

Martha Alvarez

From: Adriana Eckstein <adrianaeckstein0923@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 11, 2019 8:28 PM
To: List - City Council
Cc: Hildy Stern
Subject: Vigil tomorrow night and ND

Dear City Council Members and Mayor,

As a resident of Manhattan Beach I want to show you my support in reference to the vigil tomorrow night. My family and I are very sympathetic and sad with the inhumane conditions that kids and parents were being treated at our border. I applaud you for bringing attention to the issue and I plan to attend and light a candle on behalf of those kids suffering the atrocities at these detention centers.

I also want to bring to attention the ridiculousness of this whole tread on NextDoor. It seems to me that a is just a handful of entitled, hateful and Fox News watchers posting this non sense in our friendly neighborhood social media.

In summary, thanks for bringing this event to Manhattan Beach and for the opportunity we will have to show our discontentment with the horrible conditions these fellow human beings are treated... and all that just holding a candle in solidarity.

Have a good night
Adriana Eckstein

Martha Alvarez

From: Chris Mckernan <mckernanchris@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 9, 2019 11:23 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: LIGHTS FOR LIBERTY

CC,

This sounds like a great event and Im glad the CC, the citizens of MB and the nation are behind such a great event for awareness.

Respectfully,

Christopher Mckernan
MB resident

Martha Alvarez

From: Matthew Domyancic <bushidotnt@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 9, 2019 8:15 AM
To: Richard Montgomery; Nancy Hersman; Suzanne Hadley; Hildy Stern; Steve Napolitano;
List - City Council
Subject: Vigil over border issues

Hello,

First a huge thanks to Mrs. Susanne Hadley for keeping it real and not being fearful of speaking up for what is the right thing to do, even with being a new member.

This vigil issue is a gong show and had Hildy and Hersman maintained professional ethics rather than using their positions to grandstand over a personal political issue (while totally breaking standard protocol of city council meetings), its likely no one would have noticed this event enough to care much about it or go digging into the organizations website. Which from all the posts quoting off the organizers website, clearly seems it's a far left wing group that even includes whacky KGB inspired conspiracy theories in addition to the typical Trump hating impeachment stuff that people won't let die so far into his presidency.

The tensions on Nextdoor are 100% Hersman and Hildy's fault. But most people in town whether "conservative" or "liberal" already know your stances as being left wing wanna be crusaders. As for Mrs.

Hadley I have no idea what political party she is or if she is "conservative"

Or "liberal" and that's a good thing. I don't know if Napolitano or Montgomery are "conservative" or "liberal" and that's a good thing as well. I have friends in town from both political parties that like both of them. Why? Anytime someone contacts them they get an immediate response that is respectful and concerned, with an offer to talk on the phone or meet and discuss. When people contact Hersman and Hildy (including myself on other issues) you get no response or a dismissive condescending response unless you contact them to pep rally their liberal agendas. I've never contacted Hadley that I recall but her actions speak for themselves as someone who is professional, impartial and looking out for everyone and not playing sides. I imagine she would respond with concern to any citizen regardless of their political ideology.

Since you likely need a police presence at the pier now, seems the organization should pay the fees. That or cancel it to avoid any conflicts with all the tension it has caused. All it takes is two people to argue politics these days for the emotions of an entire group to get riled up. Or one lunatic to show up whether far left or far right.

It's a good thing that as far as I know only people in town can read Nextdoor, if the tensions and debates on there were on some other social media it might attract outsider fringe groups or some nut job to come cause problems. In a town as educated as Manhattan Beach, I'd hope that the majority of residents like to be keyboard warriors and talk a big game criticizing their neighbors but in person are likely to be non-violent kitty cats. Any internet based platform where one is not face to face with other human beings it's much easier to allow emotions to rule and be fired up towards others in a way that in person they'd likely not do. So let's hope that is how the vigil goes down, in person whoever shows up just respects each other and leaves the divisive political culture debates out of it.

Peace,
Matt

Sent from my iPhone

Martha Alvarez

From: Lyn Fisher <fisher6188@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, July 8, 2019 10:27 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: Vigil on Friday

Hello,

Again, I request that you revisit this issue prior to the event on Friday. I believe it will increase your credibility (which is sorely lacking right now) to show that you are actually listening to the community and that you have taken into consideration how your constituents are feeling..

If you have been reading the NextDoor comments (and I would encourage you to do so if you have not), you will see there is a huge distrust now of the council, its motives, and how the council displays itself on the dais, particularly as it relates to councilpeople Hersman and Stern at the last council meeting and the apparent approval of their behavior.

Remember that perception is reality.

Lyn Fisher
473 28th St.

Martha Alvarez

From: Lyn Fisher <fisher6188@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 7, 2019 10:16 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: Vigil on Friday Night

I believe you, as a Council representing all citizens of MB, need to revisit this issue as a special meeting prior to this event.. As far as I can determine, based on the Next Door comments, it appears more than 100 people will attend this event unless someone puts out an SOS telling people not to attend so it is under 100 participants (as I understand is under the city code requirement for a permit). And, of course, there will be no amplification 😊.

I have avoided sending a message to council, hoping all the other emails could bring reason to this issue. Apparently not.

People don't easily forget this kind of stuff. Consider how Burton and Powell were defeated based on issues they supported some years ago.

Thanks, Suzanne, for being a force of sanity.

Lyn Fisher

Martha Alvarez

From: R M <knowledgethebestmedicine@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, July 6, 2019 9:59 PM
To: List - City Council; City Manager
Subject: Vigil at the Pier

It has been a while since I e-mailed the CC. However I can no longer be on the sidelines.

I watched as Hildy nearly cried on que as she read a prepared speech.

She said she has spoken to the community however I want to know what part of the MB community did she speak.

Does anyone know the name/group that Hildy spoke to about this vigil.

I was not invited and did not see any notices in the paper. What is the name of the group to which Hildy spoke and received so much feedback? Is this group open to anyone? Does every member of the community have equal access to Hildy and Nancy?

If there is a group that CC members belong and that group can influence CC members and not everyone can be part of that group, I think we no longer have a democracy.

This is good to know, as I want a CC member at my beck and call.

I urge the city attorney to investigate this and report back to the community.

RM

Martha Alvarez

From: City of Manhattan Beach
Sent: Saturday, July 6, 2019 9:35 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: Vigil at pier

Message submitted from the <City of Manhattan Beach> website.

Site Visitor Name: Laura Dotson
Site Visitor Email: lauradotson@adelphia.net

I am a long time resident of Manhattan Beach and I just wanted to let you know how very proud I am of my city for taking a stand for free speech, in voting to wave permit fees for the July 12 vigil.

Thank you very much

Respectfully,

Laura Dotson

575 35th Street

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From: jim quilliam <jimquilliam@outlook.com>
Sent: Saturday, July 6, 2019 12:29 PM
To: Nancy Hersman; List - City Council; Suzanne Hadley; Steve Napolitano; Richard Montgomery; Hildy Stern; Bruce Moe
Cc: kfarmer@scng.com
Subject: RE: Cancel political lights for liberty event

Hi Nancy,

You can try to rationalize that the article was incorrect. The issue is that the article documents the fact of your actions!

Fact – You stated you “think it is important for us to support vigils like this”. “I hope that the vigil will go ahead and go forward” .

With your statements above and personal support of the vigil you and other council members allowed the nongovernmental vigil to be classified as a non-special event therefore giving Stern a pass on the special event permit fee which she had asked a waiver on initially.

Fact – You allowed Stern to speak Tuesday as she requested you waive her fees of \$ 2,164 for her personal special event – which she knew the city usually does and should charge for.

Fact – you were the one that requested to add the item to the council agenda for Stern to speak again to allow her to further promote her agenda.

Fact – In the article you made a personal determination and stated that this event was “apolitical”. If it was not political why did you have to state that on the record that it was apolitical?

You are allowing your own and council members biased agendas or proposed political events to infiltrate our Manhattan Beach community agenda. The article was correct in stating the actions and does not dispute the facts of your and council members actions.

If you allow this political event that you are aware of and have been given notice about, to be held in our city, then you need to charge the appropriate nongovernmental fees as any entity would be required to pay.

James Quilliam

From: Nancy Hersman <nhersman@citymb.info>
Sent: Saturday, July 6, 2019 10:07 AM
To: jim quilliam <jimquilliam@outlook.com>
Subject: Re: Cancel political lights for liberty event

Dear James,

The city did not waive the fees. The article was incorrect. Any group has the first amendment right to assemble.

Nancy

Sent from my iPhone

Nancy Hersman
Mayor

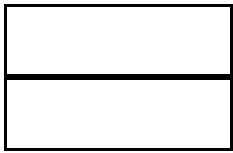
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On Jul 6, 2019, at 9:50 AM, jim quilliam <jimquilliam@outlook.com> wrote:

I am accepting the article published in the Beach Reporter, July 4 2019, City waives fees for "Lights for Liberty" vigil at face value and assuming that the statements that were quoted are correct and accurate.

To: Manhattan Beach Mayor and City Council Members.

July 6, 2019

Shame on the Mayoral leadership and our city council for allowing the political agenda from misguided city council member Stern to even come forward to the podium with her personal political agenda, to then allow it to be a topic on the dais, and then to add insult to injury, to waive the special permit fee.

Shame on council member Montgomery for even comparing the 9-11 memorial to this lights for liberty political sponsored event. This was an insult to the memory of 9-11 and to those who were killed and to their families. To compare the lights for liberty to the magnitude of death and destruction that impacted our country and families from 9-11 is disgraceful.

I applaud councilwoman Hadley for the fortitude to state the obvious, that this is a political agenda and to correctly point out that we as a community should not be funding and wasting taxpayers time and resources on an event that has nothing to do with the city of Manhattan Beach.

With your actions, you are setting a precedent that you are clearly allowing political agendas to infiltrate our Manhattan Beach community agenda. Mayor Hersman stated "One of the number one things to me is our ability to tell our government we don't like what they're doing. That first amendment right. I hope that the vigil will go ahead and go forward."

Mayor Hersman you and some of your city council members are totally wrong and misguided in your actions and "I do not like what you are doing to our community", your ill-advised and biased actions are destroying our community.

I am requesting that the planned lights for liberty vigil be cancelled immediately. As a downtown resident living close to the pier I do not want one cent of our community taxpayer funds or resources

being reallocated to support a personal political event sponsored by our Mayor and city council. This is unacceptable and will set a harmful precedent for our MB community and for future events.

Please advise when the event is cancelled.

I am also asking that you as our Manhattan Beach leadership make a commitment to our community of not expending any more of our taxpayer time or resources on council members biased agendas or proposed political events.

James Quilliam
Manhattan Beach Resident

Martha Alvarez

From: Phillips Lee <leephillipsmd@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, July 6, 2019 11:43 AM
To: City Manager; List - City Council
Cc: Lucia La Rosa; Michael Michalski
Subject: City Council Lights for liberty Vigil

Dear City Council

I am a registered voter, resident of Manhattan Beach and receive e-mails about upcoming City Council meetings with agendas and review and comment as appropriate.

I did see the item to waive fee for the "Lights for Liberty" vigil. I however did not see a Staff Report associated with the agenda item. As I watched at home CM Stern read from a note pad, was this the Staff Report?

I have concerns about the process, firstly there should be a staff report with agenda items so all those concerned are able to review and comment and ask questions. This is unfair to me, I had no change to voice my opinion, I was shut out of the democratic process, ironic coming from council members who speak about inclusion.

More about inclusion

Did Stern listen to all community members before taking deciding on supporting a vigil? That was one of her campaign promises, to listen to all sides. Who exactly did you confer with on the vigil? How else did you reach out to residents on this issue? Is your idea of inclusion only those in your group or all members of the community?

Why are council members advocating for vigils at all?

Stern says she along with "Lights for Liberty" which is an activist group and members of the community. Why did not someone from the community who is not a CC member bring this forward?

I would think as council members if you are for or against something you work with other governments and lobby Sacramento and Washington. Why not send a letter from City Council to **President Trump?**

Again why a vigil? Why 20 minutes at CC meeting? Why could not the Mayor get an answer from the City Attorney and Parks Commissioner in a few hours on this issue?

Was the intent not to get a permit but to advertise an agenda?

Do all council members get 20 minutes for other efforts they deem humanitarian which are in reality activist?

I hope to have clarification on:

- Whether Stern's notes will be entered into official CC record
- The process for advertising community events at CC meetings
- How much time residents and council members get at CC meetings for humanitarian efforts.

Lee Phillips

Martha Alvarez

From: vicky.purvis@yahoo.com
Sent: Saturday, July 6, 2019 8:36 AM
To: City Manager
Cc: List - City Council
Subject: City Council discussion Vigil at CC meeting and no staff report on agenda report.

Hershman and Stern are lawyers, based on that I believe they can read and interpret municipal code. If they cannot I would expect any e-mail to City Attorney or Park & Rec to be answered with a few hours. I believe they could have gotten an answer to their question about fees, without agendizing it.

There is a one minute upcoming event section of the City Council. This section could have been used to announce the event.

There is a three minute Speakers may provide public comments on any matter that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the City Council, including items on the agenda.

Immigration and detention centers are clearly not in the jurisdiction of the City Council.

Furthermore I did not see a Staff Report associated with this agenda item. Normally staff would prepare a report and present it at CC meetings and it made available before for public comment.

In total I think Hershman and Stern used the dais to promote and advertise their agenda. Immigration and detention centers are clearly not in the jurisdiction of the City Council.

I look forward to your review and appraisal of why no Staff report was part of the agenda.

I also do not think that a CC member gets 20 minutes to advertise her pet project when citizens do not get that same opportunity, is unfair. Does Suzanne gets 20 minutes on her pet project that she has strong feelings about?

I hope the next time elections come about residents remember this dog and pony show.

Vicky Purvis

Martha Alvarez

From: Debra Geist <citegeist@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, July 5, 2019 11:15 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: Action to Waive Event Permit/Fees

Dear City Council, I hope that all is following the thread on Next Door about your action, on July3, to waive permit requirements/fees for the beach vigil in support of immigrants detained at the border. Here's a sample:

...I believe the salient issue is whether Manhattan Beach would waive the \$2,164 permit fee (that's the amount that is being waived for next Friday's non-partisan, non-political "humanitarian" vigil) to organize a gathering on public property to voice your 1st amendment support for ICE and its agents. If you wanted to organize such an event, I'm sure Hildy Stern and Nancy Hersman, purely in the interest of consistency, would vociferously support waiving the city permit fees for such a gathering (wish there was a sarcasm emoji I could insert here).

Whether right or wrong, it is a content based official act that will lead to permit/fees challenges for other political/"humanitarian" events. Did legal counsel weigh in? Ms. Hersman, you are a lawyer. Does this really pass the test? Sincerely Debra Geist

Sent from my iPhone