



**CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

**Monday, February 28, 2022**

**4:00 PM**

**Location: Virtual – Instructions within Agenda**

**A G E N D A**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

**B. ROLL CALL**

Commissioner Karger	Commissioner McCarthy
Commissioner Greenberg	Commissioner Turkmany
Commissioner Weiner	Commissioner Grampp
Commissioner Doran	

**C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 24, 2022**

**D. CEREMONIAL - None**

**E. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (3-Minute Limit) - The public may address the Commission regarding City business not on the agenda.**

**F. GENERAL BUSINESS**

22/0228.1 Special Events Policy – Consideration of Updating the Special Events Policy, Removing the Exclusion of Bruce’s Beach Park and 8<sup>th</sup> Street and Larsson Street Parkettes as Possible Locations

2022 Workplan Item updates

- El Porto Family Park
- Sand Dune Park Master Plan (Nature Areas and Trails, Building)
- Dog Parks and Community Parkettes
- Repurposing Pay N Play
- Explore Aquatics Facility
- Donation Policy and Programs

**G. STAFF ITEMS**

City Council recap and Parks and Recreation Department updates

**H. COMMISSION ITEMS**

Older Adult Program update  
School District update  
Student update

**I. ADJOURNMENT**

Pursuant to Governor Newsom's Executive Orders No. N-25-20 and No. N-29-20, City Council Chambers is not open to the public. In the interest of maintaining appropriate social distancing, the Parks and Recreation Commission encourages the public to participate by submitting comments on agenda items or other subject matter within the jurisdiction of the Parks and Recreation Commission via email to both [lrobb@citymb.info](mailto:lrobb@citymb.info) and [mleyman@citymb.info](mailto:mleyman@citymb.info), no later than 3:00 PM, February 28, 2022 (the day of the meeting), if you are unable to join the meeting via Zoom.

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If you plan to speak during the meeting, join via Zoom at 3:45 p.m. in order to request to be on the speakers list.

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Please name yourself to include the item(s) you wish to speak on, and your First & Last name. Example: G.1 – Jane Smith.
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Please Note - All microphones for non-Commissioners or Staff will be muted during the meeting, except during Public Comment periods for which you have requested to speak.

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1. Download the Zoom app to your respective device well ahead of the meeting time. Visit <https://zoom.us/> for the download link. Please make sure you have downloaded the most recent version available.
2. Familiarize yourself with the Zoom application prior to the meeting.
3. Check the condition of all personal electronic equipment, internet and phone connections, and microphone/speaker functionality. The City is unable to support this equipment.
4. Join the meeting prior to the start time. Due to security or technical limitations, admittance to the meeting may not be possible after the meeting begins.
5. Every effort will be made to "rename" participants on Zoom as quickly as possible, so that phone numbers are hidden, however, phone numbers may be partially visible for a brief time.

**CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH**  
**MINUTES OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**  
**Virtual – Zoom meeting**  
**January 24, 2022**  
**4:00 PM**

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**A. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM.

**B. ROLL CALL**

Present: Karger, Greenberg, Weiner, Doran, McCarthy, Turkmany, Grampp

Absent: none

**C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Weiner moved to approve the December 14, 2021 minutes as written.  
Commissioner Doran seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Ayes: Karger, Greenberg, Weiner, Doran, McCarthy, Turkmany, Grampp

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Karger

**D. CEREMONIAL**

None

**E. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (3-Minute Limit)**

None

**F. GENERAL BUSINESS**

Discussion of 2022 Workplan Items: Workplan item summary sheet reviewed

**El Porto Family Park** (Greenberg, McCarthy, Turkmany) – Commissioner Greenberg reported that City Council directed staff to reach out to LA County regarding providing funding for any changes that are in the current development plan, but not to ask that the County pursue development of the Park. Before spending any more staff or commission time on design or public outreach, it needs to be determined if the new County Supervisor will fund the project. Director Leyman stated that he will reach out and next steps will be determined by the County response.

**Nature Areas and Trails** – (Greenberg, McCarthy, Turkmany) Commissioner Greenberg gave the following update: City Council would like to look at master planning Sand Dune Park and determine what the community would like this park to be. Whether it should be a nature conservancy to protect the bird habitat or a park for the enjoyment of humans, or a mix of the two, is to be studied along with the budget to bring the park up to standard, and maintain. Commissioner Greenberg emphasized that the City Council voiced a sense of urgency to establish and plan through communication with Public Works, the arborist, and community outreach. Commissioner Turkmany added that he is not clear whether the Sand Dune Building should be a separate project or lumped into the Master Plan project. Director Leyman relayed that the City Council has identified \$1,200,000 in ARPA funds for facilities,

and that in addition to the trails and building, programming will need to be considered. There is a small classroom space in the existing building. Whether or not to keep that or expand is a consideration. The estimates received to date are for modular, prefab buildings.

Director Leyman reported that the department is putting together a list of everything that is needed in the parks and prioritize. He will prioritize all of the department projects and assign staff to work with the ad-hoc committee. He explained that the department is down four full-time employees, is in the middle of a reorg and is currently supporting 40 work plan items. He will be working with the City Manager to coordinate the City Council priorities with the department priorities.

**Dog Runs/Parkettes** – Commissioner Weiner summarized that there are not a lot of opportunities to expand in this category. The message that he got from the joint meeting. The City has three usable dog parks that are not in the greatest condition. The first goal is to address any safety concerns and potential upgrades with Public Works. Next step is to do walk throughs to confirm what needs to be put through to Public Works. The message received from City Council is that we have enough dog runs and parkettes but the Greenbelt and Marine Park were also mentioned as possible options. Commissioner Weiner reminded that commission that there is already a small, relatively unused, dog run at Marine Avenue park, and suggested that money necessary to develop a larger park at that location may be better used elsewhere. He would like to explore doubling the size of the Polliwog Park dog run. The Marine Avenue Park location may be reevaluated based on the outcome of the Pay N' Play situation.

**Exploring Repurposing the Pay N Play Racquetball Courts** – (Karger, Turkmany, Greenberg) Commissioner Karger reported next steps are to get accurate costs for remodeling vs. demolition. The lease and communication with the Lessee is in the hands of the City Attorney. Once staff is advised to move forward, community outreach will be essential to determine future use of the space. Preliminary research has been done for alternative uses but community input will be key. Commissioner McCarthy suggested that if the Pay N Play building were removed, there could be a large area (including the basketball courts and community center) that could be reconfigured. Director Leyman stated that once staff received confirmation that we can take over operations of the building, program options and cost estimates may be prepared and presented to the Commission and City Council.

**Exploring Acquisition of the Armory** – This item will be removed from the Commission work plan and is now a staff item for annual follow up with state elected officials.

**Exploring the feasibility of developing an aquatics center** – (McCarthy, Weiner, Doran) Commissioner McCarthy gave the following report: The message she got from the joint meeting is that there seems to be a conflict between wanting to have facilities fixed and where to find the money to do so. She is concerned that the aquatics facility does not seem to be viewed in the same way as the other parks and does not agree with the opinion that this is a five to seven year minimum project. She stated that statistically valid polling needs to confirm what people are interested in doing with Begg Pool.

1. Fixing Begg Pool
2. Expanding Begg Pool
3. Building a new facility on the Begg Pool site
4. Improving Begg Pool and building an additional facility on a different site

In her opinion, the public should be asked if they would support a bond measure after a scope

is established. Commissioner Greenberg mentioned that what he heard in the joint meeting, is that residents should be polled for their appetite to support a bond measure first because most people would say yes to new aquatics facilities. Until you ask if people are willing to be taxed in order to pay for it, you don't know whether you have community support. Commissioner McCarthy added that there are people who are willing to financially support the project and there may be an opportunity to partner with a 501c3. She is concerned that Begg Pool will get to a point where it will need to shut down before any action is taken. Director Leyman reiterated that City Council wants a statistically valid survey. He would like to see where the community wide survey landed on the topic and then work with a company for more specific statistically valid survey. Commissioner McCarthy would like the survey to be presented in a way that educates the public the current facility is in need of significant repair and is at the end of its useful life. Commissioner Weiner does not think that residents should be asked if they want the City to repair and maintain an existing facility and that the survey should pertain to a new facility. He feels that the maintenance of Begg Pool and the concept of a new aquatics facility are separate items. Director Leyman will speak with the City Manager to determine next steps and what can be done before the survey. Commissioner Doran added that demand for water should also be considered and presented.

**Donation Policy and Programs** – (Turkmany, Karger, Weiner) Commissioner Turkmany reported that the amenity catalog is currently on hold. He would like to speak with the City Attorney about the legacy donation program. Commissioner Karger is working on drafting bylaws and a structure for what the donation process through a 501c3 would look like. Her goal is to present to City Council before her term ends in May. Commissioner Weiner recommended using a consultant who is an expert in the field to facilitate. Director Leyman commented that authorization for a consultant could be requested with a detailed justification presented to City Council. Director Leyman stated that it would be good to bring this to City Council in May with the Military Wall.

**Sand Dune Building Replacement** – Commissioner Turkmany reported that there were estimates received for ADA improvements in the \$100,000-\$140,000 range, to the existing structure and also for a small reservation booth. Commissioner Weiner added that there were additional quotes received for a larger prefab building in the \$500,000 range. Director Leyman mentioned that an engineer should also look at any quotes to make sure they are realistic.

**Options for Historical Red House** – Director Leyman reported that commission involvement is dependent on the outcome of the approval of usage of Library Surplus Fund dollars. Possibilities for the facility include building an adjacent facility to aid in East Manhattan Beach library services. The facility may also include a museum space and study rooms for students. Parks and Recreation Commission involvement will be joint with the Library Commission and Cultural Arts Commission. The Library Commission has put together a survey to assess the need for library services on the east side.

## G. STAFF ITEMS

Director Leyman gave the following updates:

City Council tentatively approved the Leadership Manhattan Beach mural project for the Manhattan Beach Art Center (MBAC). The mural will be developed in a paint by number format and painted by members of the community.

The Charles Bragg Exhibition opening at MBAC will be held on February 4<sup>th</sup>.

The Polliwog Playground Project is now due to complete in August, 2022, due to shipping delays.

Sean Roberts has been promoted to Public Works Superintendent. Staff will be working with Sean on a whole laundry list of projects. Bobby Dobson will be in charge of parks and fields.

There are some excellent candidates for the Sr. Recreation Manager position. Updates to come.

#### **H. COMMISSION ITEMS**

Older Adult Program update – no update

District update – no up-date.

Student update – Commissioner Grampp reported that the first day of school was January 3<sup>rd</sup> and there have been many COVID related absences.

He added that due to the omicron variant, the Students to Seniors program he was organizing with Community Programs Manager, Jan Buike, will not be happening.

He is looking for other ways to contribute to intergenerational causes.

#### **I. ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Turkmany moved to adjourn. Commissioner McCarthy seconded the motion. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 5:57 PM to Monday, February 28, 2022.

**TO:**

Parks and Recreation Commission

**THROUGH:**

Mark Leyman, Parks and Recreation Director

**FROM:**

Linda Robb, Senior Management Analyst

**SUBJECT:**

Consideration of Updating the Special Events Policy, Removing the Exclusion of Bruce's Beach Park and 8<sup>th</sup> Street and Larsson Street Parkettes as Possible Locations (Parks and Recreation Director Leyman).

**DISCUSS AND MAKE RECOMMENDATION**

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the Parks and Recreation Commission discuss and make a recommendation to City Council regarding updating the Special Events Policy, removing the exclusion of Bruce's Beach Park and 8<sup>th</sup> Street and Larsson Street Parkettes as possible locations.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:**

There are no fiscal implications to the City with the Special Events Policy update.

Event operators will pay an application fee of \$1,417 for a new event and \$977 for a repeat event. In addition, City services will be billed to the event organizer at fully burdened rates. These fees are cost recovery for services rendered and do not represent any additional revenue stream for the City.

**BACKGROUND:**

The original Special Event Policy was approved by the City Council in 1989. The current revision of the Special Event Policy was approved by the City Council on July 17, 2018, establishing a tiered event classification review process. The purpose of the policy was to create guidelines and an approval process for review by staff, Parks and Recreation Commission and City Council. The policy includes three impact levels and a process for each. Impact considerations include: number of participants, season, amplified sound, street closures, location and staffing. The policy language excludes Bruce's Beach Park and the 8<sup>th</sup> Street and Larsson Street Parkettes as special event locations, due to the potential impact on residents adjacent to the park/parkettes.

The historical significance of Bruce's Beach Park has brought added attention in recent years resulting in requests for special events.

**DISCUSSION:**

The current policy precludes Bruce's Beach Park and the 8<sup>th</sup> Street and Larsson Street

Parkettes as possible locations for special events due to the impact on the surrounding neighborhoods. Since the 2018 approval of the Special Event Policy, staff has received numerous inquiries to hold events at Bruce's Beach.

This update to the policy would allow special events to be considered at Bruce's Beach Park and the Parkettes, through the established special events review process or approval by City Council. These locations will continue to remain unreservable through the parks and facilities reservation system.

#### Parkettes

8<sup>th</sup> Street Parkette is located on the 1700 block of 8<sup>th</sup> Street. Reservations are not accepted for at this park. The park occupies four-tenths of an acre and has two picnic tables. There is also a wide open space, shaded area and play equipment for small children. The primary use of this park is for neighborhood families to play and gather. There is limited parking and no restrooms at the park.

Larsson Street Parkette is located on the 200 block of Larsson Street. Reservations are not accepted for this park. It is the only park space west of Sepulveda and south of Manhattan Beach Boulevard which occupies one city lot or two-tenths of an acre. This site includes play equipment for small children, one picnic table, a basketball backboard and rim. The primary use of this park is for neighborhood families to play and gather. There is limited parking and no restrooms at the park.

Residents responding regarding the neighborhood parkettes expressed concern for crowding in the parks, as well as parking issues, traffic and lack of restroom facilities.

#### Bruce's Beach Park

Bruce's Beach Park is located at Highland and 27<sup>th</sup> Street. Reservations are not accepted for this park. It is the oldest park site in Manhattan Beach and occupies approximately three acres, with a small basketball half court and numerous shade trees and benches. There is limited parking and no restrooms at the park.

Feedback received showed a high concern for traffic, noise, parking issues, increased trash, alcohol consumption and criminal activity surrounding the park if special events are allowed.

On June 19, 2021, a Juneteenth event was held at Bruce's Beach Park that was unable to be run through the special event process. In an effort to properly plan for future events, staff is bringing this item to the Commission and City Council for guidance and direction.

#### Option 1 – Maintain Special Event Policy language

Maintain the current language in the Special Events policy, which prohibits special events at Bruce's Beach, 8<sup>th</sup> Street and Larsson Street Parkettes.



### Option 2 – Update Special Event Policy to allow applications to be considered

Allow applications for events at Bruce's Beach, 8<sup>th</sup> Street and Larsson Street Parkettes to be submitted and run through the special event review process. This would allow for review of proposed events, providing time to consider impacts, required City staffing and necessary City services. All events, regardless of size, would require City Council approval. Additional conditions could be set forth including, limitations on number of events, event size, amplified sound, alcohol and other event details. Application does not guarantee approval.

#### **PUBLIC OUTREACH:**

Notices were sent to residents within 1000 feet of Bruce's Beach Park and the Larsson and 8<sup>th</sup> St. Parkettes. As of February 24, 2022, 50 emails were received, 41 opposed to allowing special events, 9 in favor. This item appeared on the February 1, 2022 City Council agenda, however, was referred to the Parks and Recreation Commission for further discussion. 26 eComments were received at that time, 21 opposed to allowing special events and 5 in favor.

#### **ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Existing Special Event Policy, Application and Matrix
2. Revised Special Events Policy
3. Public feedback emails



## City of Manhattan Beach Special Event Application Rules and Regulations

Applications and other required documents must be submitted to:  
City of Manhattan Beach Parks and Recreation Department  
1400 Highland Avenue, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266  
Office Phone: 310.802.5403 • Email: [lrobb@citymb.info](mailto:lrobb@citymb.info) • Fax: 310.802.5401

### **ONLY COMPLETED APPLICATIONS WITH PAYMENT WILL BE ACCEPTED**

Application, application fee and all required documents **must** be submitted to the Parks and Recreation Department at least 90 days prior to the event. *Please make sure all sections of the application are completed and legible for review.* You will be notified by City staff if your application was not accepted for review.

Applications may require review by the Parks and Recreation Commission and approval by the City Council. You, or your representative, may be required to attend the meeting at which your event will be considered. If the Commission recommends your event for approval, you or your representative may be required to additionally attend a City Council meeting.

**YOU MUST SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING:** *To avoid processing delays, do not leave any blanks. Indicate items that do not apply with an N/A. Attach additional sheets to the application if more space is required for **descriptions**.*

- Completed Application including:**
  - Public Relations Form**
  - Green Matrix**
  - Impact Characteristics Worksheet**
- Application Fee**—Submit non-refundable \$809 application fee or \$405 for pass-through events, payable to the City of Manhattan Beach. ***Applications received without the application fee will not be processed.***
- Event Date(s)** - On your application, you are required to submit a requested date/s and an alternate date/s, set up and break down dates included. Requested dates are subject to approval. The date/s you request may not be available for your event. Staff will contact you if an alternate date/s assignment is necessary.
- Site Plan**—Include location of stages, tents, portable toilets, dumpsters, registration areas, fencing, barricades, bleachers, generators, lighting, sound, pyrotechnics and all other items for your event. Facilities, equipment placement, parking needs, loading and unloading areas, ingress and egress routes and street closure requests must also be included. The City may require a certified Traffic Control Plan (TCP).
- Event Schedule**—Hourly event schedule including schedule for set up and break down
- Insurance and Indemnification Hold Harmless Agreement**— due 30 days before the event

Please be aware of the following policies and procedures. You will be required to abide by the following, but not limited to, rules and regulations throughout the event approval process:

1. Application Review

- Special event plans may require review by each City Department, the Parks and Recreation Commission and/or City Council. Need for review is based on size, scope and impact of event.
- Separate permits and fees may be required from Building and Safety, including but not limited to building, electrical, plumbing, mechanical and right-of-way permits.
- Separate approvals, permits and fees may be required from the State ABC and County Health Departments, LA County Beaches and Harbors and the Coastal Commission.

2. Certificate of Insurance

The City requires General Liability insurance in the amount of \$1 million per occurrence/\$2 million aggregate. The insurance should be primary and non-contributory and contain a waiver of subrogation. The insurance certificate and applicable endorsements should be submitted to the City a *minimum* of **30 days prior** to your event date.

3. Fees

The application fee is non-refundable and is to be submitted with the application. An estimate of event related fees will be provided to you upon approval. Any event changes requested after approval may require additional review by City staff and may result in additional fees. Actual fees will be invoiced within 30 days of your event.

4. Portable Restrooms

Depending upon the duration or size of your event and the availability of public restrooms, you may be required to rent portable chemical toilets to accommodate participants and spectators. The City recommends availability of seven toilets for every 500 people, or portion thereof. The figure is based on the maximum number at your peak event time. The total number of toilets you need to provide will be determined on a case-by-case basis. All portable restrooms must meet State codes and City standards and are subject to Building Division approval.

5. Marketing of Event

You must receive approval for your event prior to promoting or marketing your event. Submission of your application does not automatically constitute a guarantee of the date, location or automatic approval of your event. Copies of marketing material for the event must be submitted to the Parks and Recreation Department for approval 30 days prior to distribution.

6. Clean Up

All debris and trash must be removed from your event site immediately after the event. Failure to do so will require the City to call upon the Public Works Department to complete the clean up and additional fees will be assessed. All expenses will be the responsibility of the event applicant. The applicant is required to arrange for recyclable receptacles at the event.

7. Damage Deposit

The City may require a damage deposit depending upon the size and scope of the event.

**AGREEMENT AND SIGNATURE:** I, the undersigned representative, have read the rules and regulations with reference to this application and am duly authorized by the organization to submit this application on its behalf. The information contained herein is complete and accurate.

Name (printed)	Signature:
Title	Date:



City of Manhattan Beach  
Parks and Recreation Department

PERMIT NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

EVENT DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE STAMP

STAFF  
INITIALS

## SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT APPLICATION

1400 Highland Ave • Manhattan Beach, CA 90266 • 310.802.5403 • Fax: 310.802.5401

- **APPLICATIONS FOR LEVEL I & II EVENTS MUST BE SUBMITTED AT LEAST 90 DAYS PRIOR TO EVENT DATE**
- **APPLICATIONS FOR LEVEL III EVENTS MUST BE SUBMITTED AT LEAST 180 DAYS PRIOR TO EVENT DATE**
- **\$809 Non-Refundable Application FEE required with application.**
- **\$405 Non-Refundable Application FEE for Pass-through Events, required with application.**

Requested Event Date: (1st Choice\*\*): \_\_\_\_\_

2nd Choice\*\* \*(Required): \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*Date choice is not guaranteed until final calendar has been determined by City Staff**

### ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

EVENT TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Non-Profit?  YES  NO Non-Profit I.D. or Tax Exempt #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

### CONTACT INFORMATION (IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE)

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

### REQUIRED: CONTACT PERSON ON THE DAY OF THE EVENT

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

**EVENT INFORMATION**

**Event Type** *(please select all that apply)*

Race (run, walk, bike, etc.)

Tournament

Type: \_\_\_\_\_

Parade

Pass-Through

Street Fair/Festival

Fundraiser

Benefitting: \_\_\_\_\_

Concert

Swim Event

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Sidewalk Sale

Entrance or registration fee: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Event Start Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Event End Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Set-up Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Set-up Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Break Down Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Break Down Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Event Location: \_\_\_\_\_

# of participants: \_\_\_\_\_

Age of Participants: \_\_\_\_\_

# of Spectators \_\_\_\_\_

Total Attendance: \_\_\_\_\_

**Overall Event Description**—*Briefly explain event and activities*

**Street Closure Information**—*For parades, races, walk/runs, etc. taking place on City streets.*

Names of Streets to be closed *(please include additional sheets if necessary)*:

\_\_\_\_\_ between \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ between \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ between \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ between \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ between \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

**Event Route**—*Official map must be submitted with application for review by the City Traffic Engineer and Public Safety Staff.*

Assembly Area/Event Start: \_\_\_\_\_

Disbanding Area/Event End: \_\_\_\_\_

**Sponsors**—List ALL proposed/anticipated sponsors. (attach separate sheet if necessary)

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

**Parking**—Metered spaces must be reimbursed at \$.75-\$1.50 per hour depending on location. Reserved spaces must be noticed 72 hours prior. Please contact Public Works at 310-802-5313 to obtain signage and arrange for noticing. Please contact the Finance Department at 310-802-5561 to pay for parking.

Will you need reserved parking spaces?  YES If yes, indicate number below  NO

Event organizer	# of spaces _____	Date: _____	From: _____	to _____
Event participants	# of spaces _____	Date: _____	From: _____	to _____
Other	# of spaces _____	Date: _____	From: _____	to _____

Will there be vendors selling merchandise at the event? All vendors are required to have a City of Manhattan Beach Business License. Please contact the Finance Department at 310-802-5557 for assistance.  YES  NO

Does your event involve the sale or consumption of alcoholic beverages? If YES, an ABC license is required and must be approved by the Chief of Police. Please contact the Police Department at 310-802-5100 for assistance.  YES  NO

Will the event have amplified sound? (live music, PA, number/size of speakers, microphone, bullhorn, etc.) If YES, an amplified sound permit will be required. Please contact the Police Department at 310-802-5100 for assistance.  YES  NO

**Amplified sound hours of use:** (ANY exceptions require City Council approval)  
8:00 a.m.—8:00 p.m. Monday—Thursday      10:00 a.m.—11:00 p.m. Saturday  
8:00 a.m.—11:00 p.m. Friday                      10:00 a.m.—8:00 p.m. Sunday and City specified holidays.

**Amplified sound requires an onsite contact person.**

Sound company name:

Onsite contact name: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Is this a fundraising event? If YES, please describe.  YES  NO

Will there be any fenced areas? If YES, please describe. The City of Manhattan Beach may require fencing for your event.  YES  NO

Will there be construction of stages or structures, including any tents larger than 10X10, canopies or awnings? If YES, Building Division and Fire Department approval may be required. Please allow two weeks for review. Please contact the Building Division at 310-802-5505 and the Fire Department at 310-802-5203 for assistance.  YES  NO

Please describe:

Will public facilities be used for the event? (i.e. meeting rooms, restrooms, park, public plaza, electricity, water, etc.) If YES, please describe.  YES  NO

**Post-event Clean-up plan**—vendors must meet City standards and possess a City of Manhattan Beach business license. If the Public Works Department is called upon to complete the clean up, additional fees will be assessed.

Will you be requesting street banners?  YES  NO

Will you be filming or having television coverage?  YES  NO

**SAFETY /SECURITY/VOLUNTEERS**

Have you hired a security company to handle security arrangements for this event? *Contemporary Services Corporation (CSC) is the preferred security vendor for the City. All other companies must reviewed and approved by the Police Department.*  YES  NO

If YES, please include the following information:  
Company name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ # of guards \_\_\_\_\_  
Guard Schedule:

Do you plan on utilizing volunteers? If YES, please describe:  YES  NO  
*Volunteers must be easily identifiable by their attire and must wear traffic vests if working in the street.*

Please indicate if and where a first-aid station or personnel will be stationed.

Please describe your procedures for both crowd control and internal security: *Crowd control plan must be reviewed by the Police Department.*

## EVENT PROMOTION INFORMATION

Please describe marketing and promotional efforts for this event. *Copies of marketing material for the event must be submitted to the Parks and Recreation Department for approval 30 days prior to the event.*

## EQUIPMENT INFORMATION (ATTACH SITE PLAN)

**A DIAGRAM OF YOUR SITE PLAN THAT INCLUDES ALL FACILITIES, EXACT PLACEMENT OF ALL EQUIPMENT, STREET CLOSURES, INGRESS AND EGRESS ROUTES, SHUTTLE ROUTES, FENCING, ACCESSIBILITY PLAN, AND PARKING MUST BE ATTACHED TO THE APPLICATION.**

### YOUR APPLICATION WILL NOT BE PROCESSED WITHOUT A SITE PLAN

Please check all the boxes that apply to the equipment/areas that will be on site for your event and specify the number and size of each (if applicable).

<input type="checkbox"/> Cars	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Dance Floor	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Semi-trucks	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Alcohol sales and consumption area(s)	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Vans (Size)	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Generator (Size/Type)	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Motor Homes (Size)	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Sound Equipment	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Trailer (Size)	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Lighting	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Enclosed Tents	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Signs	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Canopies	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Porta Potties	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Stage (Measurements)	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Cooking Equipment	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Live music—band area	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Live animals	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please attach list)	_____		_____

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**APPLICANT AGREES TO COMPLY WITH ALL APPLICABLE LAWS AND AGREES TO MAINTAIN PREMISES IN GOOD CONDITION AND RETURN IN THE SAME CONDITION AS BEFORE SAID USE.**

I hereby certify that all statements made in this application are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any misstatement, omission or misrepresentation of material facts may be grounds for revocation of an approved City Special Event permit. I have full knowledge of, and will comply with, the provisions of the Manhattan Beach Municipal Code relating to Parades and Special Events. I affirm that I am authorized to apply for this permit on behalf of the listed event organizer sponsor.

I have read and agree to comply with the City of Manhattan Beach Sustainability Measures. I understand and acknowledge that if any City services over and above that which is normally provided by the City shall be required for the Special Event, the event organizer/sponsor agrees to reimburse the City, upon receipt of an invoice from the City, the actual costs for providing such services.

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Name/Company Representative	Signature
Title	Date

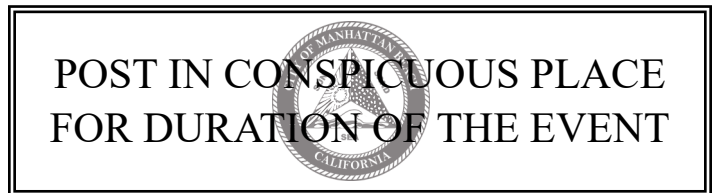
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<b>EVENT TITLE:</b> _____	<b>DATE(S) OF EVENT:</b> _____
Organization Name: _____	
<b>ONSITE CONTACT:</b> Name: _____	Cell: _____

<b>ONSITE SOUND COMPANY CONTACT:</b>	Name: _____	Cell: _____
Company: _____	Phone: _____	

<b>CLEARANCES</b>			
DEPARTMENT	REQ	CLEARED BY	DATE
Alcoholic Beverage Control			
Building & Safety:			
Community Development			
Fire Department			
Police Department			
Public Works			
Risk Management			

<b>REQUIRED INSPECTIONS</b>			
INSPECTION TYPE	REQ	CLEARED BY	DATE
Electrical			
Building/Structural			
Occupancy			



**APPROVAL TO OPERATE SPECIAL EVENT:**       YES       NO

Parks and Recreation Director	Signature	Date
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# **GREEN MATRIX (Environmental Protection Plan)**

*(Required for all event applications)*

Events in Manhattan Beach are expected to implement measures to reduce impacts and costs to the environment, the city, and the community. Please note that the use of single-use plastic straws, utensils, bags, mylar/foil balloons, and polystyrene foam/plastic #6 is prohibited in the City of Manhattan Beach (per Manhattan Beach Municipal Code 5.80). Please visit [www.cityymb.info/PlasticFreeMB](http://www.cityymb.info/PlasticFreeMB) for more info. Balloon releases are prohibited. Specify how you will comply with applicable measures (or mark not applicable).

**Event Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Expected Attendance:** \_\_\_\_\_

MEASURE	APPLIES TO:	HOW WILL YOU COMPLY? (use additional sheets if needed)
<b>1. Reduce waste and single-use items</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Limit single-use plastics. <i>Note: Single-use plastic bags, straws, and utensils cannot be used/distributed in the City.</i></li> </ul>	All events	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Limit single-use packaging and décor items, such as balloons. <i>Note: Mylar/foil balloons cannot be used in outside, public places or events the City.</i></li> </ul>	All events	
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use products with high recycled content (50% or higher).</li> </ul>	All events	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Avoid sale or give-away of single-use plastic bottled drinking water.</li> </ul>	All events	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide free drinking water in large dispensers (people can refill their own bottles, or use paper cups).</li> </ul>	500 or more	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At 'beer or drink gardens' recycle cups (provide dump station for liquids). <i>Note: Plastic #6 (Polystyrene and Styrofoam®) cups cannot be used in the City.</i></li> </ul>	2000 or more	
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Limit/reduce handouts, flyers and giveaways (multiple per page, double-side, etc.).</li> </ul>	500 or more	
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide onsite 'monitors' directing people to recycling at prime locations, or provide secondary trash sorters.</li> </ul>	2000 or more	
<b>3. Staging</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recycle or reuse event construction materials.</li> </ul>	2000 or more	

▪ Use 'no emission/no VOC' paints/sealants.	500 or more	
▪ No dumping/disposing of water, ice, grease, etc. on to streets, plants or down any drain.	All events	
<b>4. Transportation</b>		
▪ No-idling policy for all vehicles.	All events	
▪ Sponsor free shuttle or low cost bus passes.	2000 or more	
▪ Use hybrid, electric, or CNG vehicles.	2000 or more	
▪ Offer bike parking or bike valet for attendees.	2000 or more	
<b>5. Energy</b>		
▪ Use energy-efficient lighting.	All events	
▪ Turn lighting and devices off when not in use.	All events	
▪ Turn off generators when not in use for significant period of time.	All events	
▪ Using alternative energy (solar, wind, fuel cell) to supply some power.	2000 or more	
▪ Use alternative fuel generators such as CNG, fuel cell, biodiesel- minimum B20 (20% blend); B99 is preferred.	2000 or more	
<b>6. Marine environment</b>		
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▪ Use of polystyrene or plastic #6 cups or containers is NOT allowed.	All events	
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▪ No hosing of surfaces unless specifically allowed by city.	All events	
▪ Full containment of all waste.	All events	
▪ Full containment of all six-pack plastic rings.	All events	
▪ Provide litter control, recycling, and compost containers.	All events	
▪ Beach and street cleaning required.	500 or more	
<b>7. Education</b>		
▪ Event and vendors to make reducing waste and recycling a prominent theme.	500 or more	
▪ Advertise green measures and rules in all event advertising and on website.	500 or more	
▪ Demonstrate that vendors and service providers will comply with green measures.	500 or more	
▪ Provide one booth, kiosk, or space for green education sponsored by city or designee.	2000 or more	
<b>8. Monitoring</b>		
▪ Report on compliance with above applicable measures.	500 or more	

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**To:** [Linda M. Robb](#); [Mark Leyman](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] February 28 agenda item — park use permits  
**Date:** Monday, February 21, 2022 2:11:47 PM

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I understand that the Parks and Recreation Commission will review the City's special event permit application process at its meeting on Monday, February 28. I am a longtime City resident and would ask that my comments below be provided to the members of the Commission prior to the meeting.

The City's parks are a valuable asset to the community. They are used daily by many for recreational purposes and all but three are available for events through a reservation system. As I see it, residents should have the opportunity to reserve *all* parks for appropriate events, such as birthday parties, neighborhood gatherings, family reunions and cultural celebrations. There is no reason why Bruce's Beach, and the 8th Street and Larson Street parkettes should be excluded from the existing process by which the City can review and approve or deny permits for special events. The process itself assures that the proposed use will be of an appropriate size and scope for the requested park space and will be subjected to conditions to minimize neighborhood impacts.

When this item appeared on the Council agenda earlier this month, numerous neighbors of Bruce's Beach raised objections based on anticipated impacts. Anyone living adjacent to a park must expect some impacts associated with park use, whether by permit or otherwise. Bruce's Beach was acquired ostensibly for park purposes in 1924 and has existed as a passive park since the 1950s; any person who owns or rents property in the vicinity certainly knew it was a park when they arrived here, and must reasonably expect that the use of the park will occasionally cause impacts. That is a normal consequence of choosing to live near a park, and is balanced out by the advantages and enjoyment of open space and unobstructed ocean views. Those who reside near Pollywog Park and Live Oak Park put up with traffic, parking and noise impacts from summer concerts, the Hometown Fair, sporting activities and other events, some of which are very impactful. The Bruce's Beach neighbors are not entitled to a ban on use of that park any more so than neighbors of the other parks in town.

Bruce's Beach, of course, has special significance insofar as it was acquired by the City for purpose of racial exclusion as documented in the City's official history of the site. It is appropriately the site for events that celebrate inclusion and diversity or seek

a remembrance of troubling parts of our American and City past. I attended the Juneteenth event in 2021 at Bruce's Beach — which could not receive a permit under the current policy — and observed that the park was an ideal setting for the event. The site amply accommodated the crowd in attendance, the event lasted only a few hours during the midday, traffic on Highland flowed unimpeded and there were no visible significant off-site impacts. The symbolic import of having the event at Bruce's Beach cannot be overstated. The park is well suited for this type of event, as well as birthday parties, family reunions and the like.

I strongly encourage the Commission to recommend to the Council that Bruce's Beach and the two parkettes be included in the existing special events policy so that they may on occasion be reserved in part or in whole for events. All parks in the City should be treated equally. The existing permitting process assures that the City will be able to apply conditions to assure that the type of event, the number of participants, the hours and whether amplified sound is allowed are all appropriate for the park in question.

Michael Jenkins

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**From:** [Cynthia Strand](#)  
**To:** [List - Parks and Recreation Commission](#)  
**Cc:** [Mark Leyman](#); [Linda M. Robb](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Please - Do Not Modify Existing Policy  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 23, 2022 10:18:45 AM

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I urge you not to change the existing policy exempting our small parkettes and the Bruce's Beach area from large gatherings. These small venues are in residential neighborhoods which presents many problems. There is limited parking and there are no restroom facilities. These venues were never meant to handle this nor should they be now. Please, I urge you not to make any changes to the current policy.

Regards  
Cyndi Strand

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Lenora Marouani](#)  
**To:** [Linda M. Robb](#); [Mark Leyman](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Please include all city parks in the special events permit process  
**Date:** Thursday, February 24, 2022 3:46:04 PM

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Hello,  
my name is Lenora. I am the co-owner of Barsha Wines & Spirits in MB. I wanted to request that all Manhattan Beach parks be included in the special event permit process. I know that Bruce's Beach park is currently excluded from this permitting process, therefore cutting off the opportunity to create more diversity within our beach city. Bruce Beach Park has sentimental meaning and inspiration for the black community. If included in the permitting process, it will be an inclusive and unifying act within our community.

Thank you for listening.

Best Regards,  
Lenora

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***Lenora Marouani***

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**From:** [Loli Ramezani](#)  
**To:** [Linda M. Robb](#); [Mark Leyman](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Please include All city parks in the special events review process  
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Hello Mark & Linda,

1. Please allow all City parks to be places where families and the community can celebrate special events.
2. Without a permitting process, parks can be the site of unauthorized gatherings where city rules are harder to enforce.
3. A permitting process allows City departments to make the necessary preparations and safety assessments to support the event and mitigate neighborhood impact. This includes staffing, street closures, trash collection and public notice of events.
4. It creates an opportunity for the city to collect additional revenue from application fees and billable city services provided for the event.

Best,  
Loli



**From:** [Jennifer Honey](#)  
**To:** [List - Parks and Recreation Commission](#); [Mark Leyman](#); [Linda M. Robb](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Retain Special Events Exclusion at Bruce"s beach and Parkettes  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 23, 2022 3:28:57 PM

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Dear Park and Rec Commissioners and Liaisons,

Bruce's Beach and our town's parkettes are already difficult to use and enjoy. Bruce's Beach is crowded on weekends, the basketball hoop is in high demand and parking is impossible. Still, we enjoy the park and walk through it regularly as it is precious open space for sunshine and solitude. We pay property taxes to enjoy that open space and we purchased a home with no backyard very much planning to use Bruce's Beach at our leisure.

I am very glad to share all of these spaces with tourists, visitors from other towns and my neighbors, but I see no reason to make these spaces available to special events, large gatherings, concert promoters, reservation systems and the like.

These spaces are very much open to and enjoyed by the public. Persons are free to visit and enjoy the park. There is no basis to expand the public's access to allow special gatherings. There are plenty of public spaces in our town available by reservation for special events. Each of those locations has ample parking and dedicated restrooms. Bruce's Beach and the parkettes have neither. These locations disrupt residential parking already. To expand the use and modify the policy in place will be to voluntarily wade into the mess that followed when physical fitness trainers began using Sand Dune Park for classes. That use was considerably smaller in scope than what a special event modification would permit, but the neighborhoods were overrun with parking problems, trash and early morning/late evening noise and loitering. Note: Sand dune park has restrooms. There is a reason these spaces have the designation they carry and were located in pockets of residential areas. Those designations had strong bases in logic for limiting special events. It makes no sense to open these areas up to large gatherings; the uses are already loud and crowded. Amplified sound would be untenable.

I see no reason to modify the policy.

Thank you for your time and looking out for our community.

Jennifer Honey



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**Date:** Wednesday, February 23, 2022 6:26:26 PM

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All: I am a long-time resident near Bruce's Beach and the parkette lots. To open these neighborhood locations to special events, including open parking, would be disruptive to the neighborhood. These locations are not designed for open public events, although they certainly are utilized by many people. I am opposed to changing the current limitations on special events at these congested neighborhood locations. Thanks, Neil

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**Cc:** [Linda M. Robb](#); [Mark Leyman](#); [Lauren Harger](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Retain Special Events Exclusion for Bruce's Beach and Parkettes  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 23, 2022 6:10:03 PM

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I have been a resident of Manhattan Beach for 63 years and have used all of our parks as a teenager, adult and parent. Allowing the smaller parks to host large events is **not** in the best interest of our neighborhoods and community.

So I request the commission to **not** modify the existing policy that excludes the Eighth Street and Larsson Street parkettes and Bruce's Beach park from the special events permitting process. Their locations in residential neighborhoods will create unnecessary disturbances to nearby homeowners as well as anyone trying to use the parks due to the noise (particularly if there's amplified sound), traffic, possible street closures and the shortage of nearby parking and restroom facilities.

Thank you for your consideration.

James Harger  
63 year resident of Manhattan Beach

**From:** [Jay Simpson](#)  
**To:** [List - Parks and Recreation Commission](#); [Mark Leyman](#); [Linda M. Robb](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Retain Special Events Exclusion for Bruce's Beach and Parkettes  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 23, 2022 5:05:33 PM

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P&R should not change the existing policy excluding the Bruce's Beach park and the Eighth Street and Larson Street parkettes. The predictable noise, parking, and traffic problems would create an unreasonable environment for homeowners and limit park visitor access.

Jay Simpson  
Manhattan Beach

**From:** [kathy wafer](#)  
**To:** [List - Parks and Recreation Commission](#); [Mark Leyman](#); [Linda M. Robb](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Retain Special Events Exclusion for Bruce's Beach and Parkettes  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 23, 2022 4:44:23 PM

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I am asking that Parks and Rec not modify the existing policy that excludes the Eight Street and Larsson St. parkettes and Bruce's Beach park from special events permitting process. They are located in heavily residential neighborhoods and the harm that it would cause to those nearby homeowners as well as anyone trying to use the parks due to the noise, traffic and shortage of nearby parking and restroom facilities.

Thank You,  
Kathy Wafer

**From:** [Richard MacKenzie](#)  
**To:** [List - Parks and Recreation Commission](#); [Mark Leyman](#); [Linda M. Robb](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Retain Special Events Exclusion for Bruce's Beach and Parkettes  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 23, 2022 10:59:48 AM

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As a resident of the neighborhood of Bruce's Beach, I am already aware of the increased activity and traffic in the area of this Park. Bruce's Beach has always been an invitation to relax both on the grass and benches, while viewing the ocean that defines Manhattan Beach. Any move to approve or encourage special events, with associated traffic and organized (and disorganized) commotion, will not only distract from its present primary intention, but add to significant neighborhood commotion.. Therefore I am asking the Parks and Recreation not modify the existing policy that excludes Bruce's Beach park from the special events permitting process.

Thank you

Richard G MacKenzie MD  
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**Cc:** [Mark Leyman](#); [Linda M. Robb](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Retain Special Events Exclusion for Bruce's Beach and Parkettes  
**Date:** Thursday, February 24, 2022 12:33:51 PM

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Hello All,

I have become aware of a proposal to modify the existing policy that currently excludes the Eighth Street and Larsson Street parkettes and Bruce's Beach park from the special events permitting process.

I live 100 feet from Bruce's Beach. I have lived there for about 25 years and have witnessed the park go through all of its various iterations. The park's proximity to so many residences makes it particularly unsuitable for organized special events. Its usual use already taxes the neighborhood as it is. There are noise, traffic, parking and safety issues that impact its neighbors frequently now, particularly during high use periods. That would be exacerbated in the case of special events. Further, once the door has been opened to special events, the City will undoubtedly face limitations on its ability to reject applications, some of which potentially may be particularly volatile.

It would be a mistake to allow organized events at Bruce's Beach park, and I urge you to reject such a change.

Sincerely,

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**To:** [List - Parks and Recreation Commission](#)  
**Cc:** [Mark Leyman](#); [Linda M. Robb](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Retention of Special Events Exclusion  
**Date:** Thursday, February 24, 2022 11:55:44 AM

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Hello,

I am writing to you today to ask you to please retain the special events exclusion for Bruce's Beach, the 8th St. and Larsson St. parkettes. Please do not modify the existing policy.

The above areas are extremely dense and I believe holding special events in these 3 areas would create a hardship for not only the homeowners who reside in those areas but anyone traveling in those areas. We are already a congested community and by allowing special events you would be adding to the chaos. I can't imagine the noise that would emanate from allowing this.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Judith Alves

**From:** [Michelle and Neil Erickson](#)  
**To:** [List - Parks and Recreation Commission](#); [Mark Leyman](#); [Linda M. Robb](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Special Events Policy  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 23, 2022 8:46:42 PM

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Dear Commissioners, Mr. Leyman and Ms. Robb:

I am writing to ask that you retain the special events exclusion for Bruce's Beach Park, the 8<sup>th</sup> Street and Larsson Street parkettes. Special events should not be allowed at these locations which are all in dense residential neighborhoods and often function as outdoor play space for the residents who live nearby and don't have a front or backyard.

There are already parking issues at each of these locations and anyone who lives nearby would be negatively impacted by the potential increase of traffic and noise.

Again, I ask that Parks and Rec does NOT modify the existing policy which currently excludes 8<sup>th</sup> Street and Larsson Street parkettes and Bruce's Beach from the special events permitting process.

Thank you for your consideration.

Michelle Erickson

2904 Highland Avenue, MB

**From:** [Janet Bogigian](#)  
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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Special events policy--8th Street Parkette  
**Date:** Monday, February 21, 2022 11:18:39 AM

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This email regards the Commission's February 28 agenda item reviewing a policy change to allow special events requests at the 8th Street Parkette.

My family has lived at 1731 8th Street for 33 years. We enjoy having the tiny neighborhood 8th Street Parkette across the street from our house. But we are very opposed to opening up the park for reserved special events. I have spoken with several neighbors and all also oppose this.

As explained to me by the City, "special events" requests are made for larger reserved events that require things such as reserved parking and amplified sound.

This park was never designed for or intended to be used for formal, scheduled events of large groups. This tiny park cannot accommodate such special events. Nor should the neighbors be burdened with the noise, traffic, parking, sanitation and security problems such events generate.

For those who are not familiar with the park--and many in Manhattan Beach are not--it is the size of two residential lots located in the middle of a typical east Manhattan Beach residential street of 50' x150' lots. It is bordered on all sides by houses. Directly to the park's east and west, houses share a chain-link fenced border with the park. At the park's rear, two houses on 6th Street share a chain-link fenced border with the park.

It should be noted that directly across the street from the park are two houses at 1741 and 1747 8th Street. Those properties are owned by longtime resident John Gardner whose deceased father once owned the 8th Street Park property. His father is responsible for this property becoming a public park in the 1960's. Mr. Gardner also strongly opposes this "special events" proposal.

The park should stay as it is—a place for small neighborhood gatherings. There are no bathroom facilities. There is no electricity available. There are no barbecue facilities. There is no parking other than street parking which is frequently occupied by residents. The 1700 block of 8th is regulated by street sweeping signs making parking particularly challenging on Monday and Tuesday. Allowing reserved parking for special events would displace many residents who regularly use street parking. Given the park's location literally in the middle of a residential neighborhood and sharing borders with single family residences, there are no circumstances where amplified sound would be appropriate.

Finally, our lovely little neighborhood park should remain an always-accessible place

for neighborhood gatherings. Access should not be restricted by reserved special events. The park is constantly used by small groups of adults and children for impromptu, informal gatherings. School kids gather after school, mothers and small children meet for play dates, and there are occasional picnics and small birthday parties. This is exactly what the park was designed to be used for.

This is how the official Manhattan Beach website describes the park:

"This lovely **parquette** is quietly situated between homes in the area and occupies four-tenths of an acre. It has picnic facilities for about 16 people, two picnic tables and two barbecues [no longer true]. There is a wide open space and shaded area for rest and relaxation. It also includes play equipment for small children.

Parquettes are ideal for family picnics and social get togethers; however, no restroom facilities are available. Curbside parking is usually available."

Please allow this unique little gem of a neighborhood park to remain a place that fits the City's description of it. Reject special events requests at the 8th Street Parkette.

**From:** [ERIC GRAY](#)  
**To:** [Linda M. Robb](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Use of Bruce's Beach, 8th Street, and Larsen Street  
**Date:** Friday, February 18, 2022 12:35:39 PM

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Hello,

I am writing to oppose expanding the use of these public parks for events. Manhattan Beach has many options for public events, and these three parks were never intended for that purpose, nor are they well suited to support public events. There should be a balance of park use, and some parks should be reserved for family use and quiet spaces. This expansion is unnecessary and ill advised. Also there is insufficient parking to support these events and it would be a disruption to the community in terms of noise, clean up, and traffic. The existing venues are more than adequate to support public events, the last remaining 3 parks should be excluded from public events.

Eric gray  
725 31st Street

**From:** [Allyssa Weippert](#) on behalf of [MB Parks and Rec](#)  
**To:** [Linda M. Robb](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach Special Events Policy  
**Date:** Monday, February 14, 2022 7:53:44 AM

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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach Special Events Policy

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In response to your residents mailer, I do not believe there should be a change to the current "No events" policy. This small open space currently serves residents and visitors well. Use is afforded without concern for accessibility and without disruption. A change in policy would cause unnecessary congestion and noise in the neighborhood. There are other spaces within MB that are available for event use.

As for the other parklets, I am not familiar with the surrounding areas and the effect any policy change would have.

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**To:** [Linda M. Robb](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach Special Events  
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach Special Events

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Dear Parks and Rec,

I am opposed to Special Events being allowed at Bruce's Beach. I live in the area and there is essentially no parking, bathroom facilities or garbage handling capability. I'm also concerned about noise and excessive pedestrian and auto traffic. Unauthorized events held there in 2021 actually made me feel unsafe.

Please let me know if you can define the type of event you are considering.

In summary, it's a bad idea.

Respectfully,

Dr. Joseph Marron

**From:** [Allyssa Weippert](#) on behalf of [MB Parks and Rec](#)  
**To:** [Linda M. Robb](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL] Bruces Beach special events  
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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Bruces Beach special events

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I do not think that special events should be allowed. I assume it would worsen parking which is already terrible. I think it would also increase noise.

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Peter Tourigny  
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**From:** [Erika Joseph](#) on behalf of [MB Parks and Rec](#)  
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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach special events

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Dear Parks and Recreation Commission Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the policy regarding special events at Bruce's Beach. I own a home at 205 27<sup>th</sup> Street, which abuts the park. It's a beautiful spot to live, but my small yard is often treated as an extension of the park. Visitors sit in my entry to chat or picnic, and many leave their trash behind. Occasionally a package disappears, and once we caught someone urinating on the house, but it's mostly a steady trickle of small intrusions that peaks on the weekends.

I've struggled to find a policy for dealing with park visitors who take up in my yard. It's a bold subset of people, and I worry about upsetting someone if I make them feel unwelcome. It would be very easy for them to create lasting damage, then or later. As such, I offer a friendly greeting and hope there isn't too much to clean up at the end of the day.

As you might expect, I'm strongly against any change that brings large crowds to Bruce's Beach. I acknowledge that most visitors contain their recreation to the park, place their trash in receptacles, and abide by noise ordinances and other policies. But several days a week, and virtually every day of the summer, a small number of people do not. Given the way the park opens up to surrounding homes, Bruce's Beach is not a good location for special events. The greater the number of visitors at any one time, the more I can expect trash, trespassing, or worse.

I appreciate your attention to these comments.

Be well,

Ladd Lavalley  
205 27<sup>th</sup> St.

**From:** [Allyssa Weippert](#) on behalf of [MB Parks and Rec](#)  
**To:** [Linda M. Robb](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach  
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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach

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To Whom it may concern,

With regard to the special events policy under review for “special events at Bruce’s Beach and associated parklets”, there is no question that this park should be used for special events and any of the local residents needs for the foreseeable future.

I have been visiting this park since the mid 70’s with my family and the park should undoubtedly remain in its current format and be open to everyone to enjoy, period.

That includes events, “special” and otherwise...to continue into perpetuity.

Thank you,

*John Farrell*  
*President*



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**To:** [Linda M. Robb](#)  
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**Date:** Tuesday, February 22, 2022 7:52:11 AM

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Sent: Saturday, February 19, 2022 12:20 PM  
To: MB Parks and Rec <[mbparksandrec@manhattanbeach.gov](mailto:mbparksandrec@manhattanbeach.gov)>  
Cc: Lena <[toby106@earthlink.net](mailto:toby106@earthlink.net)>  
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach

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To whom it may concern-

I wish to express my desire to keep and retain Bruce's Beach as the wonderful park and small gathering location that it has been for many years. I do not wish to have special events, including large scale gatherings or celebrations held at the park since it's location is in the middle of and surrounded by a residential neighborhood. There would be noise and insufficient parking at a minimum and would take away from the small park environment. I hope the Commission maintains the current policy and not permit special events at this location.

Thank You.

Joseph P Gregoire Jr  
2401 Alma Avenue  
MB

**From:** [Allyssa Weippert](#) on behalf of [MB Parks and Rec](#)  
**To:** [Linda M. Robb](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL] Do NOT Allow Special Events at Larsson Parkette  
**Date:** Thursday, February 17, 2022 1:05:54 PM

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**From:** P Casey <pcasey10@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 17, 2022 10:44 AM  
**To:** MB Parks and Rec <mbparksandrec@manhattanbeach.gov>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Do NOT Allow Special Events at Larsson Parkette

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Dear Commission Members,

The current policy which does not permit special events at Larsson Street Parkette should not be changed.

This location does not have any facilities for large groups, does not have any restrooms, does not have any off-street parking, and is surrounded on three sides by single-family homes. This parkette is less than 8600 square feet in size and was never designed to be a park. It is city property only because it is the highest elevation in Manhattan Beach which used to have a water tank to supply water to the hill section. It continues to be the main pumping station for water supply to homes in Manhattan above 240 feet in altitude.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Pat Casey



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**From:** [Erika Joseph](#) on behalf of [MB Parks and Rec](#)  
**To:** [Linda M. Robb](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL] Event Policy Bruce's Beach  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 22, 2022 5:20:36 PM

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**From:** Lukas Mellinger <mellinger3@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 22, 2022 4:57 PM  
**To:** MB Parks and Rec <mbparksandrec@manhattanbeach.gov>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Event Policy Bruce's Beach

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Dear Parks and Recreation Commission,

Thank you for asking for my feedback in regard to a change to the special event policy for Bruce's Beach.

In general I welcome the public use of Bruce's beach. It is a beautiful location, brings citizens from all walks of life together and has provided a charming locations for private events with family and friends.

I have been living in the area for over 20 years and have to say that unfortunately the last 2 years with "special event" use of the park have transformed the park to one of the dirtiest in the Southbay at times. The park cleaning crew does their very best to keep up with the littering but it is a constant problem that many visitors of bigger events simply drop their trash wherever they sit or stand. I would encourage you to ask the cleaning crew members to this regard.

Another problem I see is the parking situation. Parking is already a problem and during some of the special events over the last 2 years there was unlawful parking all around the park. On at least 2 occasions I witnessed conflicts between residents and rather aggressive event visitors due to unlawful parked cars blocking driveways and speeding in low speed zones.

I do wonder how the noise and traffic these events would create would impact the neighborhood given the fact of how small the park is and how close hundreds of private homes are. Again, in the past 2 years "cruising cars" during special events have been a noise and safety issue. Speeding, running stop lights and revving engines unfortunately were all too common.

This is a very small park, with very limited parking and small access roads - I just don't see how special events can be safely organized without major involvement of law enforcement. Maybe valet off site parking and event size limits could solve some problems but I wonder how these would be enforced.

Sincerely,

Sabine Mellinger, MD

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**To:** [Linda M. Robb](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL] Events at Parkettes  
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To: MB Parks and Rec <[mbparksandrec@manhattanbeach.gov](mailto:mbparksandrec@manhattanbeach.gov)>  
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Events at Parkettes

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This is in response to holding events in three parkettes located in MB.

I do feel in Manhattan Beach we have plenty of venues to enjoy the outdoors. We have a beach that has unlimited space, we have four to five parks strategically located throughout the city to enjoy cookouts, games, etc.

Holding events at these smaller venues, my concern is policing these extra parkettes and of course bathroom facilities, trash pick up and the noise factor as well.

Please do not approve permits to use these parkettes for these special events.

Thank you,  
Susan Walker  
2704 The Strand  
Manhattan Beach

**From:** [Allyssa Weippert](#) on behalf of [MB Parks and Rec](#)  
**To:** [Linda M. Robb](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL] Events  
**Date:** Monday, February 14, 2022 7:54:50 AM

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**From:** Joan Brown <[joanbrown1214@gmail.com](mailto:joanbrown1214@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 13, 2022 7:19 AM  
**To:** MB Parks and Rec <[mbparksandrec@manhattanbeach.gov](mailto:mbparksandrec@manhattanbeach.gov)>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Events

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Events of any kind always create parking issues in areas where crowded parking is an ongoing issue. Thus, events at the 3 venues listed should not exceed 30 people. Sounds too small? Too bad. Our streets were never designed to accomodate sudden large groups of cars let alone our neighborhoods welcoming large groups of people congregating.  
Joan Brown



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**From:** [Erika Joseph](#) on behalf of [MB Parks and Rec](#)  
**To:** [Linda M. Robb](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL] Feedback for Special Events at Bruce's Beach  
**Date:** Friday, February 18, 2022 9:27:48 AM

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**From:** Aimee Akhlaghi <aimeeakhlaghi@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 18, 2022 9:18 AM  
**To:** MB Parks and Rec <mbparksandrec@manhattanbeach.gov>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Feedback for Special Events at Bruce's Beach

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Hello,

I received a postcard requesting feedback on current special events policy which will be presented to the City Council on March 15th.

As a homeowner near Bruce's Beach, I am opposed to allowing special events and therefore advocate that the current policy not be changed. I would like my voice represented during the Feb 28th Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

Thank you,  
Aimee Akhlaghi



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**To:** [Linda M. Robb](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL] Feedback on special events policy under review  
**Date:** Monday, February 14, 2022 7:53:21 AM

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To: MB Parks and Rec <[mbparksandrec@manhattanbeach.gov](mailto:mbparksandrec@manhattanbeach.gov)>  
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Feedback on special events policy under review

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Dear MB Parks & Rec Commissioners,

As a long time Manhattan Beach resident, I urge the commission to keep the current policy of NOT permitting special events at Bruce's Beach, as well as the 8th St. and Larson Street parkettes. All these locations are in residential areas with limited parking, relatively small in size and special events would cause unwelcome, excessive noise and traffic. The current policy has served the city and its residents well, so let's keep it.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Pamela Chin

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Allyssa Weippert](#) on behalf of [MB Parks and Rec](#)  
**To:** [Linda M. Robb](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL] input on special events at MB parkettes  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 16, 2022 1:04:06 PM

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**From:** K H-N <kamyabh@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 16, 2022 1:03 PM  
**To:** MB Parks and Rec <mbparksandrec@manhattanbeach.gov>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] input on special events at MB parkettes

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Greetings. Thank you for your service to our community. As a resident of 8th Street in MB, I have greatly enjoyed and appreciate having the 8th Street Park in our neighborhood. Even if small, it provides a green escape from all the concrete. However, I am concerned that if special events are permitted, a significant increase in both foot and car traffic would negatively impact our area. I am not sure what "special event" means but with Polliwogg Park being so close, there is plenty of space there to accommodate special events of all sizes. I would not be in favor of allowing special events at 8th Street parkette. Thank you for your attention.

KHN

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**To:** [Linda M. Robb](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL] input re: Bruce's Beach park  
**Date:** Monday, February 14, 2022 7:54:56 AM

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**From:** Jeff Kelber <jeffkelber@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 12, 2022 6:04 PM  
**To:** MB Parks and Rec <mbparksandrec@manhattanbeach.gov>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] input re: Bruce's Beach park

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Hello. I've lived on the corner of 26th and Ocean Drive, a block from Bruce's Beach park for over 20 years. I think the park is a beautiful spot for special events. I would like to know, though, what constitutes a special event - a wedding? a concert? I would have thought the Juneteenth event at the park last June would have been a special event, though you say they haven't been allowed as yet. I thought that event was appropriate and went very well. Thanks for asking for our input.  
Sincerely, Jeff Kelber



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**From:** [Suzanne Karger](#)  
**To:** [Linda M. Robb](#); [Mark Leyman](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL] List - Parks and Recreation Commissioners - February 28 Meeting Re 8th Street Park, Larson Street Park and Bruce's Beach Park - Exemption from Special Permit Process  
**Date:** Friday, February 18, 2022 1:53:26 PM

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And so the fun begins.....

Suzanne Karger  
Parks and Recreation Commissioner

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Sent: Friday, February 18, 2022 1:49 PM  
To: List - Parks and Recreation Commission  
Cc: Mark Burton  
Subject: [EXTERNAL] List - Parks and Recreation Commissioners - February 28 Meeting Re 8th Street Park, Larson Street Park and Bruce's Beach Park - Exemption from Special Permit Process

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Honorable Parks and Recreation Commissioners:

Thank you for your invaluable public service to our community.

I, and many other MB residents, oppose adding 8th Street Park, Larson Park and Bruce's Beach Park to the special event permit process.

These parks were excepted for several important reasons. Two are "pocket parks" and one is coastal access park. These three parks are small parks, nestled within a residential area. All three parks are used by families and their children for quiet enjoyment. And, there is not dedicated parkings for park use. I know of no compelling reason to change the existing policy exempting these parks from the special event permit process, other than a small amount of revenue for the City.

I urge you to exercise the appropriate due diligence by reviewing the prior Council and Commission reports, including any available transcripts, wherein these three parks were exempted from the special event permit process.

Let's keep Manhattan Beach, Manhattan Beach by continuing to exempt our 8th Street Park, Larson Street Park and Bruce's Beach Park from the special event permit process.

With kind regards, Mark

**From:** [Allyssa Weippert](#) on behalf of [MB Parks and Rec](#)  
**To:** [Linda M. Robb](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL] OPPOSE SPECIAL EVENTS POLICY AT BRUCE'S BEACH  
**Date:** Monday, February 14, 2022 1:18:12 PM

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**From:** halak310@aol.com <halak310@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 14, 2022 12:47 PM  
**To:** MB Parks and Rec <mbparksandrec@manhattanbeach.gov>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] OPPOSE SPECIAL EVENTS POLICY AT BRUCE'S BEACH

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Regarding the February 28th policy discussion of the Parks and Recreation Commission. I firmly oppose allowing special events.  
I live across from Bruce's Park. My personal experience is that allowing special events would be crowded parking and other nefarious activities.  
Currently the area is overcrowded and I have difficulty using my own parking spot. It would more prone to vandalism than what it is now.  
I had a bad experience as is during the pandemic where people used the park for lunches and dinners, I come home and all my 3 gallon bottles of water are stolen the day they get dropped off and during a weekend I had a hit and run into my new BMW sedan. Having events would add insult to injury. The neighborhood has experienced similar occurrences.



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**To:** [Linda M. Robb](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL] Re: Special events review @ smaller parkettes  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 22, 2022 7:51:12 AM

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Special events review @ smaller parkettes

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To MB Parks and Recreation Commission:

I'm sending comments per the suggestion by the mailer I received from the City of MB.

As a resident of Manhattan Beach for over 25 plus years I feel there are plenty of existing venues which provide much more space to allow for special events; Polliwog Park, Marine Park, community centers, etc that do not infringe upon the privacy of residents within close proximity of the smaller parkettes like Bruce's Beach, 8th Street and Larsson Street.

These smaller parkettes should be open to residents and public alike just as they are now without having reserved, special events and should not be considered for generating money for the City.

There are other ways to generate income for the City of MB while keeping the integrity of a small town feel that is open and inclusive to all. I hope the City of MB will continue utilizing the current policy of not permitting special events at Bruce's Beach, 8th Street, and Larsson Street parkettes.

Respectfully.

**From:** [Allyssa Weippert](#) on behalf of [MB Parks and Rec](#)  
**To:** [Linda M. Robb](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL] Re: Special permits for Bruce's Beach  
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Cc: Hildy Stern <[hstern@manhattanbeach.gov](mailto:hstern@manhattanbeach.gov)>; Steve Napolitano <[snapolitano@manhattanbeach.gov](mailto:snapolitano@manhattanbeach.gov)>; Richard Montgomery <[rmontgomery@manhattanbeach.gov](mailto:rmontgomery@manhattanbeach.gov)>; Joe Franklin <[jfranklin@manhattanbeach.gov](mailto:jfranklin@manhattanbeach.gov)>; Suzanne Hadley <[shadley@manhattanbeach.gov](mailto:shadley@manhattanbeach.gov)>  
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> On Feb 12, 2022, at 1:55 PM, Adah Duncan <[duncanmd@verizon.net](mailto:duncanmd@verizon.net)> wrote:

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> The same permit process should apply equally for everyone. All the existing rules including no drugs alcohol or guns, no amplified music, no loud speakers or bull horns or amplified microphones. No animals. No events past sunset. The event organizer in coordination with Manhattan Beach PD and Parks and Rec must provide adequate security, traffic control, parking, portable restroom facilities, and debris cleanup.

> Adah Duncan

> 2920 the Strand

> Adah Duncan (TE)

> 2804 Manhattan Ave

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**From:** [Allyssa Weippert](#) on behalf of [MB Parks and Rec](#)  
**To:** [Linda M. Robb](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL] Special Event Feedback  
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**From:** Melinda Arentsen <[mkarentsen@yahoo.com](mailto:mkarentsen@yahoo.com)>  
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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Special Event Feedback

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Hi there,  
Please do not change the current policy regarding special events at Bruce's Beach, and the Parkettes.  
I do not think allowing large events to these locations is the right thing to do. It would be nice to keep just a few things in our town along the lines of the small town charm we all came here for. We've got some big events on the beach, and at Polliwog throughout the year. Those locations are great for large events. Let's keep it that way.

Melinda Arentsen  
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**From:** [Allyssa Weippert](#) on behalf of [MB Parks and Rec](#)  
**To:** [Linda M. Robb](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL] Special Events at 8th Street and Larsson Street  
**Date:** Monday, February 14, 2022 11:24:55 AM

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Special Events at 8th Street and Larsson Street

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What a horrible idea it is to allow the public to rent out our local parkettes. There is no parking available even to the local residents. There's a reason why current policy does not permit special events. The parkettes are for the neighborhood.

Gloria McInerney

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Allyssa Weippert](#) on behalf of [MB Parks and Rec](#)  
**To:** [Linda M. Robb](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL] Special Events in Parks  
**Date:** Monday, February 14, 2022 7:55:27 AM

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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Special Events in Parks

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We would be in favor of special events at Bruce's Beach (near where we originally lived): it is large, generally unused, and has parking.

For the same reasons we would be opposed to special events at the Larsson Street parkette: it is small, with no dedicated parking.

We are not familiar with the 8th Street parkette.

Chuck and Martha Washburn

**From:** [Allyssa Weippert](#) on behalf of [MB Parks and Rec](#)  
**To:** [Linda M. Robb](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL] Special Events policy OPPOSE  
**Date:** Monday, February 14, 2022 7:56:42 AM

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Special Events policy OPPOSE

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We oppose the special event policy currently under review to allow City Council to review request for special events at Bruce's Beach, 8th street and Larsson St parks.

We live adjacent to Bruces Beach Park. Over the last few years, the interest in this park has grown exponentially. Because of that, the trash, noise, music on the weekends has gotten increasingly bad. This is a small neighborhood park that can not handle traffic as parking is extremely limited. Already, cars park illegally on 27th Street, blocking driveways and making it difficult to back out of driveways. I've called traffic control numerous times regarding this. Its a park that the local kids can go to and play basketball, ride a bike and run around on the park hills. We don't have yards in this part of town, so the park is the only place kids and families can gather to enjoy the outdoors. Years ago, I was told by Parks and Rec that this was a VIEWING park only and no functions were allowed. As a homeowner on the park, events at Bruce's Beach make no sense. The venue is too small, the terrain too hilly and steep. There are no bathroom facilities. Last year, there was a Juneteenth celebration on the park. Portable outhouses were brought in bordering the park. It was an eyesore and distasteful for us living on the park. The music was too loud and don't appreciate the loud speakers. For those reasons—as well as the peace and security of neighbors —We are not in favor.

Christy and Doug Miller  
229 27th Street  
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266





**From:** [Allyssa Weippert](#) on behalf of [MB Parks and Rec](#)  
**To:** [Linda M. Robb](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL] Special Events Policy. Larsson Street Parkette input. March 15th meeting  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 15, 2022 10:26:22 AM  
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**From:** Kevin Brady <[shadyb23@icloud.com](mailto:shadyb23@icloud.com)>  
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**To:** MB Parks and Rec <[mbparksandrec@manhattanbeach.gov](mailto:mbparksandrec@manhattanbeach.gov)>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Special Events Policy. Larsson Street Parkette input. March 15th meeting

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Hi, I would like to offer my feedback to the Special Events Policy concerning events at the Larsson Street Parkette.  
I have lived on Larsson street for 20 years. We have enjoyed and used the Larsson Parkette for 20 years and have witnessed many special occasions in the Park living across the street. Most of these occasions have been very small events from kids Birthday parties, Easter egg Hunts, Family lunches, etc. We have never witnessed more than 20 people at one of these tenets as the Parkette is very small.

We are in support of these small Family type events at the Parkette.

WE are totally against any event larger than this type of small event. (25 max)

This is a small residential neighborhood and the available Parking is very limited. Most residents park in their driveways but many park a 2nd vehicle on the street. We have workers from the Deep Roots Nursery and the office building on the corner of 2nd street / Sepulveda who park their cars on Larsson and along 2nd Street during business hours and on weekends.

2nd Street is an extremely busy street and not ideal for Parking as cars constantly speed down the street to the beach. Also, limited parking and always street is always packed.

There is no restroom or bathroom facilities at the Parkette, If the City allows larger special events at the Parkette, please explain where all the guests will be able to use a restroom. Currently, we have witnessed many people, with adults and children using the bushes and back area of the Parkette as a bathroom. We have had conversations with Park guests, nannies and others in regards to this matter.

Please keep the Parkette as it was intended to be used and enjoyed... a small neighborhood Parkette!

Any Special Events permitted that are larger In number will not only add to the increased Parking issues, trash, additional noise and no bathrooms will create bigger Issues for the Parks and Rec. Department and the City.

Thanks you,

Kevin Brady  
200 Larsson Street  
MHB



**From:** [Allyssa Weippert](#) on behalf of [MB Parks and Rec](#)  
**To:** [Linda M. Robb](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL] Special Events Policy  
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**From:** Karen Knott <[karenknott56@gmail.com](mailto:karenknott56@gmail.com)>  
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**To:** MB Parks and Rec <[mbparksandrec@manhattanbeach.gov](mailto:mbparksandrec@manhattanbeach.gov)>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Special Events Policy

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As usual, there is a lot of misinformation floating around about the “Specials Events” policy review. In order to fully understand the issues, I would like to be provided with the following:

1. What (precisely) is the current special events policy for all parks? (Send code sections please). What (precisely) is the current special events policy for Bruce’s Beach Park, the 9th Street and Larsson Street parkettes? Where does the existing policy say that special events may not be permitted at Bruces, 9th Street and Larsson?
2. Please outline in detail the changes that are being proposed. Has the City Council always had the authority to “review requests for special events” or is this part of the “changes” that are proposed?

I would rather receive this information directly from the City of MB - than from the gossip on the streets.

Thank you.

Karen Knott  
2407 Manhattan Avenue  
MB

**From:** [Allyssa Weippert](#) on behalf of [MB Parks and Rec](#)  
**To:** [Linda M. Robb](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL] Special Events  
**Date:** Thursday, February 17, 2022 1:06:02 PM

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**From:** Anthony Pessino <apessino@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 17, 2022 11:59 AM  
**To:** MB Parks and Rec <mbparksandrec@manhattanbeach.gov>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Special Events

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To Whom It May Concern:

This email is in response to the invitation for comment on the review of special events at Bruce's Beach. I offer no opinion on the review of 8th Street or Larsson Street parkettes.

I have serious concerns permitting special events at Bruce's Beach for a number of reasons. First, the parking in the area is inadequate to support any special events. It can barely handle the weekend beach traffic in Winter! For example, when the blue wave phenomena occurred in Spring 2020, the area was overflowing with cars and general disruptions due to the increased traffic. Permitting special events would have a very similar effect, and greatly impair the quiet enjoyment of the surrounding blocks.

Second, considering the public profile of this park in particular, any additional attention is not a wise decision in my opinion. The recent moves have been extremely controversial and permitting special events will likely cause the City to make potentially politically charged decisions on who can/cannot plan special events. Again, this may cause unwarranted additional attention to the area, which has already caused a negative impact on the value of properties in the adjacent area (I spoke with Stran Hill Properties about this factor).

For these reasons in particular, I strongly voice my objections to permitting any special events.

Thank you,  
Anthony Pessino



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**To:** [Linda M. Robb](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Comment on special events policy  
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From: Josephine Fleming <[kohkie@outlook.com](mailto:kohkie@outlook.com)>  
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To: MB Parks and Rec <[mbparksandrec@manhattanbeach.gov](mailto:mbparksandrec@manhattanbeach.gov)>  
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Comment on special events policy

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Hi

I live on Highland Ave and received a postcard inviting comments about the possible change of special events policy. I will keep it sweet and short. I am against allowing special events at the Bruce's Beach.

Traffic on Highland is congested as it is. Brice's beach is a rare, beautiful, quiet spot in our town that needs to be kept that way. Attracting large crowds will be noisy, and frankly I don't know where all the cars will go. I will move out of the area if this creates more stress for my living.

Thanks.

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Allyssa Weippert](#) on behalf of [MB Parks and Rec](#)  
**To:** [Linda M. Robb](#)  
**Subject:** FW: NO SPECIAL EVENTS AT BRUCES PARK AND LARSON'S STREET PARKETTES  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 15, 2022 1:49:21 PM

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**From:** michelle aslan <[michelleaslan2000@outlook.com](mailto:michelleaslan2000@outlook.com)>  
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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] NO SPECIAL EVENTS AT BRUCES PARK AND LARSON'S STREET PARKETTES

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We do not need streets clogged with people circling endlessly for parking. We do not need knavish noise, illicit drinking and drugs. We do not need to constantly check if our belongings are still there, or to see if our garage is open and an invitation for theft. We do not want to keep our windows shut on a hot summer day because of a raucous event at the park that disturbs us. We are already disturbed in July because of all of the fireworks going off at all hours of the night! We want our children safe while playing in the front of our homes, without ominous strangers walking by. We want to continue the stability and predictability of what we already have, without the city trying to take it away, like they did with Bruces' Park. It seems the beach is not a big enough public space for you, with all of its available parking, its access to restaurants, restrooms, and other amenities. Now you want to go into the quieter part of town, where people pay big money to live, and bring all of your bru-ha-ha, and the calamity and recalcitrant behaviors that invade the beach, to try to make some kind of statement. The city just has too much money!



**From:** [Allyssa Weippert](#) on behalf of [MB Parks and Rec](#)  
**To:** [Linda M. Robb](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Special events  
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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Special events

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We have a house just above Bruce's Beach and I would love to see events there and in other places. Live music and anything for kids, teens young and old adults will help remove the stuffiness of some of the people on the Manhattan Beach area. The town needs this after the Pandemic!



**Mike Meena**  
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**From:** [Allyssa Weippert](#) on behalf of [MB Parks and Rec](#)  
**To:** [Linda M. Robb](#)  
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**From:** Mori Biener <[mori.biener@vistasir.com](mailto:mori.biener@vistasir.com)>  
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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Special events at parks

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These parks are small and surrounded by homes. I would not be for special events as they create a lot of noise, parking issues and perhaps theft in the immediate area. So I would be against it as I live 2 houses away from the 8<sup>th</sup> St. park. If you feel a desperate need to do this, which I don't know why you would as this is a quiet, family oriented community not an event venue, I would like to see each and every home owner surrounding the activity be asked if they are agreeable to each specific event and have a right to vote it down. Change is not always good. In this case it's not.

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**TO:**

Members of the Parks and Recreation Commission

**FROM:**

Mark Leyman, Parks and Recreation Director

**SUBJECT:**

Parks and Recreation Commission Work Plan for 2022-2023

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

Discuss Parks and Recreation Work Plan items approved by the City Council at the joint City Council meeting on January 11, 2022.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Fiscal implications, if any, will be developed on a project-by-project basis and presented to the City Council as necessary.

**DISCUSSION:**

The City Council met with the Parks and Recreation Commission in a joint meeting on January 11, 2022 to provide direction and approve the following topics for the 2022 Parks and Recreation Commission Work Plan.

- El Porto Family Park
- Sand Dune Park Master Plan (Nature Areas & Trails, building)
- Dog Parks & Community Parkettes
- Explore repurposing Pay'n'Play Racquetball Land/Building
- Explore Aquatics Facility
- Donation Policy and Programs

Ad-hoc committees will provide updates monthly.