

City Council Regular Meeting - February 1, 2022

Meeting Time: 02-01-22 18:00

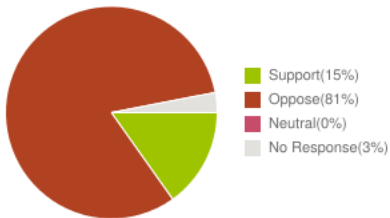
eComments Report

Meetings	Meeting Time	Agenda Items	Comments	Support	Oppose	Neutral
City Council Regular Meeting - February 1, 2022	02-01-22 18:00	50	33	5	27	0

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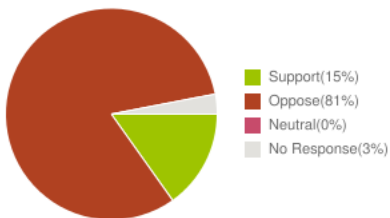
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Agenda Name	Comments	Support	Oppose	Neutral
6. 22-0043 Consideration of Including Contractors and Volunteers in a COVID-19 Vaccine Mandate and Directing the City Manager to Issue a Related Emergency Order (Continued from the December 21, 2021, City Council Meeting) (Human Resources Director Jenkins). DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION	2	0	2	0
13. 22-0078 Consideration of Updating the Special Events Policy, Removing the Exclusion of Bruce's Beach and 8th Street and Larsson Street Parkettes as Possible Locations (Parks and Recreation Director Leyman). REMOVED FROM AGENDA. APPROVE	26	5	21	0
21. 22-0022 Consideration of Beginning City Council Meetings at an Earlier Time to Hear Ceremonial Presentations (City Manager Moe). DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION	1	0	1	0
24. 22-0076 Consider Request by Councilmember Franklin and Councilmember Montgomery to Discuss Continuing the Placement of Plaques at Bruce's Beach (City Manager Moe). DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION	4	0	3	0

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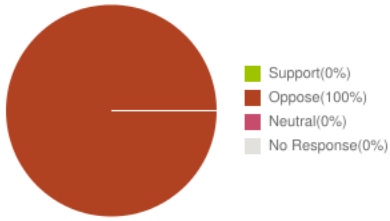


Agenda Item: eComments for 6. 22-0043

Consideration of Including Contractors and Volunteers in a COVID-19 Vaccine Mandate and Directing the City Manager to Issue a Related Emergency Order (Continued from the December 21, 2021, City Council Meeting) (Human Resources Director Jenkins).

DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION

Overall Sentiment



AudreyA RittermaEstes

Location:

Submitted At: 3:53pm 02-01-22

At this point it is a personal decision. Please evaluate your decision on what is happening with Omicron today, not what happened in the past. Is the city worried about liability? As Lauren Harbor stated "the CDC director even admitted that vaccinated people can and do contract and spread the Covid virus". So why force people to be vaccinated if it doesn't seem to matter and why isn't anyone talking about natural immunity? Please take this decision very seriously before you force people to do things they don't want to do. Thank you

lauren harger

Location:

Submitted At: 7:42pm 01-31-22

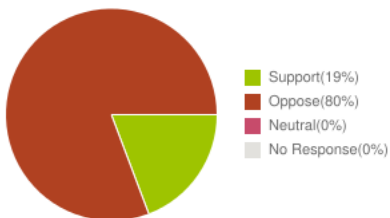
I oppose all vaccine mandates. Medical procedures should never be coerced as a condition of employment. In the case of the current Omicron variant, current Covid shots were developed for a virus that has mutated to the point they have almost no efficacy in slowing the spread. Further, the CDC director even admitted that vaccinated people can and do contract and spread the Covid virus. Stop punishing workers with ridiculous, overbearing mandates that accomplish nothing. Whether or not to vaccinate against Covid is an individual choice with individual consequences.

Agenda Item: eComments for 13. 22-0078

Consideration of Updating the Special Events Policy, Removing the Exclusion of Bruce's Beach and 8th Street and Larsson Street Parkettes as Possible Locations (Parks and Recreation Director Leyman). REMOVED FROM AGENDA.

APPROVE

Overall Sentiment



Justin Verbiest

Location:

Submitted At: 5:28pm 02-01-22

I am in support of updating the Special Events Policy. If you look at the events our town hosts, from the Hometown Fair to Concerts in the Park, these events bring community together. Expanding the Special Events Policy will provide more opportunities for the people of MB and beyond to come together and celebrate

community.

I also see a lot of concern regarding the parking situation, sound, and residents surrounding Bruce's Beach; it is no different hosting an event at BB than it is blocking off Valley, in between homes on all sides, for the Hometown Fair.

Additionally, there were no complaints submitted last year during/after the Juneteenth gathering. I bring this up because it shows how BB is a good place to gather (after obtaining all permits and requirements from the City). I think it's important for people to understand, too, that obtaining permits for an event is no easy feat; the City and neighbors must approve of it before said event is greenlit.

Elizabeth Heatherton

Location:

Submitted At: 5:04pm 02-01-22

I strongly oppose allowing of "Mega" events at Bruce Beach Park and also 8th Street & Larsson Parkettes; there is absolutely no sane reason to encourage large gatherings at these small, public parks for reasons clearly state previously. Consider these parks for their already dense areas with almost no parking: what is the motive for wanting to further crowd at these locations? Adding in allowing amplified music and alcohol....the citizens of MB would like to know the logic(if any) behind such an egregious request for a public park in a very congested and quiet neighborhood.

Michael Jenkins

Location:

Submitted At: 2:59pm 02-01-22

I support allowing for events at Bruce's Beach such as Juneteenth. The City may impose conditions to protect the neighborhood from unreasonable impacts. Events at all city parks have some impacts, yet none of the opponents are suggesting we end summer Concerts in the Park at Pollywog, despite the incredible amount of traffic, parking issues and noise it generates in adjacent residential neighborhoods. Or, how about the Hometown Fair? Bruces' Beach is not like the parquettes; it is large enough to support reasonably-sized and properly conditioned events without significant disruption. And, those who choose to live adjacent to a park that has existed since 1924 should not be heard to object to a reasonable and occasional event taking place in the park under those circumstances.

Jen Dohner

Location:

Submitted At: 2:18pm 02-01-22

I support the update of MB's special event policy to include all MB parks. I have attended multiple cultural events hosted by local residents and organizations at Bruce's Beach Park specifically, and found them to be vibrant, joyous additions to the city calendar. Alcohol was not served. Amplified sound happened during the day and within a short window of time. Trash was properly contained and removed. I did not witness any crime or misconduct. These events celebrated and recognized local history in a meaningful way and in a notably relevant space. Bruce's Beach has two tiers of public parking integral to the park area. The size of any proposed event is subject to the permit approval process. Denial of special event permits at the Bruce's Beach location would only serve to perpetuate the negative reputation for our city many commenters here would seek to avoid. Today is the first day of Black History Month. Let us please honor rather than deny or whitewash our own local Black history.

Kim Brant-Lucich

Location:

Submitted At: 2:05pm 02-01-22

When an individual or group wants to host an event at Polliwog Park, Live Oak Park, Joslyn Center, or any other public locations/facilities in Manhattan Beach, there is a request process. There is no valid reason to exclude any of these other 3 parks or parkettes from the same process. When a request is approved, one can assume the City provides guidelines with respect to attendance, parking, and noise ordinances. This item should be approved with no objection for these parks. The process here should mirror the process at other venues. If residents object to parks being used for reasonably sized events, "because of the noise and parking," then perhaps we should eliminate concerts at Polliwog Park, charitable fundraisers at Sand Dune Park, and the

Hometown Fair at Live Oak Park. Residents seem to be using this as a divisive issue merely because of Bruce's Beach; the implications of that are, frankly, disturbing and I hope City Council will ignore the noise.

Joyce Handschumacher

Location:

Submitted At: 1:45pm 02-01-22

Strongly oppose for the reasons previously mentioned. Oversized Crowds, with Amplified Music and Alcohol does not belong in a residential area.

Scott Chambers

Location:

Submitted At: 11:50am 02-01-22

A strong no on this one. For the reasons already stated. Just not a good idea.

Heidi Rayden Tobias

Location:

Submitted At: 11:01am 02-01-22

And yet another Hildy woke agenda being dumped on usyet again. At least this one didn't get slipped into an LA County Agenda & quietly passed! Imagine if the woman who ran on the platform of "bringing community together"....actually wanted to do thatinstead of her relentless drive to push every progressive policy down this city's throat (alongside her newly minted small army of MB Divided) . Obviously the park, which is located in a 100% residential area is incompatible for large scale events... last Summer streets had to be closed off on weekends just to handle the dramatically increased tourism in the area...& now large scale events! Brilliant proposal.

Eric Gray

Location:

Submitted At: 11:46pm 01-31-22

I oppose making these parks available for large events with PA amplification, loud music, and alcohol. These spaces were never intended for that use, and lack the access, parking, restrooms, and infrastructure to support such events. Further, these spaces should be safe and quiet places for the residents and their children. Loud programs would also disrupt the residents who live nearby. Strongly oppose.

carole schlocker

Location:

Submitted At: 11:04pm 01-31-22

I strongly oppose allowing large group events or alcohol at Bruces Beach. There is not adequate parking and it will casue traffic to be terrible and chaos for the neighbors. Plus the trash will be a nightmare.

Lucia aMES

Location:

Submitted At: 10:00pm 01-31-22

This very divisive policy revision has been snatched in the consent calendar without any inclusive participation of the residents who live nearby and who will be most impacted. Who prompted this and thought it would go without notice to force this revision on us without debate or input? I hope the majority of the city council treat the park now known as Bruce Beach Pak for what is and has always been - a neighborhood park. The only large park for the residents of El Porto. There is no advantage for the city if it becomes a preferred destination for large events of any nature. The park is for the families who live all around it- leave it that way. This is much more than avoiding the inconveniences of traffic, parking and increased crimes - even though all comments that point to that are correct. This is about preventing a neighborhood park from being highjacked to the political agenda of opportunistic actors. Do the right thing and oppose this revision. Save the park.

Michelle Erickson

Location:

Submitted At: 9:30pm 01-31-22

I strongly oppose changing the city's Special Events policy to allow large events to be held at Bruce's Beach Park,

8th Street and Larsson Street Parkettes. These areas are not suitable for large events, they are surrounded by residences and there is not adequate parking!

lauren harger

Location:

Submitted At: 7:56pm 01-31-22

No. Way. Absolutely not. Who thinks it is a good idea to allow small parks surrounded by homes to be used as venues for large public events involving loudspeakers, congestion and parking issues? Not the residents. Not the taxpayers. Then who?

I'll tell you. It is a thinly veiled attempt by political activists to secure Bruce's Beach as the future Mecca for Juneteenth celebrations, BLM demonstrations and various and sundry Reparations demonstrations and events. Adding Larsson Street Park and 8th Street Parkette to the list just adds insult to injury.

Our town has suffered enough at the hands of carpetbagger Kavon Ward and the Bruce's Beach False History debacle. I urge Council to represent the interests of local residents and vote NO on this ridiculous proposal.

Michele Reniche

Location:

Submitted At: 6:08pm 01-31-22

I fully support the update. Special events such as Concerts in the Park, Shakespeare by the Sea, the Hometown Fair and most recently Juneteenth add to the vitality of our city. As I read it, applications for Bruce's Beach and the Parkettes would be subject to the existing approval process which already takes factors such as parking and special services into account.

Pam Thomas

Location:

Submitted At: 4:57pm 01-31-22

I strongly oppose the idea of using the neighborhood parkettes for special events. The local residents would have to deal with traffic, parking, noise, trash, etc. Using these small, intimate parks for special events defeats the purpose it was intended for. PLEASE DO NOT CHANGE THE POLICY.

Loren McClanathan

Location:

Submitted At: 1:40pm 01-31-22

As a Manhattan Beach resident located on the perimeter of Bruce's Beach park I strongly oppose any changes to the use of the park to allow for "Mega" events or any events that ignore the current rules for the use of the park.. What rationale is even considered in forwarding this as an idea? This is a residential area not a commercial zone. Recent events in the park, whether permitted or not, have resulted in disrespect for the park rules that include the use of amplified music, alcoholic beverages, and fireworks as well as complete violation of parking rules that block traffic on surrounding streets. The amount of trash generated is appalling. Why should nearby residents be subjected to the crowds and noise? Who benefits from this?

I strongly encourage the council to oppose this proposal unanimously.

Samantha Kohanzadeh

Location:

Submitted At: 11:46am 01-31-22

I oppose using the small neighborhood parks as event space. These parks are lots adjacent to residential homes. This brings the potential for over crowding and parking issues, noise issues, littering issues, and misconduct. I feel this is a detriment to the neighbors of the block who will be directly impacted by this.

Chip Thomas

Location:

Submitted At: 11:21am 01-31-22

I strongly oppose revising the Special Events policy for these parks. Parking, trash, noise and wear & tear on the parks are my reasons. I live across from 8th park, this park is being used by local neighborhood families on a

daily basis. Allowing events at this small park would deny these families from enjoying the park as it was intended. Please do not change the policy.

Devon Nicole

Location:

Submitted At: 10:55am 01-31-22

I fully oppose this initiative and agree with all of the points the other commenters have made. This is a horrible idea and one that obviously doesn't not think about or consider the residents that pay thousands of dollars in taxes to live in these areas. I feel like normally MB is very mindful of the residents but this initiative clearly does not show that.

Janette Ocampo

Location:

Submitted At: 10:41am 01-31-22

I am opposed to changing the city's Special Events policy in order to allow consideration of applications for such events to be held at Bruce's Beach park and the two parkettes. There is already no adequate parking for residence and beach goers, especially surrounding Bruce's beach and the lifeguard headquarters. The traffic, noise and pollution will increase in an already overpopulated area. Anyone that lives in these areas knows that, especially during the summer months, the trash pollution is a problem, as well as, the noise from Harley's and cruisers with music blaring.

As much as, we need a place for venues, this does not seem to be the fit. Streets need to be wider and parking needs to be addressed.

Gary Senser

Location:

Submitted At: 9:46am 01-31-22

I am opposed to changing the city's Special Events policy in order to allow consideration of applications for such events to be held at Bruce's Beach park and the two parkettes. These venues are not suitable for large events, they are surrounded by residences and there is no adequate parking

Lee Phillips

Location:

Submitted At: 9:36am 01-31-22

Strongly oppose changing the special events policy to allow mega events. To even consider without resident input and safety analysis reveals a blind spot about issues important to MB residents. Allowing mega events at these three sites will increase traffic, noise, trash, pollution and impact the QOL for a wide swath of MB.

Mark Toumajian

Location:

Submitted At: 8:47am 01-31-22

One terrible idea after another!

Anyone who lives in the area of the lifeguard headquarters north of Marine & Ocean will tell you how bad traffic & parking already are.

Allowing large gatherings, especially with alcohol, is a phoney woke idea meant to create problems & forment further division in our little town.

When those phoney BLM protests were taking place there, we were heckled & had our mail stolen!

Several of these phonies yelled at me & my family & called us racists for flying the American flag!

Please do not allow the failed ideology of phonies like Newsome & Garcetti to do any more damage to Manhattan Beach.

Thank you.

Mark Toumajian

Maureen Denitz

Location:

Submitted At: 8:30am 01-31-22

We've been homeowners in MB for over 34 yrs and we oppose changing the city's special event policy. We are

against large gatherings/events in the middle of neighborhoods and especially using BB park as anything but a serene park with a view. Let the county property be used but not our parks. Loud noise or music amplification, traffic and lack of parking are just a few insurmountable issues. Thank you for your consideration Mr and Mrs Denitz

Jimmy Suruki

Location:

Submitted At: 8:19am 01-31-22

We live next to the 8th Street Parkette and we are strongly opposed to allowing large special events there. It is next to several residential homes where noise will impact quality of living, not to mention the poor parking situation (not adequate). Such events should be held at Poliwog Park, not at the small Parkette.

Mike Michalski

Location:

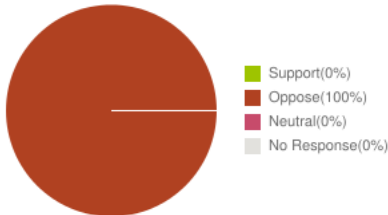
Submitted At: 10:32pm 01-30-22

I am opposed to changing the city's Special Events policy in order to allow consideration of applications for such events to be held at Bruce's Beach park and the two parklettes. These venues are not suitable for large events, they are surrounded by residences and there is no adequate parking. Furthermore, with regard to Bruce's Beach park, removing the restriction on special events could potentially invite the activist class to transform the park into a protest destination as well as a false and defamatory symbol of Manhattan Beach's "systemic racism."

Agenda Item: eComments for 21. 22-0022

Consideration of Beginning City Council Meetings at an Earlier Time to Hear Ceremonial Presentations (City Manager Moe).
DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION

Overall Sentiment



Kim Brant-Lucich

Location:

Submitted At: 2:14pm 02-01-22

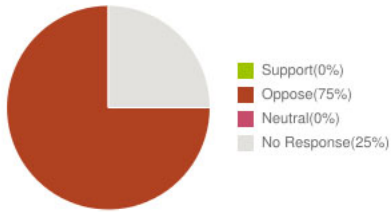
It is wonderful to hear our local students and boy scouts recognized for service and actions that demonstrate respect for community.

It is equally agreeable to learn of other residents' and businesses' acts of kindness. These Ceremonial items provide the community with an opportunity to come together and celebrate each other together. They bring hope, joy and pride to our community. The meeting start time enables working residents to participate; an earlier start time might impact their ability to do so. I strongly encourage City Council to keep these Ceremonial presentations on the calendar where they are currently. If Council is concerned about the time used, set reasonable targets for the number of recognitions per meeting; i.e., limit to 3 per meeting.

Agenda Item: eComments for 24. 22-0076

Consider Request by Councilmember Franklin and Councilmember Montgomery to Discuss Continuing the Placement of Plaques at Bruce's Beach (City Manager Moe).
DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION

Overall Sentiment



Michael Jenkins

Location:

Submitted At: 3:06pm 02-01-22

I recommend tabling this item indefinitely. Based on the Council's prior discussions of the plaque, I do not believe that the Council can collectively develop language that will do justice to the history of Bruce's Beach. The existing plaque is deficient; but, I see no purpose in spending taxpayer money on an equally deficient new plaque. As for the plaque being proposed on County land, we all know that this is entirely the province of the County.

Charles Southey

Location:

Submitted At: 11:53am 02-01-22

Please keep Janice Hahn out of our city. Please do not shift any of your authority to her office and allow her to infuse her political strategies into our small town. Along the same vein, please strongly consider hiring a professional historian to write the city history and develop verbiage for the plaque. This is an incredibly visible project and should be completed by a team of qualified, professional and experienced historians.

Lucia aMES

Location:

Submitted At: 8:46am 02-01-22

Since the county land has been dedicated to this, I hope the city might consider not having a plaque in what is now known as Bruce Beach Park, since we now know for sure that land where the park is had nothing to do with the Bruce family. I hope you might consider return the park to its Latino roots and possibly consider restoring a partnership with a Mexican city. Having an actual exchange of students and cultures as the city had done in the past with a Mexican city is the best cure against elitism and is much more relevant and meaningful in terms of inclusiveness than a plaque or a nominal sidewalk chalk design.

lauren harger

Location:

Submitted At: 11:15pm 01-31-22

If Janice Hahn wants the County to pay for plaques commemorating the Bruce family on County land, I suppose they have that right. But for the love of everything good and right, do not leave the language of those plaques up to her and the already dismissed History Advisory Board members. Council voted to take that task in-house for a reason and we are still waiting for them to see it through. Do not let the language on a permanent plaque near the Lifeguard Station be left up to the political whims of outsiders who have already branded our city as systemically racist.