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From: Candis Duke <candisduke@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 27, 2021 12:20 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Manhattan Beach considers misdemeanor prosecution contract with Redondo Beach – Daily Breeze

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Thank you for taking this very seriously. Please consider moving our misdemeanor prosecution to Redondo. Can felonies eventually be moved?

Again thank you!

<https://www.dailybreeze.com/2021/07/24/manhattan-beach-considers-misdemeanor-prosecution-contract-with-redondo-beach>

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Manhattan Beach considers misdemeanor prosecution contract with Redondo Beach



Manhattan Beach is considering a contract with Redondo Beach for prosecution of state misdemeanors. This 2019 file photo shows the seal in Manhattan Beach City Hall on April 2, 2019. (Daniella Segura, contributing photographer)

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Manhattan Beach may ask its neighbor to handle smaller crimes — rather than the county.

The City Council this week voted to have staff ask Redondo Beach for an estimate for how much it would cost to have its neighbor prosecute state misdemeanors committed in Manhattan Beach, which would pull that city from the Los Angeles County District Attorney's services on that level of criminal charges.

The city won't ask the L.A. County D.A.'s office to remove it from its list until it gets an OK from Redondo, however. If the neighboring town is willing, it would also administer a homeless court that acts as a diversion program — requiring mental health counseling, substance abuse treatment and housing placement — for people experiencing homelessness who commit misdemeanor crimes in Manhattan Beach.

Redondo Beach City Attorney Michael Webb told Manhattan Beach staff earlier this year that his city would consider providing homeless court services, according to a staff report, contingent on Manhattan Beach contracting with Redondo for prosecutorial services.

The Manhattan Beach council in May took a vote of no confidence against Los Angeles County District Attorney George Gascon, with a majority of the members concerned that rising crime across the county is a result of his diversion-focused directives that allow crimes like drinking in public, public intoxication, loitering and loitering to commit prostitution, to be dismissed before arraignment.

Redondo Beach is one of 10 L.A. County cities that prosecute state misdemeanors occurring in their jurisdiction. Felonies in Manhattan Beach would still be prosecuted by the D.A. if Redondo takes the smaller crimes under its wing.

Hermosa Beach has had a similar contract with Redondo's City Prosecutor since 2014, said George Gabriel, city manager's assistant for Manhattan Beach. Hermosa pays \$200,000 a year for that service, said Gabriel, who also serves as a homeless liaison for Manhattan.

Manhattan Beach Councilman Steve Napolitano estimated it would cost the city \$400,000 per year to contract with Redondo based on its size and tacking on the homeless court program.

Napolitano said he doesn't think the potential price for Manhattan Beach is worth the possible return. The city should instead, he added, lobby for the county to provide homeless courts as a regional resource.



The county tallied 15 people who were homeless in Manhattan Beach during the 2020 Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority survey, according to a staff report, and the city's Police Department during an unofficial count in April this year identified seven people who were homeless. It's unknown whether all those people would benefit from the homeless court program, the staff report said, because they may not have committed crimes.

The Manhattan Beach City Council, meanwhile, also voted on Tuesday, July 20, to apply by Aug. 10 for Measure H grant money to fund homeless court services, and will report back to the City Council once Redondo Beach gives a cost estimate for prosecution and homeless court services.

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From: rogerhughes89 <rogerhughes89@protonmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 26, 2021 11:32 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Bruces Beach Plaque comment

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Council,

I want to thank you for your consideration of the issues I raised regarding the Bruce's Beach proposed plaque language during last week's meeting. I appreciate your asking questions around the issues that I raised in my email, and am glad that the staff and History subcommittee spokesperson validated and affirmed as correct each of the points that I raised. In particular, I would like to thank Mr. Napolitano for leading the questioning and Mr. Franklin for doing his own original source research to validate what he is being told. It was clear in discussion, and confirmed by the subcommittee spokesperson (Ms Long-Drew?) that several of the plaques assertions were not based in fact. I am disappointed that one of the subcommittee members felt the need to resign simply because their first draft was not blindly approved. I am concerned that the committee does not reflect a diverse representation of the community.

Mr. Napolitano brought up a point during the meeting effectively pointing out that community members had the opportunity to participate in the subcommittee and should have weighed-in on the language there. I would like to point out that is not entirely accurate. The subcommittee meetings are similar to Council meetings. The public has 2-3 min to speak at the top of the meeting, but can not contribute during the meeting. So there is no way for a community member to offer input to the language other than the path taken (submitting emails to council prior to the Council meeting).

I would like to attend the next sub-committee but the date and time are not posted (<https://www.citymb.info/government/city-manager/bruce-s-beach-task-force>). Can staff please let me know the details?

Thanks!

----- Original Message -----

On Tuesday, July 20th, 2021 at 3:23 PM, rogerhughes89 <rogerhughes89@protonmail.com> wrote:

Dear Council,

I would recommend changing or removing 2 paragraphs in the Strand plaque suggestions. They are factually incorrect and incendiary, and are in conflict with the information within the Task Force History Report. I respectfully request that the plaque language focuses on the known facts before memorializing them on our public spaces.

Statement 1:

Harassment at Bruce's Beach

Harassment of the Bruces and their guests from some White neighbors occurred immediately after the resort opened. "No Trespassing" signs were posted directly in front of the Bruces' property on a strip of beach owned by subdivider George Peck. Guests of the resort were forced to walk a half mile to reach the water. As Bruce's Beach popularity soared, White residents expressed concerns about an "invasion" by African Americans. In 1924, the Manhattan Beach Board of Trustees passed a series of ordinances aimed to thwart the Bruces' business and drive the Black community out of the City. When these laws failed to discourage Black residents and their guests, the City pursued more aggressive measures.

Issues with Statement 1:

- 1) Is it fair to call an owner placing a "no trespassing" sign on his private property "harassment"?
- 2) The history report does not cite evidence of white residents complaining of an "invasion". According to the history report, the phrase was loosely associated to a single person by an independent author 32 years later.
- 3) The claim that the Trustees tried a series of ordinances and then resorted to eminent domain is contradicted by the History Report. According to the History Report, the eminent domain ordinance (#263) was filed first, in January of 1924. The other ordinances (273-275) did not follow until June. Thus the statement is incorrect and misleading.

Statement 2:

The Racist Motivation Behind the Eminent Domain Action

On July 4, 1924, the *California Eagle* reported that Black fishermen in Redondo Beach were given Ku Klux Klan pamphlets labelled "Colored Folks Beach three miles North." The *Eagle* speculated that the Klan was "operating unrestrictedly along the waterfront," including Manhattan Beach. The article suggested that the Klan influenced the Board of Trustees in condemning Bruce's Beach.

In a February 4, 1927, letter to the *Manhattan Beach News*, the Bruce family wrote: "...the attempt to make a park out of these two blocks was a direct slap at us because we were not born white people." In 1943, Frank Daugherty, a member of the City's 1924 Board of Trustees, admitted to the *Manhattan Beach News*, "Our attorneys advised the members of the council never to admit the real purpose in establishing the park..."

Issues with Statement 2:

- 1) The history report clearly states "no evidence directly linking acts of harassment to the KKK", nor do they cite any evidence the KKK influenced the city council.
- 2) It seems unfair to assume that every other Trustee shared the same motivation as Frank Daugherty. Clearly today's City Council members don't all share the same motivation and opinion. Why would it be different then? The eminent domain action was part of building Live Oak Park as well. Both parks have survived 100 years, and are valuable parts of our city. So it's reasonable to assume some council members thought the parks were good ideas on their own merits.

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From: Ray Joseph <rayj310@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, July 24, 2021 10:38 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Another Claim at Bruce's beach

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Now there is another Family trying to get back land they were paid for. Hahn wants to help the descendants of Ethel and George Prioleau. They had owned property not far from the Bruces' resort. The Prioleau family is also fighting to retrieve their land, which once existed where Bruce's Beach Park currently stands.

<https://news.yahoo.com/a-black-family-lost-their-beach-land-100-years-ago-this-fall-they-may-finally-get-it-back-090054308.html>

When are you going to protect our city. Is it possible to shut up Janice Hahn. Can we ban her from the city?

Thanks,

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From: Laura Kiely <laurakiely@verizon.net>
Sent: Thursday, July 22, 2021 9:59 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach History Panel Member Resigns | Dig MB

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Dear City Council,

My family and I are very disappointed that you did not approve the language for the Bruce's Beach plaques.

I attached the Dig MB article below because Isla Garraway articulated my thoughts perfectly.

“In her email, she [Dr. Garraway] criticized councilmembers for seeking additional input on the language on the plaques when the information was taken directly from the [Bruce's Beach history report](#) that the City Council had approved last month.”

I'm ashamed of Council's decision.

The Bruce's Beach situation was ugly. The imminent domain proceedings were motivated by racism. Please stop trying to white wash the truth. Stop running scared of accurate and painful language that unfortunately represents the truth.

Sincerely,

Laura Kiely

Manhattan Beach resident since 1994

<http://www.digmb.com/2021/07/21/363091/bruces-beach-history-panel-member-resigns>

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From: Ray Joseph <rayj310@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 22, 2021 3:02 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach History or Evidence for lawsuit?

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When are you guys going to start treating this like a lawsuit? It's never been about justice or history. It's about money. There are lawyers out there wanting to cash in. Getting the land isn't enough now they want reparations too.

<https://www.revolt.tv/2021/7/20/22586136/black-family-beach-property-seized-returned-restitution>

Every article says land was taken, stolen, seized and so on. They never say it was taken by eminent domain. They never say they got a 12x return in 12 years on their investment. They act like the Bruce's would have a \$100,000,000 resort there today. In reality the Great Depression from 1929 - 1933 may have destroyed their business. WWII would have hurt their business as the many coastal businesses were shut down. They are trying to build a case and using you and politics to do it. Is it History or Evidence? Biggest mistake ever was to name it Bruce's Beach and put up the first plaque.

It's all about VOTES for Hahn, MONEY for Lawyers and the Bruce Family. Property values along Bruce's Beach are being destroyed.

Stop with the Politics and Start Defending our City. It's a lawsuit, it always has been.

Thanks,

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From: Frank Djie <frankandcarlyn@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 21, 2021 9:36 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: End the KKK and other rumors on Bruce's Beach Plaques

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From: SaveBruceBeachPark SaveBruceBeachPark <savebrucebeachpark@gmail.com>
Date: July 21, 2021 at 8:24:44 PM PDT
To: Frank Djie <frankandcarlyn@aol.com>
Subject: Re: End the KKK and other rumors on Bruce's Beach Plaques

Good point.

Send this to CC!!

Citycouncil@citymb.info

On Wed, Jul 21, 2021 at 6:26 PM Frank Djie <frankandcarlyn@aol.com> wrote:

Our tax dollars should not go toward installing plaques and/or reimbursements aka paybacks for past decisions.??(Made by people who can no longer be held accountable. Janice and MB City Council has more important responsibilities than change History. Can History be changed?

On Jul 20, 2021, at 4:49 AM, SaveBruceBeachPark SaveBruceBeachPark <savebrucebeachpark@gmail.com> wrote:

Today is the last chance to voice your opinion to City Council and push back on the Far Left's agenda for Bruce's Beach.

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Bruce's Beach: Get The Facts <brucebeachgetthefacts@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, Jul 20, 2021
Subject: End the KKK and other rumors on Bruce's Beach Plaques
To: Bruce's Beach: Get The Facts <brucebeachgetthefacts@gmail.com>

IN THIS ISSUE:

City Council should not spend any taxpayer money on new plaques until:

- the missing Eminent Domain court case documents are retrieved so the report and plaque language can be completed,
- the sources used to write the report and plaque language are analyzed by nonpartisan History Research Experts to distinguish facts from rumors.

THE FAR-LEFT HAVE LAUNCHED AN ALL-OUT EFFORT TO PRESSURE CITY COUNCIL TO ADOPT PLAQUE LANGUAGE THAT INCLUDES RUMORS AND HEARSAY AND OMITTS FACTUAL INFORMATION.

ATTEND THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON TUESDAY 7/20 AT 6:00 AND VOICE YOUR OPINION ON ZOOM: [click here to join the Zoom meeting](#) OR YOU CAN ATTEND IN PERSON AT CITY HALL. This is the first time since Covid that in-person attendance is an option. The address is 1400 Highland Ave. WRITE A COMMENT TO CITY COUNCIL HERE: [e-comment](#) Scroll down to J.6, click on the comment icon and state your opinion!

Dear MB Residents,

The Reparationists, County Supervisor Janice Hahn, the partisan Bruce's Beach Task Force History Report writers, and members of the Bruce Family all want rumors from the History Report to be enshrined on plaques at Bruce's Beach Park.

Twelve reasons why the History Report is NOT a reliable document to use as a resource for language on our city plaques at Bruce's Beach:

1. Mayor Hadley aptly explained that the History Report was never intended to be a "definitive" history.
2. A "definitive" history of Bruce's Beach is the ONLY appropriate source for language on our city plaques because it would clearly identify FACTS.
3. A "definitive" history will clearly separate language that is NOT appropriate for memorials, such as rumors of the KKK in MB, MB police, and local citizens "terrorizing" patrons of Bruce's Beach, etc. These stories are either hearsay, speculation, biased opinions, or interpretations. They are NOT facts yet they are proposed language for the plaques.
4. A "definitive" history will include the important missing Eminent Domain court documents that will add factual content and details to plaque language.
5. The History Report was written by members of the highly partisan Bruce's Beach Task Force. The plaque language must not be written by partisans.
6. After reading the History Report, both of the History Professors who were asked to weigh in on the report noted that the writers are laymen (as stated by the UCLA Professor) and amateurs (as stated by the LMU Professor).
7. The city plaques must be written from definitive history by nonpartisan History Professionals.
8. History Professionals will vet the biased selection of source material relied upon for the vast majority of the report and the wording for the plaques and strive for a more balanced approach. Even the History Professors commented that a notable author on the subject was not included in the report. Known missing material must be included in the plaque wording.
9. The History Report and plaque wording also rely heavily on statements and opinions published by "The American Eagle," an LA-based newspaper that primarily contained one-sided stories and opinions geared towards African Americans.
10. Councilman Napolitano stated the History Report is a 'living document,' meaning it will be added to and changed. If City Council financially invests in plaques now, they will need to be replaced when a definitive history is completed.
11. This would be a wasteful use of taxpayer money.

12. Rumors and hearsay enshrined on the plaques will become cheap fodder used by the Reparationists.

The proposed language for the plaques paints the story of Bruce's Beach from the viewpoint of current-day Reparationists.

For example:

- The Eminent Domain decision affected 30 lots, yet the plaques only highlight the Black lot owners.
- No mention that MB sold property to Blacks when other cities did not.
- No mention that MB did not segregate when selling property to Blacks when segregation was legal and common practice in many cities.
- No mention that some residents in 1920s MB opposed those residents wanting to instill segregation after the Bruce business became successful.
- The language states, "...the MB Board of Trustees passed a series of ordinances aimed to thwart the Bruces' business and *drive the Black community out of the City.*" No one was "driven out." The proposed language does not mention that other Black families affected by the Eminent Domain decision bought other property in MB and only the Bruce's chose not to buy again in MB.

A fair-minded person would not whitewash the facts of the eminent domain decision. They would report the facts given the context of the era of segregation, the good, the bad, and the ugly.

But nor would a fair-minded person omit facts or report rumors as facts in order to paint a version of the truth that leads to a predetermined outcome.

Our city plaques must reflect accurate and truthful history, not deception.

Read the suggested language for the plaques here: [Scroll down to J.6](#)

A new organization has used the misleading language in the Bruce's Beach History Report to launch a website to further their agenda for reparations. See here: <https://whereismyland.org/>

The 1920s City Council caved to the pressure by Segregationists that lead to a decision that adversely affected both Black and White residents, the Bruce family, and the city at large.

The 2021 City Council has pressure from the Reparationists and their decision could also have long-lasting punitive effects if they too cave to the pressure.

Let's not make the same mistake twice on the subject of Bruce's Beach!!!

~BruceBeachGetTheFacts

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To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Plaques at Bruce's Beach

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Dear Council Members,

Sorry I couldn't attend the Council Meeting last evening. You have my support in this emotional and difficult situation where facts can easily be embellished with fiction.

Honestly, the language in the first plaque is outrageously tinted to paint the Bruce's as total victims, which they were not.

They did sell out to the City these two pieces of property yet they could have used the money they received to buy another piece of property in Manhattan Beach. They did not. Interestingly no one ever talks about what they did next?

In any case, rumors and hearsay have no place on the City's Plaques. Reparationists are trying to continue to boil the racial pot for as long as possible. I sincerely hope the City Council has the wherewithal to withstand the pressure and do the right thing. Just give the facts.

Also the American Eagle newspaper headlines do not make any sense and are confusing. Hopefully they will not use them. Most people have never heard of this newspaper.

Good luck going forward, I hope you had a good turn out at last night's City Council meeting. MB residents have really taken a beating on this issue and I hope it is fairly resolved, not simply sensationalized thereby creating more unrest in our fine community and, continued income for the attorneys and big kudos for politicians stumping for votes.

Nothing good will come of fanning the flames of an already red hot issue. Matter of fact is the way to go. It is our history and needs to be factual.

Peace to all, may the real facts not fantasy prevail.

My Best,
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