

City Council Regular Meeting - March 15, 2022

Meeting Time: 03-15-22 18:00

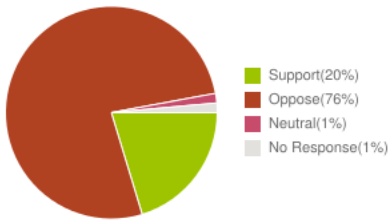
eComments Report

Meetings	Meeting Time	Agenda Items	Comments	Support	Oppose	Neutral
City Council Regular Meeting - March 15, 2022	03-15-22 18:00	39	69	14	53	1

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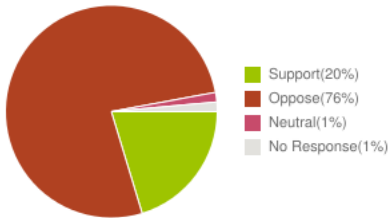
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G. PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 MINUTES PER PERSON)	5	1	4	0
13. 22-0144 Presentation from the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office Regarding Prosecution Services (City Manager Moe). (Estimated Time: 1 Hr. 30 Min.) RECEIVE PRESENTATION	17	0	16	1
14. 22-0130 Consideration of Updating the Special Event Policy, Removing the Exclusion of Bruce's Beach, and 8th Street and Larsson Street Parkettes as Possible Locations (Parks and Recreation Director Leyman). (Estimated Time: 1 Hr.) DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION	47	13	33	0

Sentiments for All Agenda Items

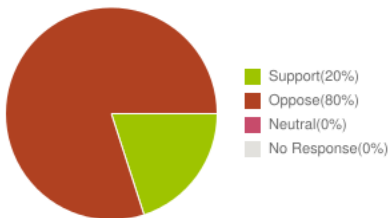
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Agenda Item: eComments for G. PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 MINUTES PER PERSON)

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Maureen Denitz

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Submitted At: 9:19pm 03-14-22

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truck thru that area even now with parking. Can you imagine with crowds and illegal parking during a large event how emergency vehicles would navigate this? Please don't ruin this neighborhood or its park. It's perfect the way it is. You voted 5-0 4 yrs ago to keep out special events for this park and the parquettes. Hope you continue that logic.

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D Berger

Location:

Submitted At: 8:11pm 03-14-22

Dear Council - I strongly advocate for the proposal to add Bruce's Beach and the Parkettes (and any and all parks in MB, for that matter) for special events permitting. Why anyone is against this is beyond me. Requiring permits for special events at all MB parks is a uniform policy that protects our parks, the neighborhood, and the event coordinators. I see absolutely no downside. I also would like to see approval of the Commissioners' recommendations for revisions and improvements to the permitting process and wording. By having consistency, City Council will ensure that random, non-permitted usage of the parks is minimized and that events are coordinated successfully for all.

Thank you!

Elizabeth Heatherton

Location:

Submitted At: 5:10pm 03-14-22

Council Members, please advise us all why illegal activities and non-permitted very large gatherings are allowed to go on in MB parks that do not have the resources (bathrooms, parking, security, etc)? Why? As residents, we abide by the rules, park and gather accordingly, obey the noise and alcohol ordinances, etc. but "someone" has thought it's a great idea to allow chaos at a small local park? Why are residents expected to abide by rules/codes/laws but non-residents can do whatever and without permits? Huh? Where's the logic in this, did I miss something? Please explain, thank you.

Scott Chambers

Location:

Submitted At: 10:41am 03-13-22

Dear city council I find it ironic that you would consider letting lage events happen at Bruce's Beach. Since in looks like it was a large event in October 1923 that approx 1400 people that caused the city founders to eminent donain the land in the first place. Sighting they did not want a resort of any type in the middle of their small town. Please see link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zZIFilb0p9M>

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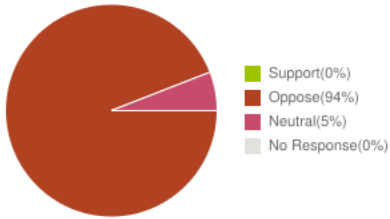
Agenda Item: eComments for 13. 22-0144

Presentation from the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office Regarding Prosecution Services (City Manager Moe).

(Estimated Time: 1 Hr. 30 Min.)

RECEIVE PRESENTATION

Overall Sentiment



Heather K

Location:

Submitted At: 5:29pm 03-15-22

DA Gascon has proven himself as someone who cares more about criminals than victims. I cannot believe we are wasting valuable city time on this. Please join in the many cities who have already voted no confidence in this guy. If anything, let him prosecute (or not, as is his MO) while we ALSO use Redondo Beach court to prosecute criminals and deter crime.

Karen Shonka

Location:

Submitted At: 5:14pm 03-15-22

Dear City Council members, please support the endorsement efforts to recall DA George Gascon. Mr. Gascon was the DA of San Francisco and had the opportunity to utilize his "science" and "Reform" there. San Francisco is now filled with crimes, forcing stores and businesses to close their doors. There are people walking naked in the streets and relieving themselves in public. Our beach communities cannot withstand this. We need our City Prosecutors to enforce the laws and be prosecutors. Mr. Gascon has never tried a case or practiced law. He has no business controlling the laws of the state. He is breaking laws and turning his nose up to the community and victims of crime. He needs to go!

Linda Cunningham

Location:

Submitted At: 4:52pm 03-15-22

I strongly support the City Council to Vote NO CONFIDENCE IN DISTRICT ATTORNEY GEORGE GASCON. Mr. Gascon is disregarding victims of crimes, even here in Manhattan Beach. How many cases presented by Manhattan Beach Police Department since Gascon's election has he declined to prosecute on the behalf of the citizens of Manhattan Beach who have been victimized, robbed, vehicles stolen and Mr. Gascon does not give any victims justice. Give us numbers and data to how many arrests the police department has made, and charges he has declined while wasting the cities precious resources. His policies are a farce. He is destroying Los Angeles County. Stand UP for the Citizens of the City and protect us, give us justice.

Eirinn Dimiriou

Location:

Submitted At: 2:35pm 03-15-22

Please support the recall with a vote of no confidence. Gascon's reckless, pro-criminal policies are endangering the public, including officers throughout the county. Just last week, the cities of South Gate and Lakewood denounced his tenure.

He has also done (or failed to do) the following: • Refusal to prosecute numerous crimes, including misdemeanors like resisting arrest. • rejected the voters' will when it comes to imposing cash bail • seeking lenient sentences that do not fit the crimes including a rejection of all special enhancements • pushing to release all defendants who have served 15 years in state prison, regardless of how serious the crime • dismissed the concerns and welfare of victims/witnesses, insulting them in public hearings while leaving deputy DAs out of parole hearings. Prosecutors in his office have publicly denounced him with 98% of the acting prosecutors in the LA County DA's office issuing a clear and convincing demand that he be removed from office.

AudreyA RittermaEstes

Location:

Submitted At: 2:24pm 03-15-22

This is not a social experiment. MB citizens are not living being in a test tube. City Counsel members, have you visited San Franisco or how about Santa Monica lately. You will see how DA Gascon's policies have impacted business, tourist or local residents. DA Gascon doesn't seem to care about collateral damage left in his wake. MB needs our own prosecutor not control by the LA County DA's office.

Heidi Rayden Tobias

Location:

Submitted At: 1:03pm 03-15-22

In the month of December 2021 within walking distance from our home;

A 7pm armed robbery at the Arco on MB blvd

Multiple home invasion robberies including one where the criminal barricaded himself inside a brand new home sending owners & children fleeing & a 3hr standoff w/MBPD & LAPD..... causing \$120k of damage to their new home.

Criminal's fleeing MBPD crashed a stolen car into a home off Valley.

Local shopkeepers deal w/ relentless theft from Vons to retail stores economically bleeding from non stop theft

Non stop sirens heard & helicopters overhead the new norm.

Criminals ticketed & released recommitting crime in our town same day ...funny, I don't recall this criminal activity under Lacey. All thanks to Gascons special directives & criminal justice reform ...didn't work in SF and doesn't work in LA County.

Council please support the Gascon recall effort & please find a way around Gascons office to hire Redondo's prosecutor .

LtCol Harding

Location:

Submitted At: 12:24pm 03-15-22

CITY COUNCIL,

The #1 responsibility of our Mayor and Council is to protect our citizens, and you cannot fulfill that responsibility under the current DA. Support the Gascon recall; this can't wait for another election.

- It would be telling IF any of our city council members endorse the DA.

I IMPLORE the city council to endorse the campaign to recall Gascon.

NO crime against our residents is too small to not convict. Gascon sets the bar high on which crimes should be overlooked.

YOU EITHER PUNISH CRIMINALS OR WELCOME MORE CRIME.

Gascon has made his choice, which will our city council members choose?

SINCERELY, LT COL (RET) HARDING

Tiffany Wright

Location:

Submitted At: 10:16am 03-15-22

I am writing to ask that the City Council to endorse the campaign to recall Gascon and adopt a city prosecutor. I agree that we should:

1) move the prosecution of misdemeanors to a city prosecutor (that being a Manhattan Beach city prosecutor or

the Redondo Beach city prosecutor).
2) endorse of our campaign to recall Gascon.

Our family has been victimized by crime within the last year. An ebike was stolen out of our garage in MB. Because the theft was considered less than \$950, it was just a misdemeanor under prop 47 (which Gascon helped to draft!) and the criminal who stole the bike has not been punished. His experiment didn't work in SF, and we have seen that it doesn't work in LA. We are MUCH less safe now than ever.

Gary Osterhout

Location:
Submitted At: 9:16am 03-15-22

I believe Gascon should be allowed to develop--and appropriately adjust--the programs and policies he ran on. From my understanding such programs and policies require a level of evolution and developing interaction with other programs. Many are programs also espoused by his competition last election, just differing in timing and methods of implementation. You as leaders should certainly be empathetic. He can be voted out later if needed. I do not see any developments of sufficient urgency or materiality that would require immediate action on our part. I do sense a large element of culture wars and grandstanding in the opposition.

Maureen Denitz

Location:
Submitted At: 9:36pm 03-14-22

I hope council will denounce Gascon and his policies. He needs to be recalled. It will be enlightening to see who on council supports Gascons policies

Betty Freitag

Location:
Submitted At: 7:51pm 03-14-22

We are actively participating in the RECALL GEORGE GASCON effort, and here is why:

1. An overwhelming majority of the members of the The Association of Deputy District Attorneys for LA County voted to recall George Gascon.
2. He treats repeat violent offenders as first-time offenders.
3. He prohibits sentencing enhancements such as for great bodily injury, gang involvement, narcotics trafficking, gun use and if the offender is on probation or out on parole.
4. He no longer allows sentences of with without the possibility of parole.

We believe George Gascon favors the criminals NOT the victims and he has to GO!

Please vote to endorse his recall and to engage our own DA.

Thank you!

Kathy Cady

Location:
Submitted At: 7:30pm 03-14-22

George Gascon's policies are devastating crime victims and endanger the community. I have provided pro bono representation to over 100 murder victims' families in response to his policies. His policies do not allow for appropriate gang, weapon and gun allegations to be filed. Gascon's policies regarding misdemeanor crimes is affecting quality of life crimes – he will not prosecute most misdemeanors including trespass, disturbing the peace, driving without a license, driving on a suspended license, criminal threats, being under the influence of drugs and loitering for prostitution. Not prosecuting these crimes results in criminals being empowered and being arrested multiple times, sometimes the same day. His policies do not allow violent 16 and 17 year old gang murderers to be prosecuted in adult court. His policies have resulted in a crime spike in Los Angeles County, specifically in violent crimes. I urge you to vote no confidence and support the Recall of DA George Gascon.

Bill Harding

Location:
Submitted At: 6:53pm 03-14-22

DA Gascon must be recalled. His refusal to prosecute is leading to unprecedented increases in crime in our town

and surrounding towns. His pro-criminal policies have incentivized and emboldened criminals, and the dire results of his tenure negatively impact all Manhattan Beach residents. The number one responsibility of our Mayor and Council is to protect our citizens, and you cannot fulfill that responsibility under the current DA. Support the Gascon recall; this can't wait for another election.

Elizabeth Heatherton

Location:

Submitted At: 5:05pm 03-14-22

It is URGENT for ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS to support law abiding residents and go on record in support of the massive recall effort against DA Gascon. I have personally attended meetings in support of crime victims families and Gascon is PRO-CRIMINAL, not in support of the victims. Under Gascon, we in MB can expect to see crimes continue to rise as criminals know they have carte' blanche without a slap on the wrist while victims basically have no rights. Ask any tax-paying resident of San Fran-sicko, they will let you know exactly what Gascon did to their once beautiful city. If Gascon remains in office, we may reach the point of no return. We must take this very seriously and act in the best interest of our city residents and businesses: OPPOSE GASCON and SUPPORT GASCON RECALL!

Mike Michalski

Location:

Submitted At: 1:15pm 03-14-22

In the ultimate petulance that one might have expected from a rabid ideologue like LA District Attorney and pro-crime advocate George Gascon, he has chosen to deny Manhattan Beach's ability to prosecute criminal misdemeanants through the Redondo Beach prosecutor's office, thereby foreclosing our ability to take part in Redondo Beach's homeless diversion program a/k/a homeless court. I urge Council to show Gascon that you OPPOSE his intellectually and morally bankrupt pro-crime policies by endorsing his recall by a 5-0 vote. Anyone on Council who supports Gascon and refuses to support his recall will be taking sides against the sensible, law-abiding residents of Manhattan Beach, thereby calling into question his/her fitness for office.

Scott Chambers

Location:

Submitted At: 12:45pm 03-14-22

Under Gascon crime is up. Ask any of our local police officers. All you have to do is look at San Francisco. and the woderful job he did there. There is a reason so many citys did the vote of no confidence. Since he is unwilling to punish criminals. We need to get someone who will.

lauren harger

Location:

Submitted At: 11:30am 03-14-22

Once again, George Gascon is proving to Manhattan Beach residents how wrong he is for Los Angeles County. Since his election he has done nothing but make it easier for criminals to re-offend with impunity, and he has turned his back on law abiding citizens who have to suffer at their hands. Retaining local control of prosecutions is the LEAST a city should be allowed to do, especially when faced with a District Attorney who refuses to prosecute misdemeanors. Allowing small crimes to go unpunished emboldens wrong doers and leads to worse crime. Our local police department is doing a great job, but they are being thwarted by policies that effectively tolerate quality of life crimes in our community. We have had enough of Gascon the Tyrant, Coddler of Criminals. We applaud the four council members who approved a vote of no confidence against him. It is time for ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS to support law abiding residents and go on record in support of the massive recall effort against him.

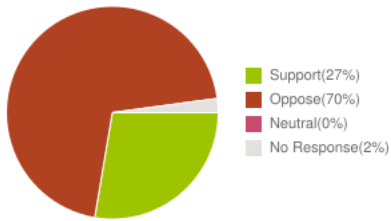
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Consideration of Updating the Special Event Policy, Removing the Exclusion of Bruce's Beach, and 8th Street and Larsson Street Parkettes as Possible Locations (Parks and Recreation Director Leyman).

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DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION

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AudreyA RittermaEstes

Location:

Submitted At: 5:29pm 03-15-22

CC

Please take into consideration opening the city to liabilities and there will be externalities suffered by the residents that live adjacent to BBP

Alissa Marquis

Location:

Submitted At: 5:29pm 03-15-22

I support the Parks & Rec Commission's recommendation to include all parks in MB's Special Events Policy. This enables the City to know who is responsible for a given event and inform them of the rules for events, require an insurance policy to indemnify the City, and collect revenue for the use of the space. There is no reason not to include all parks in the Special Events Policy, and having such a policy won't in itself create more activity. (There are bathrooms on the Strand at the Lifeguard HQ.) I do hear a strong shout of the old MB refrain "Locals Only", now branded as "Keep MB MB". MB would do well to step fully into the 21st Century and acknowledge the importance of the Bruce's Beach space in particular as a site of historical significance. I know MB to be a welcoming and friendly place at its best - let's not fall for the falsehood that we can somehow keep people out of our lovely town and our special parks.

Heather K

Location:

Submitted At: 5:27pm 03-15-22

Please leave the park located at 2600 Highland Ave. as a regular neighborhood park as it is surrounded by homes and not equipped for large scale events that would need permitting. It is really unfair to the homeowners in the area for obvious reasons of noise, traffic, etc. and also to large crowds of people who visit as there are no facilities to relieve themselves (hence peeing in people's yards) or to park. Leave our parks alone. Permitting them would only cause more issues in the future. By the way, we should enforce the laws we have on the books!

Kim Muller

Location:

Submitted At: 5:25pm 03-15-22

I am writing in support of removing the exclusion of Bruce's Beach Park, and the 8th St and Larson St Parkettes from Special Event Permitting.

The current/revised permitting process allows the City to decide whether or not events are appropriate for the location requested, and ensure that permitted users abide by all City regulations regarding park use. No one is suggesting the City allow outsized events in smaller parks, but every neighborhood in MB is in proximity to a park, a school, an open space used by residents, and visitors, or one of our many annual events which attract visitors from all over the world. Bruce's Beach Park should be available to all who wish to congregate there.

Mike Michalski

Location:

Submitted At: 5:07pm 03-15-22

Please do not adopt the recommendation to include the 3 parks - Bruce's Beach and the two neighborhood parkettes - in the Special Events permit process. None of these venues is even remotely appropriate for large events, as was evident with the recent unpermitted and out-of-control event at Bruce's Beach.

Council got it right four years ago by adopting a policy to exclude these 3 venues from such events. I would urge Council to stay consistent, retain the existing policy and work with our city manager and our chief of police to ensure adequate enforcement of our park rules for the safety and security of all residents.

Above all, please ignore the bleatings of the local woke radicals who only have contempt for the city's residents and who want to further divide us by claiming that anyone who opposes opening up these three parks to special events consideration is somehow racist. It wasn't a race issue four years ago when Council approved the current policy 5-0 and it's not one now.

Christy Miller

Location:

Submitted At: 5:07pm 03-15-22

I strongly oppose any changes to the exclusion of Bruce's Beach, 8th St and Larson Park from permitted events. As a resident living on the perimeter of Bruce's Beach Park, this park is not able to host large events. The loud music, the pot smoking (aren't we a smoke free city?), the alcohol and illegal parking was just too much for this small park to handle. I felt like a prisoner in my home as cars were parked on the wrong side of the street, people loitering in the street and the loud motorcycles going up and down our street. Keep the exclusions in place and enforce the park rules now in place. Bruce's Beach does not have the parking capacity or restroom capacity to handle hundreds of people in addition to the regular beach attendees at this location.

Jen Dohner

Location:

Submitted At: 4:56pm 03-15-22

I support the MB P&R Commission's recommendation to include all parks in the city's Special Events Permitting Policy. Disagreement on special events at this location is evidence that an approval process would help mitigate potential negative neighborhood impacts. Being able to grant permits for culturally or historically relevant special events would allow the city to provide guidance for planned events that it had no channel for doing previously. Efforts to strip the greenspace of its symbolism will only echo in real time the racially motivated actions of our city's past thereby amplifying that symbolism. Predominantly white events held around the city carry many of the same logistical problems, but nowhere near the level of opposition. Let us be honest with ourselves about why that is. Inherent bias can be its own form of misinformation.

April Halprin Wayland

Location:

Submitted At: 4:39pm 03-15-22

Thank you for voting to include the 8th Street Parkette, Larsson Street Parkette, and Bruce's Beach under MB's existing Special Event Policy. This means that staff and the council will review and consider approving special event requests in these locations, just as they do every other park in Manhattan Beach, taking into consideration the needs of local residents and parking possibilities.

Michele Reniche

Location:

Submitted At: 4:15pm 03-15-22

I support Option 2 as recommended by the parks and rec commission because I believe special events add vitality to our parks. In addition, I would like council members to reflect on the nature of the claims being made in

favor of declaring Bruce's Beach off-limits. Not all, but many of the comments I read here are racist and insulting. Others wildly exaggerate the impact of past events and the supposed limitations of the site. (For the record, Polliwog Park is also adjacent to residential neighborhoods, including mine). Let us learn from history instead of repeating it.

Roy Casey

Location:

Submitted At: 4:11pm 03-15-22

I am the guy that has been fighting for an accurate history of Bruce's Beach since Councilmembers Hildy Stern and Steve Napolitano announced in August 2020 that they believed our City was racially motivated 100 years ago in setting up a park overlooking the ocean. I obtained my own copy of the court documents since the City did not share their copy with residents and I wrote many emails to Councilmembers about their path of false story telling to support the Governor's zeal for making a huge reparations payment. I also warned of the other consequences. And here it is. The City did not uphold our park restrictions during the unpermitted festival at BB last month because the optics might look racist. And now, I suspect both Stern and Napolitano have orchestrated a scenario wherein Parks and Recs and City Manger Bruce Mo have recommended lifting the restrictions, thus turning the area into a protest park for BLM in the middle of a neighborhood.

Diana Skaar

Location:

Submitted At: 3:45pm 03-15-22

I was quite pleased to see the Parks and Recreation Commission unanimously recommend an update to the special events permitting process to: (i) stop excluding Bruce's Beach and the 8th St and Larsson Street parkettes from the special events permitting process (ii) refine the special events permitting process to be more specific with the type of event conditions that would be appropriate for different parks so to tailor the neighborhood impact mitigation measures and (iii) outline punitive measures for events that do not follow the event permitting process. It is clear that such a recommendation is NOT a blanket "approval" for special events, but at least allows such events to be "considered" and gives the City greater control for enforcement of violations. I see no negatives with moving forward with the Parks and Rec Commission's recommendations. I actually worry that continuing the "exclusion" of Bruce's Beach from this process will further strain race relations in our community.

Pamela Davidson

Location:

Submitted At: 3:42pm 03-15-22

Honorable Board:

Updating the Special Event Policy and removing the exclusion of Bruce's Beach and other smaller park venues will create havoc in our law-abiding and peaceful city. Why invite in crowds of people who want to abuse alcohol and break city laws? Don't we already have enough problems with the lack of accountability and lawlessness of the LA District Attorney? Haven't we seen an uptick in crime in our city already. Who in the world is promoting this policy change and really what is their political and/or economic motive??? It surely will not promote quality of life in our city. I strongly oppose the proposed special event policy and I encourage you to vote "no," as well!
Best Regards, Pamela Davidson

Nina Tarnay

Location:

Submitted At: 3:40pm 03-15-22

I support the proposal to include Bruce's Beach and the 8th Street and Larsson Street Parkettes in the City's Special Event's Policy. The MB Parks and Rec Commission has closely examined this issue--I trust their professional review and strongly support their recommendations.

Amanda Park

Location:

Submitted At: 3:17pm 03-15-22

I support CC adopting the Parks and Rec Commission's recommendation that Bruce's Beach, along with 8th St. and Larsson Parkettes, be included in the Special Event Policy. The anonymous groups are again trying to incite

fear by alleging we need to stop "mega" events which will get out of control (completely unfounded) and that Bruce's Beach is topographically not designed for gatherings (preposterous). We need to call out these assertions for what they are - veiled racist attempts to keep out black folks. By including these 3 parks in the permit process, we can ensure equality and transparency in allowing community events to take place at these 3 parks as any other park in the city. We need to ensure MB is welcoming and accepting of all.

Bill von Behren

Location:

Submitted At: 3:05pm 03-15-22

This should not be a political issue. There is no genuine dispute that public gatherings at these small venues is inappropriate for the such venues and disruptive to the adjacent residential neighborhoods and not in the best interest of Manhattan Beach residents. The only reason to change the existing prohibitions is to give into political pressures and wokeism. This is not about politics or wokeism. It is about what is right for the safety and comfort of our residents and the surrounding community. Please do not allow for public gatherings at these small venues that offer no parking or other appropriate amenities for large public gatherings. You have been elected to serve the best interests of the residents of Manhattan Beach, not to advance political causes. Please vote accordingly.

Brenda OLeary

Location:

Submitted At: 2:35pm 03-15-22

Please support the decision by the Parks and Rec committee to include Bruce's Beach in the permit process. As you know, people have the right to assemble in public places under the First Amendment. Failing to include Bruce's Beach does not mean that people may not exercise their Constitutional Right to Assemble, it means that the city will have no control over these assemblies.

Also, I suggest you look more closely at the City's written guidelines around these assemblies, as some seem to be vague and not within our constitutional rights. I don't believe they would hold up if challenged in court.

Sincerely,

Brenda O'Leary

Heidi Rayden Tobias

Location:

Submitted At: 1:49pm 03-15-22

Debating the city "requires permits" to have "control over events" in our public parks is woke insanity at it's finest.

We have this little thing called municipal ordinances which ensure civil order. No drinking in public, no smoking , no dogs off leash or on the beach.....that would extend to "no using our public parks as an event space for club promoters" which is what occurred a few weeks ago.

The park has been used for years as it's intended use. It's a small residential park surrounded by homes & zero infrastructure to support large events. Polliwog boasts 18acres with no residential property on the direct borderneed to have a large event in MB? Apply for a permit at Polliwog, problem solved.

Fred Taylor

Location:

Submitted At: 1:48pm 03-15-22

The 'Blackkitty' event at BB recently made a mockery of our city's codes and regulations. I just wonder if an enterprising Trump supporter arranged an all day, music, dancing and drinking and celebrating "America First" at the very same park without event approval....if the CC would have turned their back on it like they recently did. Sadly, race is now the 'third rail' of local politics.

Either the park is inappropriate or appropriate for everyone, not just some. I say inappropriate just like it was several years ago when the CC voted against events at BB & the parkettes. Only the politics has changed.

Georgia A Wall

Location:

Submitted At: 1:19pm 03-15-22

I am opposed to removing the special event policy for Bruce's Beach and 8th Street and Larsson Street Parkettes. These are small areas surrounded by private residences. Parking will be a problem and the addition of alcohol is definitely not a good idea.

Elizabeth Lynch

Location:

Submitted At: 1:13pm 03-15-22

Bruce's Beach Park is not the proper venue for mega events. It COMPLETELY lacks parking and restrooms. MB has other / better options for large crowds. Please vote NO to mega events at Bruce's Beach Park. Thank you.

Gary Senser

Location:

Submitted At: 12:47pm 03-15-22

Bruce's Beach is not suitable for large events and should be excluded from such events as it is now...

-Too small for large groups

-Not safe for large gatherings, with its steep topography - there is a risk of significant, potential liability

-Lack of restroom facilities, public urination in the park and on neighbors' property

-Very limited parking, cars double-parked, cars and motorcycles on the park grass and sidewalks

-Loud, intrusive noise and general disorder ruin the peaceful tranquility that is Bruce's Beach's natural state

-Trash & litter cannot be contained and is strewn throughout the park and on adjacent neighbors' property

These problems cannot be solved by any reasonable means as Bruce's Beach is simply too small for large events.

Loren McClanathan

Location:

Submitted At: 12:07pm 03-15-22

As a resident living on the perimeter of Bruce's Beach Park I strongly oppose any changes to the exclusion of Bruce's Beach and the other parkettes from permitted events. These parks are not suited to hosting events like the one on Feb 27 that resulted in activities currently prohibited in our parks such as amplified music, alcohol consumption, and illegal parking. Keep the exclusions in place and enforce the park rules now in place. Bruce's Beach does not have the parking capacity or restroom capacity to handle hundreds of people in addition to the regular beach attendees at this location.

LtCol Harding

Location:

Submitted At: 12:07pm 03-15-22

I am disappointed you allowed a massive event at the 26thSt Park. A Permit wasn't allowed yet the event still went on uncontested. There is no good reason to have a large event at this park, PERMITTED or not. This park is in a residential area and has limited facilities. I would say this even IF the partygoers were peaceful & all residents. Do you really think the same group will apply for a permit the next go around?

WHEN A TOWN OVERLOOKS WRONGDOING, IT WELCOMES MORE WRONGDOING.

You turned a blind eye when non-residents did what residents aren't even allowed to do. You then turn the other blind eye when these visitors harass residents, smoke pot, drink alcohol, urinate on yards, blast music, swear@residents, leave trash on the ground, throw items at cars, park illegally, bring furniture onto grass areas, block sidewalks/streets, etc

I DO NOT support Permits to residents or non-residents for events at the 26thSt Park or any other smaller park.

Sincerely, LtCol(ret) Harding

Elyse Gura

Location:

Submitted At: 11:56am 03-15-22

I support placing Bruce's Beach Park & 2 parkettes within the scope of the city's Special Event Permit policy, including

1. Guidelines for all parks will be location-specific. Such parameters include event frequency & size, noise, alcohol, safety and health. NOT ALL PERMIT REQUESTS WILL BE APPROVED
2. Parameters will include requirements for toilet facilities, trash containers, signage, parking & enforcement
3. These parameters will allow the city to generate revenue as well as recoup expenses for facilities and personnel .
4. There will be penalties for organizers who violate or fail to enforce the parameters under which an approved permit was given.
5. Organizers cannot escape event expenses and requirements by ignoring the permit process. They will be fined for violations also. In this way the city will be able to control events at all locations, recognizing the justified concerns and rights of neighbors and the neighborhood.

Taylor Gamble

Location:

Submitted At: 11:45am 03-15-22

I support the removal of the exclusion that currently prevents individuals from requesting special event permits for three public parks in Manhattan Beach. Each park in our beautiful city should be eligible for a special event permit request. Key word: request. I trust the MB Parks & Recreation Commission to carefully review the permit applications for each park and use their best judgement in the approval process. Opening up the option to request a permit for special events at these 3 additional parks will:

- Provide additional revenue to the city.
- Prevent unauthorized gatherings.
- Allow the MB Parks & Recreation Commission to create a tailor specific permitting requirements for each individual park and mitigate neighborhood impact accordingly.

The City's parks are a valuable asset to the community, and residents should have the opportunity to reserve all parks for appropriate events.

Patricia Lane

Location:

Submitted At: 11:41am 03-15-22

Absolute NO to special events at Bruce's beach parkette and other parkettes!!

Lana Rizika

Location:

Submitted At: 11:13am 03-15-22

I urge Council to approve the recommendation to allow Bruce's Beach and the 2 parkettes to be included in the Special Event Policy. I would rather have the city determine what activities can take place at these locations than have individuals decide for themselves. When the city permits an event, proper resources are put into place (i.e. trash bins, toilets) and rules are laid out to govern noise and traffic. Let the city have control over these events, so that the neighbors are accommodated!

Kim Brant-Lucich

Location:

Submitted At: 10:45am 03-15-22

For all the reasons set forth in my email to the City Council, which I request be made part of the public record of this item, I urge the Council to accept the Commission's recommendation to remove the exclusion of the three parks. The recommendation is a significant improvement to the existing policy:

- Defines parameters for all parks based on size, location, frequency and event type, thereby reducing impacts to neighbors; permitted events will be appropriate to each park
- Recommends mitigating actions to event organizers (toilets, noise levels, parking, etc.)
- Fairness - all city parks will be made available to all residents for appropriate events
- Establishes punitive measures for organizers who violate protocols
- Reduces or eliminates non-permitted events; penalizes organizers of such events

Neighbors' concerns are mitigated with this excellent recommendation.

Mary Maguire

Location:

Submitted At: 10:41am 03-15-22

I am in strong opposition to allowing special events at Bruce's Beach, 8th Street and Larsson Street Parkettes. They are located in residential areas that aren't designed to handle events that bring in myriad problems such as lack of parking, security, restrooms, increased traffic, noise and alcohol consumption. There is no benefit to the residents nor to the City to allow large events in small neighborhoods.

Laurie Patrick

Location:

Submitted At: 10:32am 03-15-22

Retain Special Events Exclusion for Bruce's Beach and Parkettes!

They are too small, lack facilities, and impact the neighborhood negatively.

James Gee

Location:

Submitted At: 9:58am 03-15-22

Strongly oppose: Bruce's Beach event aftermath; City is not prepared to deal with such events in a manner that protects both our resident and guests. Multiple laws were broken, residents were endangered and inappropriate behaviors were rampant. We don't seem prepared to deal with scofflaws. The Parks and Recreation committee made these significant recommendations that I believe the city should execute well prior to any further consideration of modification. Those were (truncated)

" Additionally, the Commission recommended that the City Council direct staff to:

1. Update the Special Event Policy to specify distinct parameters for each park,to have greater ability to impose conditions to mitigate impacts
2. Review the Municipal Code and return to the City Council with recommendations to update Municipal Code Section 12
3. Create a playbook to proactively address unpermitted events

Michelle Minier

Location:

Submitted At: 9:18am 03-15-22

I do support this proposal. First, it's not practical to allow Bruce's Beach to have large events. This area is already congested, impacting the residents and not suited for special events. Do what's best for the residents of Manhattan Beach and do not approve this initiative.

Robert Casanova

Location:

Submitted At: 8:50am 03-15-22

Council persons; As was clearly evidence by the mayhem brought to our town a few weekends ago, I along w many of my neighbors in the CrestView area are extremely opposed to this measure. This is clearly a recipe for potential litigation against the City and its residents from the potential future mayhem. Yes I recognize that the event from a few weeks ago brought in nice families to our community initially but the afternoon and early eve hours brought in many disrespectful individuals that were not interested in keeping our park and surrounding areas as they initially found it. The police had very little presence, a few plain clothe officers. That was clearly a mistake motivated by officials afraid of a potential riotous situation. Living a few blocks from Bruce's beach we saw what started to be a nice event turn into a loud, obnoxious scene. The lack of parking , the traffic caused in relation to the group of 40+ cyclists on Highland and other areas are not acceptable! Thank you

Maureen Denitz

Location:

Submitted At: 9:32pm 03-14-22

Let's keep the small town feel and not approve the special event proposal for Bruces beach Park. It's not suited for a large events. Roadways were crowded, not enough parking, it was a log jam during the last event a few weeks back. Emerg vehicles would have a tough time navigating the roadway. Neighbors will be complaining to

city left and right. It's not worth it. It's a reflective park overlooking our beautiful Pacific Ocean. Let it be.

Mary Chieffe

Location:

Submitted At: 6:57pm 03-14-22

Please leave the park exemption as is. There's no good reason to change it and several good reasons that this policy was put into place in the first place. People wanting to hold large events have options with better parking, available restrooms and less proximity to residential neighborhoods. Let's show respect for those homeowners near these parks (and other citizens of MB) and continue the event policy as it now stands.

Bill Harding

Location:

Submitted At: 6:44pm 03-14-22

Please do not approve. I see zero benefit and loads of potential problems bringing in these kind of events to residential neighborhoods not equipped to host them. The homeowners, who any many cases shelled out literally millions of dollars, did not and do not want this kind of "special event" invading their otherwise quiet neighborhoods.

Elizabeth Heatherton

Location:

Submitted At: 5:15pm 03-14-22

Council Members, please advise us all why illegal activities and non-permitted very large gatherings are allowed to go on in MB parks that do not have the resources (bathrooms, parking, security, etc)? Why? As residents, we abide by the rules, park and gather accordingly, obey the noise and alcohol ordinances, etc. but "someone" has thought it's a great idea to allow chaos at a small local park? Why are residents expected to abide by rules/codes/laws but non-residents can do whatever and without permits? Huh? Where's the logic in this, did I miss something? Do any Council members actually live by Bruce Beach, Larsson or Eighth St. parks? If you did, you would NOT support a recommendation to allow such events.

Charles Southey

Location:

Submitted At: 12:14pm 03-14-22

Honorable Council,

Per my email, Please DO NOT adopt the recommendation of the Parks & Recreation commission to include the Eighth Street and Larsson Street parkettes and Bruce's Beach park in the special events permitting process.

lauren harger

Location:

Submitted At: 12:13pm 03-14-22

I am urging Council to vote NO in adopting the ridiculous recommendation of Parks & Rec to update its Special Events policy to include Bruce's Beach, Larsson and Eight Street Parkettes. I can't think of a single circumstance where a special event by any group should be permitted at these small neighborhood sites. Allowing them to be included in the permit process does not give us more control. It gives de facto permission for them. The problem can easily be solved by allowing our local police to cite all those who violate the clearly posted existing rules. There was a reason Council voted four years ago to exclude them from special events. What has changed in the mean time? Obviously, groups with a political agenda have been gaining increasing influence over City Council decisions. Please do not let our neighborhood quality of life suffer because of your timidity to stand up to exploitative non-resident groups who do not have the best interest of our city in mind.

DM Cummings

Location:

Submitted At: 10:50am 03-14-22

I am asking that City Council not adopt the recommendation of the Parks & Recreation commission to include the Eighth Street and Larsson Street parkettes and Bruce's Beach park in the special events permitting process. Reasons for retaining the current regs and excluding those venues from such permits include their relatively small

size, their location in heavily residential neighborhoods and the harm that would ensue to those nearby homeowners as well as anyone trying to use the parks due to the noise (particularly if there's amplified sound), the traffic, possible street closures and the shortage of nearby parking and restroom facilities. And at utmost the lack of police availability, as seen during the Party and Bike gang ride at the last event at BB.

Jimmy Suruki

Location:

Submitted At: 9:22am 03-14-22

Hello - we live near 8th Street Parkette and understand there is discussion to allow special events there (along with Bruces Beach and Larson St). We are strongly opposed to this measure as it would create unwanted noise/trash and heavy traffic to an already crowded street which is completely residential. There is also no parking for these types of events. Please do the right thing and not allow this measure to pass.

Joanne Ciancarelli

Location:

Submitted At: 11:21pm 03-13-22

Retain current special events policy

Tiffany Wright

Location:

Submitted At: 7:50pm 03-13-22

I am writing to you to ask that Parks and Recreation NOT modify the existing policy that excludes the 8th Street & Larson Street parkettes and Bruce's Beach park from the special events permitting process. The locations of these respective parkettes and park are in heavily residential neighborhoods. Therefore, excluding them would harm nearby homeowners and park users in the form of:

- 1) noise (exacerbated by amplified sound),
- 2) heavy traffic,
- 3) increase trash and littering,
- 4) possible street closures,
- 5) shortage of already limited nearby parking
- 6) lack of or non-existent restroom facilities

Let's preserve the "small town" nature of our little city by the sea as much as we can. There are plenty of other areas in Manhattan Beach that are better equipped for events.

Joseph Fusco

Location:

Submitted At: 5:25pm 03-13-22

As a resident living near the 8th St Parkette, it seems obvious to me that the 8th St and Larsson St. Parkettes are wholly unsuited to organized events. They are built on residential housing sized lots, have no dedicated parking or restroom facilities and have residences surrounding the Parkettes.

Bruces Beach Park is also unsuitable for scheduled events. There are no restrooms, very limited parking and is banded by residential property. There is no reasonable rational for removing these Parkette from exemption from Special Event venues. I oppose any changes to the existing regulations.

Scott Chambers

Location:

Submitted At: 11:04am 03-13-22

Dear city council I find it ironic that you would consider letting lage events happen at Bruce's Beach. Since in looks like it was a large event in October 1923 that approx 1400 people that caused the city founders to eminent donain the land in the first place. Sighting they did not want a resort of any type in the middle of their small town. Please see link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zZIFilb0p9M>

Betty Freitag

Location:

Submitted At: 7:07pm 03-12-22

We urge the City Council to continue the current policies in place for Special Events at our parks, keeping the exclusion of Bruce's Beach, 8th Street and Larsson Street Parkettes. Nothing has changed in the original reasons these parks were excluded from Special Event except the notoriety of Bruce's Beach. That park still is surrounded by homes, has no bathroom facilities or parking. We ask you to keep the current policy intact.

Michael Jenkins

Location:

Submitted At: 7:11am 03-10-22

For all the reasons set forth in my email to the City Council, which I request be made part of the public record of this item, I urge the Council to adopt the recommendations of the Parks and Recreation Commission and allow special events at Bruce's Beach Park same as other City parks, subject to issuance of a permit with imposition of reasonable conditions to minimize impacts to the surrounding neighborhood.