, will be lost and further divide our communities. Hollywood has incredible pressure on it to create "movies" of color, let's us contribute to a historical piece, NOT one that will ignite ignorance and tension, and put money in pockets of only a few people looking to make a buck.

As responsible leaders, it's imperative that your leadership come through for everyone, share the full picture, don't let our community be heavily penalized for a historical action.

Thank you again and I would be honored to serve our Manhattan Beach on this task force or any others.

Kind regards,

Martha

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From: Ted Cohen <cohen@cohenmainzer.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 25, 2021 8:00 AM
To: Bruces Beach Task Force
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Bruce's Beach

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I feel to clarify my earlier email. It seems clear that there has been a history of rascism in our community and surrounding areas that is regrettable and unacceptable. It should be addressed in some manner. I recall seeing the underlying documentation for a property I bought in MB that had racial restrictions on sale. Disgusting - but all too common for the time.

However, factual accuracy is desirable, although much of what might be included on a plaque is not going to change.

Thank you.


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On May 25, 2021, at 7:26 AM, Ted Cohen <cohen@cohenmainzer.com> wrote:

I write to add my name to the list of MB residents requesting the City Council to withhold plans to approve the Bruce's Beach History Report, new plaque for the park, and the art installation until the historians reviewing the history have delivered their report, which I understand is in the process of being prepared.

I believe it is in all of our interests that the history presented be correct, rather than a narrative convenient to current political sensitivities.

Thank you

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From: Rudkin, George H <George.Rudkin@va.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, May 25, 2021 7:38 AM
To: Bruces Beach Task Force; List - City Council
Cc: MBStrong2021
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach History Report

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Good Day

Writing to request that a 3rd party professional historian(s) vet the Bruce's Beach Task Force History Report.

Until this is complete, please withhold plans to approve the History Report, new plaque for the park, and the art installation

We must get this right, especially given likely litigation against the City

Regards
George Rudkin
MB resident