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This is to support the history advisory board (HAB) that our city designated to write the language of the plaques for Bruce's Beach.

As a resident for over 20 years with two young adult boys who grew up in this town and spent many years at the area being discussed, I was thrilled initially to see that we were addressing our racist past. I was so proud that we had created a task force with a broad range of hardworking, well educated residents to handle this difficult task.

Then a very ugly side of our town reared its head, and disputed almost all of their work. My family and I were shocked. The mostly anonymous groups and their constant emails and letters seem to always insist that they are the "expert" in all areas. This led to our town being ridiculed in the news and our town was labeled racist when we could not even apologize for misdeeds done decades ago. This minority has dragged the name of this town and all the other residents through the mud.

Once again we are seeing this "expertise" as they contest work that took hours and hours by dedicated residents. It is a slap in the face to the people we appointed to take so much of their time to do a good job.

I truly hope you tune out the 'uneducated' noise and focus on what HAB is recommending. We need to ensure that we not only support this work but show our strong appreciation for their time and efforts.

Thank you,
Donna Thomas