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**From:** Jennifer Yamamoto <terryandjenyamamoto@gmail.com>  
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Please don't cave to MB Strongs' request to hire an outside historian to review the history of Bruce's Beach. This is just an attempt to whitewash history. It was bad enough that there was no apology but to whitewash the history of Bruce's Beach will be another stain on our city. We already look super racist this will make us look even worse.

Thank you  
Jennifer Yamamoto

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**From:** Joan Libera <joan@liberadesign.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 26, 2021 5:22 PM  
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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Joan Libera <joan@liberadesign.com>  
**Date:** May 26, 2021 at 5:08:14 PM PDT  
**To:** citycouncil@citymb.info  
**Subject: With-Hold PLANS to Approve History Report**

Dear City Council,

We demand that The City Council WITH-HOLD plans to approve the The Bruce's Beach Task Force History Report, new plaque and art installation.

The City Council has requested 3rd party Professional Historians to vet / quantify-statements made in the Bruce's Beach Task Force history report. This is due to unsubstantiated stories, myths, rumors published over the course of the BBTF implementation. It is imperative that we have a conscious effort to stop the far left systemic Attack on Manhattan Beach residents, landowners, businesses and people.

Sincerely, Joan Libera

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**From:** Gary McAulay <gary.mcaulay@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 26, 2021 5:20 PM  
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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] comments on history report

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With thanks for everybody's work, some suggestions/corrections

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On that same front page, in an adjacent article, C.A. Bruce, Mrs. Willie Bruce and Harvey Bruce wrote a letter to their neighbors. In this letter, the Bruces expressed that “we have always felt and we hope we will be pardoned for plainly and bluntly saying so, that the attempt to make a park out of these two blocks was a direct slap at us because we were not born white people.” They went on to write that as taxpayers, this “hardship” targeting them was inconsistent with the “economy in expenditure of public money” and that the park is not filling any public need. 55

55 Paul Silva, “The Secret of Parque Culiacan,” The Beach Reporter, April 16, 1987.

*This should not be credited to Paul Silva but instead to the original front-page article in the Manhattan Beach News. “Apparently Bruce Is Playing Politics with Tax League,” Manhattan Beach News, February 4, 1927, p.1*

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The results of the recall election favored the trustees: 549 in their favor and 135 were against.

*As a stand-alone line/paragraph, this should be footnoted:*

*“Recall Favors City Trustees at Manhattan,” Los Angeles Times, February 16, 1927, p. A10.*

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The initial lease was passed by the Board of Trustees on May 19, 1927, the Board of Trustees leased all of Block 12 of Tract 8867 and Lot 1 of Block 10, Tract 8867. 67

*Suggest:*

*The initial lease was passed by the Board of Trustees on May 19, 1927, the Board of Trustees leased all of Block 12 of Tract 8867 and Lot 1 of Block 10, Tract 8867 **to Bessonette.** Leasing has to be explained as being “leased to” or “leased from.” Please clarify.*

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In the trial, Bessonette was represented by the Manhattan Beach City Attorney and the four defendants were represented by Attorney Hugh Macbeth 80

80 United States, Selective Service System. World War I Selective Service System Draft Registration Cards, ...

*Error in citation 80 obviously incorrect*

P51

Milton worked as a porter for Steam Railroad.176

*Suggestion:*

*“Milton worked as a porter for the railroad,” or, “Milton worked as a railroad porter.”*

*The census names “steam railroad” as the industry Johnson was in, but it isn’t a company, or the name of a railroad, like “Santa Fe Railroad.”*

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In 1927, she told Brigham that she purchased a new property on 23rd Street, just east of Highland Ave.177

*Trying not to get into punctuation, grammar, etc. but this sentence needs to be reworded.*

*“Holt told Brigham that in 1927 she purchased a new property on 23rd Street, just east of Highland Ave. 177”*

Time line suggestions

1928

Dynamite, bullets, arson, burning cross, "investigation 6 weeks long", seven MB residents including police chief Jack Garvin

*Suggestion to clarify*

*Dynamite, bullets, arson, burning cross, "investigation 6 weeks long", **investigators questioned** seven MB residents including police chief Jack Garvin*

Feb 16, 1928

Contreras said that MB officials not cooperating

*Suggested correction*

*“Contreras said that **some MB officials cooperating** but that certain other residents had not “  
**(Venice Evening Vanguard February 17, 1928)**”*

1930

“Praised the efforts of councilman John F Jones”?

*suggested clarification:*

*"The MB News praised efforts of councilman John F Jones."*

**The timeline should include City efforts to plan and fund a park in the Depression 1930s, and its use for a Parks and Rec activity in the 1940s.**