

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Alice Neuhauser <apntrc@msn.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 5:06 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Parks and Recreation Commission's updated Special Events Policy

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Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am writing in support of the recommended policy changes proposed by the Parks and Rec Committee.

The proposed changes are a reflection of a thoughtful process, including the public comments of residents, that should serve to enhance both our parks and visitor experiences.

I trust that this proposal will be evaluated on its merits, not on fear-mongering, racist propaganda that has been circulating in our community. This cowardly, bigoted attitude was not part of the city where I developed and built the MBS Studios nor the place we chose to make our home 22 years ago. And I want Manhattan Beach to remain a place for all people to be welcome.

Thank you,

Alice Neuhauser

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From: April Halprin Wayland <aprilspencil@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 4:45 PM
To: List - City Council
Cc: City Clerk
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Thank you FOR voting to Agenda Item 14 tonight

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Hello, and 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.

Breathe   "This is a beautiful day. I've never seen this one before."~ Maya Angelou
April Wayland

There's still room to join my 1-day, 3-hour UCLA Extension class, [INTRO TO WRITING POETRY FOR CHILDREN](https://www.uclaextension.edu/writing-journalism/creative-writing/course/writing-poetry-children-writing-7625e), March 26th, noon-3pm PST ~ \$30 -- enrollment is limited:
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From: angelina <angatbeach@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 4:27 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Letter regarding tonight's mtg- Parks

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Good Afternoon MBCC,

I am writing to you all to voice my strong opposition regarding the recent consideration of allowing special events in our neighborhood parks.

I'd love to ask those on council who support this idea, WHY NOW?

Every neighborhood I've ever visited in LA County has their own parks. WHY do we have to allow events in ours when they are NOT even suited for large events?

We should be PROTECTING our neighborhoods. By allowing folks to hold large events in our neighborhood parks we are doing nothing but inviting disruption, traffic and chaos.

BB park in particular is totally unsuitable for special events due to its enclosed nature in a highly residential area with limited parking. Plus, do we not care about the folks living around that park? (A friend of mine had just built their dream home near there and no joke, MOVED once the "protests" and large gatherings started ramping up) Moving is a drastic choice, but I can't say I blame her. Aren't our homes suppose to be a place of peace?

Contrary to the false narrative being pushed enthusiastically by some - the last event at BB park was NOT a peaceful, fun family gathering, the last mega-event at the park was a s***show for the residents and for those trying to use the beach or park at that location. That's why Chief Abell had to address it at the last CC meeting. He said enforcement was difficult due to the potential for an "unsavory moment" (his words). And while we are on the topic on Chief Abel, WHY in the world was this "event" (whatever it was called) allowed when they didn't even have a permit??? I certainly want to know. I know many others believe at this point, if law enforcement won't intervene even when the party organizers don't have a permit, what's allowed when they do? Will it be a free for all? If that's the case, I think I'll soon be hosting a gathering with no permit, have loud music, food trucks, alcohol and weed smokers. Lets see how long my event will be tolerated before it gets shut down and if the rules really are for some but not others. (Of course I'm being totally facetious because I would never be a jerk to my neighbors and community by holding such an event in that beautiful & once peaceful neighborhood but you get my point.)

Please continue to keep our parks a quiet and safe place for our community. Thank you.

regards,
Angelina Sberna

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From: Laura Kiely <laurakiely@verizon.net>
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 4:20 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] I support Special Event Permits for Bruce's Beach Park

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Dear City Council Members,

Please approve the unanimous recommendation by Parks and Recreation to allow Special Event Permits for Bruce's Beach Park.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best,

Laura Kiely

Manhattan Beach resident since 1994

Sent from my iPhone

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Jen Jenkins Dohner <jendohner@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 4:19 PM
To: Hildy Stern; Steve Napolitano; Richard Montgomery
Cc: City Clerk
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please include all parks in the city's Special Events Permitting Policy

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Esteemed Council Members-

Last June, I sent a letter to the Council urging you to reconsider issuing a permit for the Juneteenth celebration planned at Bruce's Beach. I thought that event could have used the added legitimacy a permit would have lent it. I was concerned that an event drawing a high percentage of Black attendees might suffer a higher incidence of calls to police, noise complaints, and allegations of illegality due to prejudice. In light of the commentary generated recently in consideration of adding Bruce's Beach Park to the Special Event Permitting Policy, my concerns about resident attitudes toward unpermitted Black cultural events have proven warranted. In fact, they have been exceeded by the fact that that event and others are falling victim to revisionist history.

My friends and I have attended 3 events at Bruce's Beach Park: last year's Juneteenth Celebration, the Culture Club's Sound Bath Meditation, and the Black History Month picnic on the last weekend of February. These were each vibrant and relevant cultural events, held at a beautiful location with specific historical significance. These events by our accounts were peaceful and respectful and we did not witness any of the negative impacts described by those opposed to such events. While I do not discount the practical concerns that residents might have about the effect of such events on park neighbors, I feel it must be acknowledged that many accounts were rife with preconceived notions and fear mongered projections into the future. In general, the events have been deeply and sometimes intentionally mischaracterized.



It warrants mention that predominantly white events held around the city carry many of the same logistical problems, but nowhere near the level of opposition. I urge you to take note when that is the case and lead the community to be honest with ourselves about why that is. Inherent bias can be its own form of misinformation. The Annual 6 man and AVP Beach Volleyball Tournaments, the Hometown Fair, weekly Concerts in the Park throughout the summer, the Holiday Pier Lighting, and Fireworks Show are all great litmus tests for this conversation. Extending the same logic to today's decision, Special Event Permitting, specific limitations and capacities of our parks, and enforcement of these limitations and capacities should be proportionally consistent across all parks and across all events.

As I mentioned in my letter last week about the plaque language, (again, nice job on that, by the way), there appears to be a continued effort to whitewash the park's history and strip the coveted green space of it's

cultural significance by placing cultural events on county land at the strand level. Please reject these efforts. They will backfire anyway. Those seeking to remove the park's symbolism will only amplify that symbolism by echoing in the present what has already happened in the past. The public does have the right to use the park, to peaceably assemble, and to freely speak on the matter, of course, regardless of permit status.

I haven't seen any practical objection to special events at Bruce's Beach that cannot be positively influenced or safeguarded against by adding the park to the Special Events Permitting Policy. Any disagreement over whether events like these should be allowed is evidence that Bruce's Beach *should be included* in the policy. This would allow the City to place limits on such events if they are deemed disruptive to the neighborhood, or make the necessary preparations and safety assessments to support such events and mitigate neighborhood impact. This includes staffing, street closures, portable restroom requirements, trash collection and public notice.

Please support the recommendations of the Manhattan Beach Parks & Recreation Commission by including all parks in the Special Event Permitting Policy. And help the community understand that the policy itself is the very tool for mitigating the negative impacts they seek to avoid.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jen Dohner

JEN JENKINS DOHNER

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Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Diana Skaar <dianaskaar@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 4:17 PM
To: Suzanne Hadley
Cc: City Clerk
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Please include all City parks in the special events permit process
Attachments: PXL_20220228_001608443.jpg

What are your thoughts on the healing sound bath that took place on May 2021? Or the Juneteenth 2021 event? Do you not welcome these types of culturally significant events?

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Diana Skaar

sent on Android

On Tue, Mar 15, 2022, 3:57 PM Suzanne Hadley <shadley@manhattanbeach.gov> wrote:

Thank you, Diana. I could not disagree more that changing our current policy “gives the City greater control for enforcement of violations.” If folks are going to disobey the law, they are going to disobey the law. Making something illegal doesn’t mean folks don’t do it. It means it takes political will to enforce the law. We have a policy now. That didn’t prevent those who came on Feb 27 for the Blackkitty event from breaking many of our laws.

I’m in favor of keeping the unanimous 2018 city council policy which excludes BB and our parkettes from permitted large events. Excluding these parks meets the definition of being “specific with the type of event conditions that would be appropriate for different parks so to tailor the neighborhood impact mitigation measures.”

Warmly,

Suzanne



SUZANNE HADLEY

COUNCILMEMBER

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On Mar 15, 2022, at 3:44 PM, Diana Skaar <dianaskaar@gmail.com> wrote:

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Dear Mayor Stern and City Councilmembers,

I was quite pleased to see the **Parks and Recreation Commission unanimously recommend an update to the special events permitting process** to:

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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. For example, why wouldn't the "healing sound bath" that happened in May 2021 at Bruce's Beach to promote healing and unity in our community (an event which didn't require amplified sound) be such an event that can be considered? I actually worry that continuing the "exclusion" of Bruce's Beach from this process will further strain race relations in our community.

I look forward to your leadership in this situation.

Thank you,
Diana Skaar
MB Resident

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From: **Diana Skaar** <dianaskaar@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, Feb 28, 2022 at 12:42 PM
Subject: Please include all City parks in the special events permit process
To: <lrobb@citymb.info>, <mleyman@citymb.info>
Cc: <citycouncil@manhattanbeach.gov>, <cityclerk@manhattanbeach.gov>

Hi MB Parks & Recreation Commission and esteemed City Councilmembers,

First, I want to thank you for your continued efforts to make MB a beautiful community-centric beach town. From Concerts in the Park at Polliwog, Hometown Fair and the summer volleyball tournaments, there is so much to enjoy in MB.

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I visited Bruce's Beach Park Sunday Feb 27 around 4pm (MB Police was there too) and saw nothing but a **friendly gathering of community members and kids enjoying the last Sunday of Black History Month on a beautiful sunny MB day. (see my photo attached)**

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(MB Resident)

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(MB Resident)

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From: Birkel, Julia L. <jbirkel@hfbllp.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 3:40 PM
To: List - City Council; City Clerk
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach - Special Events policy (3/15/22 City Council Meeting)

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Dear Mayor Stern, Councilmembers, and City Clerk,

I write to support the Parks and Recreation Commission's unanimous recommendation to update the Special Event Policy to include Bruce's Beach.

Once again, there is no coherent or logical explanation for the fierce opposition, but there is a lot of community discussion suggesting that there are residents who do not want to welcome people of color to Manhattan Beach. Let's end this debate once and for all. Everyone on City Council espouses that Manhattan Beach is a welcoming community. Let's turn words into action.

There is also every good reason to include Bruce's Beach in the current permitting policy. Events will be held there regardless. Including Bruce's Beach in the permitting process allows appropriate rules to be established in advance, and necessary resources to be available, creating certainty for all.

Thank you for your consideration.

Julie Birkel

Manhattan Beach resident for 30+ years



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From: JERRY KINNAN <jkinnan436@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 3:22 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Park

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We respectfully ask all members of the council and our mayor, to reject any changes to BB and the two parklets. What was passed by the council four years ago was a good decision to not permit large gatherings to use these spaces. It was an excellent decision for our community. Please, let's have the same wise thinking prevail!

Sincerely,

Pat and Jerry Kinnan
Residents since 1974

Sent from my iPhone

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Bobbie Ferraro <bobbieferraro@me.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 3:17 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Special events Bruce's beach

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I strongly oppose special events at Bruce's beach.

Thank you,
Roberta Ferraro
1401 18th street MB

Sent from my iPhone

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Ray Joseph <Ray@rayjoseph.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 3:10 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Keep Exclusion Bruce's Beach & 8th

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Please keep the exclusion for special events for Bruce's Beach and 8th ST. There is not parking nor infrastructure for these events. The residents in those neighbors never expected this in their neighbors. Look at the damage and division the original Bruce's Beach plaque caused in our city.

I sold 217 27th Street at Bruce's Beach for \$4,000,000 (represented the Buyer) and the property was previously in escrow for \$4,750,000 prior to all the Bruce's Beach drama. The Sellers accepted the lowball offer just after the Juneteenth event in 2021. That poor family lost \$750,000 in the family trust sale. Manhattan Beach being used as a political pawn ruins neighborhoods and hurts that family financially.

People outside Manhattan Beach don't respect Manhattan Beach. As an example, I always see trash thrown in the gutters from visitors' cars. Locals don't do that.

Thanks,

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From: Heidi Rayden <heidirayden@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 2:56 PM
To: List - City Council; List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] No to BB Permits & Gascon

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Dear City Council,

A short note to state I do not support adding permits to Bruce Beach for all the reasons countless residents have repetitively stated.

Additionally, regarding Gascon. As a resident who has been directly impacted by increasing crime rates in LA County & MB (thanks to criminal justice reform & Gascon) please support the Gascon recall effort and please figure out a way to hire and work with the Redondo prosecutor.

Thank you.
Heidi Rayden Tobias

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Alison Chavez <coffeychavez@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 2:47 PM
To: City Clerk; List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please allow Bruce's Beach to be permitted for special events

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Please support the Parks and Recreation Commission's recommendation to update the Special Events Policy which would allow Bruce's Beach Park and the 8th Street and Larsson Street Parkettes to be available for special events.

Option 2, which would allow regulations to be tailored to individual parks, is a good compromise between residents and visitors.

I hope that a permit process will ensure safe and fun gatherings; and that it will not be used to deny certain events based on politics. As Bruce's Beach park evolves (we need facilities there), so too would the permit parameters.

Thank you,
Alison Chavez

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Mary Kirchwehm on behalf of Bruce Moe
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 2:13 PM
To: Martha Alvarez, MMC
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Special Events Exclusion for Parks



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From: Bruce Kuch
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 10:43 AM
Cc: City Clerk
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Special Events Exclusion for Parks

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Honorable Councilmember:

We are 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. Our 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.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bruce & Pamela Kuch
1440 8th Street
MBch
714 519-5985

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From: Brenda O'Leary <brendajoleary@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 2:31 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach Park

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Hello all,

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 (such as a significant number of people cannot gather in a public space). I don't believe they would hold up if challenged in court.

Cheers,

Brenda O'Leary

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Jennifer Yamamoto <terryandjenyamamoto@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 2:12 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BB Park

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Hellp.

I am in favor of opening Bruce's Beach park up to permitted events. It is a large park with ocean views and people should be allowed to enjoy events at this location.

Jennifer Yamamoto

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Steve Fazio <stevefazio@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 2:00 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Who on MB City Council will represent the residents living around Bruce's Beach Park?

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Council Members,

Please note that I am opposed to any permit change to the area called Bruce's Beach Park. Please protect the property of our local residents and please enforce the law if an unpermitted event occurs in the future.

Steve Fazio
Manhattan Beach Homeowner

Begin forwarded message:

From: MBStrong's Newsletter <mbstrong@substack.com>
Date: March 15, 2022 at 7:05:14 AM PDT
To: stevefazio@gmail.com
Subject: Who on MB City Council will represent the residents living around Bruce's Beach Park?
Reply-To: MBStrong's Newsletter
<reply+tzjir&17kdcw&&26e533505d26e7fc31236c79c77a40688b82652d46c323832a83273191bc5d91@mg1.substack.com>

We encourage residents to express their opinion to City Council and stand up for our city and our residents:

- Write a comment on the Agenda here: [Agenda items 13 & 14](#)
- Send an email to City Council here: citycouncil@ManhattanBeach.gov

Like-minded MB residents are comprised of Moderate Democrats to Conservative Republicans and represent the majority of voters in our city. The local Far Left are in the minority. However, if like-minded residents do not serve on City Council and on the School Board, the city will eventually succumb to the Far Left.

In November, Manhattan Beach needs to elect 2 strong likeminded residents to City Council and 3 to the School Board. Consider serving our city.

Contact MBStrong2021@gmail.com for more information.

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Mike Michalski's recent Newsletter

The current issue of *Manhattan Beach City Council Update* covers the events from 2/27, the subsequent City Council meeting, and the push by the Far Left to lift the park events restrictions.



“But, as we've stated in the past, the three locations - Bruce's Beach and the two neighborhood parkettes on 8th Street in East Manhattan and Larsson Street in the Hill section - are wholly inappropriate venues for large, special events due to (1) their relatively small size and their location in confined, heavily residential areas, (2) the paucity of nearby restroom facilities and (at least at Bruce's Beach) lack of parking and (3) the disruption these events would cause to the neighborhoods (as opposed to a more appropriate venue like Polliwog Park or even the downtown Civic Center Plaza, where special events are permitted).”

You can view the current issue, *Flaw and Disorder*, and subscribe to his Newsletter here: [MB City Council Update](#)

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Former MB Mayor, Mark Burton, writes a passionate letter to City Council, advocating for the residents.

Dear City Council:

In my career in city government, I handled tens of thousands of claims for damages, lawsuits, and hearings. For such matters of importance, I always went to the "scene" to observe, observe what was there and what wasn't there. Last week for my MB morning walk, I parked at City Hall and walked to Bruce's Beach Park ("BB Park") to do such an observation. Here is what I observed and what I didn't observe at this city park.



What I Observed in BB Park:

- *BB Park has the best observation area of the blue Pacific Ocean in the entire city. It is unrivaled. It inspires. It takes your breath away. There is something so peaceful and tranquil when observing the blue Pacific Ocean from BB Park.*

- *BB Park is a tiered park, with a series of steeply graded, grassy slopes. Several of these steeply graded, grassy slopes have staircases to traverse from one slope to the other.*
- *BB Park has two sets of two cement benches, facing west toward the blue Pacific Ocean, on two of the park's tiers. All four benches are the primary park "facility" and serve as a great observation point.*
- *BB Park has a basketball court on one of the park's lower tiers. As a former basketball junky, I always laugh when I see this basketball court. It's always empty because no one wants to play on a narrow court on a hill with such a steep grade. You would be chasing your basketball down the hill all day long.*

What I Didn't Observe in BB Park:

1. *BB Park doesn't have any picnic tables for families or gatherings. Most of our city parks have picnic tables, including our two pocket parks, 8th Street Park and Larsson Street Park.*
2. *BB Park doesn't have children's playground equipment. Most of our city parks have children's playground equipment for families or gatherings.*
3. *BB Park doesn't have a water fountain. Most of our city parks have a water fountain.*
4. *BB Park doesn't have a barbecue to cook for families and gatherings. Many of our city parks have a barbecue to cook for families or gatherings.*
5. *BB Park doesn't have restroom facilities. Most of our city parks have restroom facilities.*

When is a park, not a park? When it's BB Park.

BB Park's primary function is to serve as a scenic view observation area. At some point in time, I'm sure many of you have stopped at a scenic view observation area, got out of your car, walked around, and looked at the incredible view. Many of these scenic view observation areas are at the top of grade, a vista.

From what I observed, and from what I didn't observe, BB Park is not an appropriate venue for any special event. As previously stated, BB Park was previously excluded by Staff and Council since it is one of three, distinctively neighborhood parks, intimately nestled adjacent to our residents.

Finally, there is a risk management aspect that supports excluding BB Park from special events. As you can readily discern, BB Park may be a dangerous condition of

public property, the disclaimer on your BB Park sign aside. This is especially so if you permit special events for which BB Park is not designed to accommodate. With its steep topography, BB Park may not be safe for large gatherings of people or families.

Please do the right thing for our residents and continue to exclude Bruce's Beach Park, 8th Street Park, and Larsson Street Park from your Special Events Policy.

Thank you again for your public service.

With kind regards,

Mark

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Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Bruce Moe
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 1:36 PM
To: Martha Alvarez, MMC
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Special Events at Bruce's Beach

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

From: Kate Malik <kegmalik@mac.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 12:40 PM
To: Joe Franklin <jfranklin@manhattanbeach.gov>; Steve Napolitano <snapolitano@manhattanbeach.gov>; Suzanne Hadley <shadley@manhattanbeach.gov>; Hildy Stern <hstern@manhattanbeach.gov>; Richard Montgomery <rmontgomery@manhattanbeach.gov>
Cc: Bruce Moe <bmoe@manhattanbeach.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Special Events at Bruce's Beach

EXTERNAL EMAIL: Do not click links or open attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

Dear Council-

I wanted to chime in on a thread to which I have been added.

We own 4 properties that directly border Bruce's Beach. I believe that it would be for the benefit of the community to include Bruce's Beach among the parks available for reservation for large parties. While the park is always going to attract lots of people to enjoy its special space, having a reservation system for larger parties will help plan for extra waste removal and cleaning. It will also increase accountability in the event of noise or trash violations by being able to track participants. Beach parking is and always will be an issue, but claiming that organized events at BB will overwhelm the system is disingenuous. There has been a lot of press about BB that has led to an increase in its popularity. I believe that opposition, including from members of Council, is a thinly veiled attempt to keep people "who don't look like they belong" out of BB and Manhattan Beach. Let's not let history repeat itself.

Thanks, Kate Malik
Owner of 4 Bruce's Beach properties
Sent from my iPhone

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Darlene Goss <darlene.goss42@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 1:49 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Local Parks

EXTERNAL EMAIL: Do not click links or open attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

Please DO NOT allow permits for social events at our 3 local parks: Larsson Street Parquette, 8th Street Park and Bruces Beach. These parks do not have restroom facilities, they will create traffic congestion and noise in residential areas occupied by local taxpayers.

Darlene Goss
Manhattan Beach

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Kathy Snell <ksnell0001@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 1:45 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Blacks Beach Agenda May 15, 2022

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Honorable Mayor and Council Members,

Please protect your residential areas from all the safety concerns by allowing events where they are not appropriate. Your actions could open the City to unnecessary lawsuits and will redirect the valuable MB Police resources.

Respectfully,

Kathy Snell.

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Elizabeth Shafer <c.elizabethshafer@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 1:40 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach

EXTERNAL EMAIL: Do not click links or open attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

Unbelievable that the February 22 event was allowed to be held without a permit! An event which included alcohol, various drugs, loud obnoxious "music" and furniture from homes. WE HAVE ENOUGH PROBLEMS WITH OUR SCHOOLS TEACHING THIS ROTTEN GODLESS, ANTI-AMERICAN SEXIST WOKE CRAP! And where were the city council members at the last meeting who opposed this? Did any of you stand up and say anything? I'm appalled that two of you who I thought had any brains from what I heard, wouldn't speak up. Are you all a bunch of anti-Manhattan Beach residents? Do any of you know what this caused with The Strand residents and residents close by who had to put up with this? WHAT IS WRONG WITH YOU PEOPLE?? I expect it from Stern, being a racist mayor, but the rest of you? CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS, GROW SOME BALLS AND REJECT THIS! Isn't a plaque enough for something which happened over 100 years ago?

Do you have any idea how the rest of the country is laughing at Manhattan Beach residents?...I received a call from my cousin who lives back east. He thought we lived in a lovely beach city and was laughing...just like the rest of the world who are laughing at the USA in the last year! I won't vote for any of you in November unless I see some positive anti-Bruce's Beach action resulting from tonight's meeting. What's the use unless at least one of you cares about your own town!! Don't be a bunch of brain-washed, people who cave in to the radical rats who are destroying this whole country and also defunding the police! THIS IS YOUR CITY. CARE ABOUT YOUR RESIDENTS! CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS, STOP CAVING IN TO THOSE AND THE OTHERS WHO WANT TO DESTROY OUR CITY, BECAUSE THAT'S THE INTENT! If you agree with it, then move the heck out! BTW, I had one of these BLM people almost push me as she walked by saying vulgar disgusting racial things to me because I'm white. That's what some of you toxic jerks are promoting.

I Timothy says: "Wicked godless men and imposters will go on from bad to worse, deceiving and leading astray others and being deceived and let astray themselves".

C. Elizabeth Shafer

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Rob Casanova <robcasanova@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 1:18 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach Large Event Permitting

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Dear City Council Members:

As a long-time Manhattan Beach resident who visits Bruce Beach every day, I can tell you that Bruce's Beach is not suitable for large events and should be excluded from such events as it is now. Each of you knows the reasons, as they have been enumerated to Council time and time again:

- 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. I found beer cans and bottles of Hennessy VSOP etc as far as 5 blocks N of Bruce's Beach; my home.

These problems cannot be solved by any reasonable means. The limited presence of MBPD (plain clothe officers in limited amount) is not sufficient to maintain law and order. You are thereby opening up the City for future litigation by patrons and residents that are negatively impacted!

Bruce's Beach is a beautiful, serene place that should be enjoyed by all, but it is NOT suitable for large , organized events / groups. I urge you to continue to exclude Bruce's Beach from large events. Thank you.

Rob Casanova
Resident and Home Owner since 1992

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: GWPOP Talk <gwpop@talk@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 1:17 PM
To: List - City Council
Cc: City Clerk
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Retain Special Events Exclusion for Bruce's Beach and Parkettes

EXTERNAL EMAIL: Do not click links or open attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

Dear Council Members,

Enough is enough. The City owned park above where the Bruce's resided for a couple years, over 100 years ago, in no way gave anyone the right to override City Policy re: no special events in this park. Regardless of what your thoughts or feelings are, this kind of full on party with amplified music, alcohol and smoking are simply not allowed. This City Ordinance needs to be kept in place and enforced.

If anything like this event is organized again, it should be shut down by our police department before anyone is even allowed to enter the park. This is scandalous behavior and believe me, if you give this group of lawless folks who have a huge sense of self entitlement an inch I guarantee they will take a mile.

Stand firm and be strong. We, the residents of Manhattan Beach, are standing beside you and will support your efforts to keep Manhattan Beach from becoming another Venice.. A full on circus every day of the week.

Also last note, The whole diatribe about this plaque to be installed in the area where the former Bruce Family lived needs to be brief and simply stated. The truth is, and it is verified in court papers, the Bruce's were handsomely paid for this property back in the 1920's when the City reclaimed the property and built the very useful Life Guard Station. Please stand your ground on this. Keep it brief and to the point. If anyone is that curious and wants to know more about the Bruce Family they can do their own research.

Manhattan Beach is an awesome community and all the residents that have lived here peacefully since it's incorporation are decent folks and for the most part kind and hard working. If you want to live in MB, you need to work for it, just like everyone else. Last I heard there are No Free Lunches or excuses for having special events that are not allowed for anyone.

Thank you for all your hard work and keeping a level head and attitude in dealing with unreasonable and delusional residents (who, in my guess) have moved here in the last few years) and just want to feel like they are doing something important. Your job is to protect and provide a safe and peaceful community for all the residents that live here and I know you are trying your best and your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
Amanda Hunter

Amanda Hunter
1230 6th Street
Manhattan Beach, CA 90254

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Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Elizabeth Lynch <betsi.bell@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 1:11 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach Park Mega Events

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Hello-

We own 229 25th Place which is VERY near Bruce's Beach Park. We do NOT believe mega events should be allowed at this park due to the lack of parking and lack of restrooms / facilities. Furthermore we can be sure to expect traffic issues (Highland traffic is already bad enough). MB has other larger parks better suited for mega events. Please vote NO to mega events at Bruce's Beach Park. Thank you for listening.

Timothy & Elizabeth Lynch

Sent from my iPhone

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Gary Senser <gary@botellosenser.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 1:01 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Large Groups Should Not Be Permitted At Bruce's Beach

EXTERNAL EMAIL: Do not click links or open attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

Dear City Council Members:

As a long-time Manhattan Beach resident who visits Bruce Beach every day, I can tell you that Bruce's Beach is not suitable for large events and should be excluded from such events as it is now. Each of you knows the reasons, as they have been enumerated to Council time and time again:

- Too small for large groups
- Not safe for large gatherings, with its steep topography - there is a risk of significant, potential liability
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These problems cannot be solved by any reasonable means.

Bruce's Beach is a beautiful, serene place that should be enjoyed by all, but it is not suitable for large groups. I urge you to continue to exclude Bruce's Beach from large events. Thank you.

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[Gary Senser](#)

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Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Larry Grik <lgatextiles@earthlink.net>
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 1:00 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Special Events At Bruce's Beach Park

EXTERNAL EMAIL: Do not click links or open attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

We are very much against events at Bruce's Beach Park. The Internet promoted parties to the general populace draw very large attendance with BYOB open liquor containers, amplified sound, which is not only music, and a total disregard for any and all rules on the painted sandwich board sign which generally gets thrown to the side.

There seems to be no Patrol Police to be seen.

Helene and Larry Grik, 51 year residents,
2701 Manhattan Ave.

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: JANET SOLIMAN <manhattan3333@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 11:58 AM
To: City Clerk
Subject: [EXTERNAL] No to Bruces Beach big parties!

EXTERNAL EMAIL: Do not click links or open attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

Out of an abundance of fear, overly pandering groups led by Stern is bullying the city council and public into changing current laws to accommodate BLM groups. The tactic of bullying to get your way even though those groups are infringing on the rights of residents is not fair to MB residents. I guess our rights to peace in our neighborhoods is not important ! Please stop being bullied by BLM because you are scared! Please care about MB residents who you are suppose to represent !

Stop the fear. Stand up for fairness!

Sincerely

Janet Soliman

Sent from my iPhone

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: John Randolph <johnrando@verizon.net>
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 11:58 AM
To: List - City Council
Cc: City Clerk
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please include all parks

EXTERNAL EMAIL: Do not click links or open attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

Dear City Council and City Mgr.: Please consider including all city parks in your special events policy. It equalizes both access to and control of the parks, so it makes sense for all. Thank you. John Randolph

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Taylor Gamble <taylormgamble@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 11:50 AM
To: List - City Council
Cc: City Clerk
Subject: [EXTERNAL] I Support Updating the Special Event Policy

EXTERNAL EMAIL: Do not click links or open attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

Dear Mayor Stern and City Councilmembers:

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 tailored set of 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. Thank you for your consideration.

Best,

Taylor Gamble
Manhattan Beach Resident

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Julie Muer <j_muer@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 11:47 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] NO Mega Events at Bruce's Beach or our small Parklettes

EXTERNAL EMAIL: Do not click links or open attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

Dear City Council...

I sent an email about a month and a half ago about voting NO on Mega Events at Bruce's Beach and at our small Parklettes. Sadly, the unpermitted "Blacckity Beach Festival" event took place regardless on February 27th with no action from our City to stop it. That was very disappointing. Clearly we have measures in place and they were ignored.

I understand that a vote will take place tonight and I ask that ALL of you vote NO on allowing future mega events at Bruce's Beach and our small Parklettes.

Thank you...

Julie Muer

MB resident and Home Owner for 25 years

A copy of my email from a few weeks back:

Hello MB City Council...

Please vote NO on Mega Events (with or without alcohol) at Bruce's Beach due to all of the obvious reasons:

- Not enough parking (even for local residents).
- Already a very dense and crowded area and even more so during the summer -Disrupting and disturbing residents in the immediate and surrounding neighborhoods

Please vote NO!!

Thank you,

Julie Muer
MB resident and Home Owner for 25 years

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Robert Lane <boblane90266@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 11:31 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Retain special events exclusion for Bruces beach and parkettes.

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Please vote no, no special events.



Bob Lane [f](#) [@](#) [in](#)

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Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: ERIC GRAY <egray123@verizon.net>
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 11:14 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Parks

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Hello,

I am reiterating my view that Bruce's Beach and Larson and the third park should not be available for enlarged public gatherings w food trucks, amplified music, and alcohol, particularly when park rules are ignored. The last event held without a permit should be viewed as representative of what we can expect. I think that it is disrespectful to the residents in the immediate area and to the residents of MB. We already have venues approved for such gatherings, and there was and is a good reason to exclude these parks in question.

Eric Gray

Sent from my iPhone

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Don Carpenter <don@carpenterconstruction.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 11:08 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BB

EXTERNAL EMAIL: Do not click links or open attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

Allow large gatherings at our parks?

Will it be legal to use drugs, alcohol and amplified music? Forget parking issues, just park anywhere.

Who's going to pay for enforcement, cleanup? Or maybe no enforcement?

I look forward to our next council member elections, I think it will be the largest turnout ever. And I think fairness and freedom will prevail.

Don Carpenter

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: MARG ZAMBRANO <margzambrano@cox.net>
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 11:03 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Make Bruce Beach and parkettes available as city parks

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Please make Bruce Beach and parkettes available as city parks.

Margaret Zambrano

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Bruce and Toni <lastresort@jps.net>
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 10:56 AM
To: List - City Council
Cc: City Clerk
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Retain Special Events Exclusion for Bruce's Beach and Parkettes

EXTERNAL EMAIL: Do not click links or open attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

Manhattan Beach Council Members:

First off, thank you for all you do to keep our city running smoothly. Sometimes the path is bumpy, but keep up the good work.

Now to the point of this email. As long-time residents (54 years) we feel that it is wholly inappropriate for our small neighborhood parks to be used for special events, with the resulting traffic congestion and amplified noise. Local residents should not be subjected to these nuisances under any circumstances.

We therefore respectfully request that you 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.

Thanks again for all your hard work,

Bruce and Toni Stafford

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Bruce Kuch <bpkuch@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 10:46 AM
To: List - City Council
Cc: City Clerk
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Special Events Exclusion for Parks

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Honorable Councilmember:

We are 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. Our 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.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bruce & Pamela Kuch
1440 8th Street
MBch
714 519-5985

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Bruce Kuch <bpkuch@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 10:43 AM
Cc: City Clerk
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Special Events Exclusion for Parks

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Honorable Councilmember:

We are 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. Our 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.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bruce & Pamela Kuch
1440 8th Street
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714 519-5985

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Kim Brant-Lucich <kbrant007@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 10:33 AM
To: List - City Council; City Clerk
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Special Events Permitting Policy

EXTERNAL EMAIL: Do not click links or open attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

Dear City Councilmembers and City Clerk,

Please approve the Parks and Recreation Commission's recommendation regarding the Special Events Permitting Policy. I had the pleasure of attending the Commission's meeting when this item was discussed. All Commissioners gave this thorough and thoughtful consideration, even acknowledging the volume of email received from residents concerned about the potential impacts of holding events in these smaller parks.

The Commission's recommendation proposes a number of significant improvements to the existing policy. There is no downside to this recommendation.

- Improvement - Enhances existing policy
- Fairness - all city parks will be made available to all residents
- Reduction of impacts - the revised policy will clearly specify the type of event, frequency and mitigations (portable toilets, speakers/volumes, size of crowd, parking recommendations, etc.)
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- Residents living near any park (including Live Oak, Polliwog, etc.) will benefit from enhanced policy; residents living near smaller parks will be protected by enhanced policy
- Punitive measures - ability to enforce punitive action for violators
- Elimination of "runaway" on-permitted events and/or punitive measures for organizers holding events without a permit

Please accept the Commission's recommendation which goes beyond merely addressing the existing exclusion, by improving the permitting for all parks.

Regards,

Kim Brant-Lucich

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Tiffany Wright <seden_lynne@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 10:20 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Agenda #13: Recall Gascon & Hire a Local Prosecutor

EXTERNAL EMAIL: Do not click links or open attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

Dear City Council,

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.

Sincerely,
Tiffany Wright
213-500-1433

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: James Gee <geejames@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 10:10 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Input to tonight's city council meeting

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It saddens me to see our city become so divided on so many levels
In my 30 plus years in this great city, I have never seen such division and public negative discourse. It seems rampant w.r.t city council school board discussions and decisions.
I hope the council can work toward more consensus and less division

I am very much opposed to the proposed changes to the use policy on very small park
The reasons the policies were enacted remain

Bruce's Beach event aftermath; City is not prepared to deal with such events in a manner that protects both our residents 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 of the policy.

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

1. Update the Special Event Policy to specify distinct parameters for each park, including frequency of events, amplification of sound, and other considerations 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 with respect to organizing and executing unpermitted events or exceeding the parameters of a permitted event
3. Create a playbook to proactively address unpermitted events"

James Gee
2600 Bell Ave
30 yr resident

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Shirley Hutcheson <shutch1996@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 9:42 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach Vote tonight

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Dear Council

I am speaking up again as I just don't understand why there even needs to be a vote to allow Bruce's Beach to become a party venue. As with Larson parkette Bruce's beach is surrounded by private homes. I was appalled that the city allowed the past event that included alcohol.

To be clear I disagree with I completely disagree with allowing Bruce's Beach to host large events.

All my best,
Shirley Hutcheson

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Linda Neumeier <lindagary120@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 9:38 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Park parties

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City representatives we elect you to be on the residence side. To protect our city. We have lived here for over 20 years and are saddened to see the change in our little town. We moved here for a reason and you need to uphold the peoples vote. Please.

Retain Special Events Exclusion for Bruce's Beach and Parkettes

Linda NEUMEIER
120 25th street
Manhattan Beach.

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Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Jim Sieminski <jimsieminski@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 9:26 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Agenda Item 14/Removing Exclusion at BB

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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.

Sent from my iPhone

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Dana McFarland <danamcfarland79@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 9:24 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Beach

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Dear Hildy,

Everything you and your liberal friends are about is destroying this state and this town! Lock downs, mandates, homelessness, crime, and racism taught in our schools and at our city council.

You and anyone who votes like you is responsible. I've lived here my entire life and it was not a racist place until liberals took over.

Bruce's Beach is a joke! It never should have been given away, or renamed. It shouldn't have huge rap parties, and it should actually be re-named and given back! My kids grew up with that park being called roly polly park back when Manhattan Beach was a nice clean happy place.

Hildy, try to wake up and stop destroying our town!

Dana McFarland

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Gary Neumeier <gary.n4646@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 8:57 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach

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We live on 25th Street and strongly hope you don't allow organized gatherings at Bruce's Beach.

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Don McCammack <dommc@mac.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 8:29 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] agenda items 13 and 14

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I oppose lifting the permit restrictions as proposed in items 13 and 14 of the Council agenda.

Don McCammack

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: T Walmer <walmy1@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 8:25 AM
To: List - City Council; City Clerk
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Retain Special Events Exclusion for Bruce's Beach Park and Parkettes

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To All Members of City Council, We would like to express our support for retaining the special events exclusion for Bruce's beach Park and the other tiny parks on 8th and Larson Avenues...

All 3 of these simply do not work for large special events...There are no bathrooms, no parking and no way that residents in those areas won't be severely impacted and overwhelmed by the traffic, noise etc....

It is remarkable that this is even up for consideration given all there negatives...

Thank You

Tim and Megan Walmer

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Gary Osterhout <garyosterhout@verizon.net>
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 8:06 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Tied COLA Increases for Full-Time Unrepresented EE's (Consent #7)

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Councilmembers:

I cannot be more opposed to this item, for many reasons. The way this is presented is short on details or financial impact analysis, in a seeming intentional way for your highly-comps to engineer themselves a 10.76% raise effective 1/11/2025. This is almost a kleptocracy, without Council performing any effective oversight. Your cost analysis seems to be more "can we afford it" than "should we be paying for this." For those that profess to be "fiscal conservatives," this is more akin to reviewing whether you still have checks in the checkbook.

Were any of these individuals to have performed to their current level of compensation I would not have so much of a complaint. But the underperforming evidenced over the last several years makes this all the more intolerable. And this is cross-the-board when it comes to your directors. The lack of performance of your Public Works and Park and Rec Directors are obvious. That Community Development could not write a Housing Element to prevent HighRose before it was even in the ideation stage is another example. That the HR and Finance Director allow such an report such as this one to be issued is again emblematic of an intent more to deceive and not engage the public.

Here's a number of other considerations:

- 1) This should not be in the Consent Agenda. It is not "routine and customary." Or shouldn't be.
- 2) It should have a dollar value of impact. That is generally expected when making a finance decision.
- 3) As per the email below to Charelian of Feb 1, I suggested that since this high comp approval has become pro forma, then perhaps that factor should be presented along with the COLA request for the mid-managers in February. That would be honest and transparent. But, no, Charelian would rather rest on a technicality and obscurity instead of better financial impact information. Disclosing that linkage in tonight report is closing the barn door. And that linkage is viewed as pro forma approval because this is put on Consent.
- 4) Also, by having the same employees negotiating the COLA increase with the represented groups, knowing full well that Council isn't going to bother to scrutinize the negotiator's own linked COLA request, is the same thing as having the highly comps negotiate their own raise with themselves.
- 5) There is a sizable difference between the cost of living impacts on a mid-manager's salary than a highly comp. Both fill up their cars with the same amount of gas, eat the same amount of food, and I would expect by now there are few APR mortgages. Bottom line: there is no need for a COLA raise of 3% per year for three years (compounded) for your non-performing highly comps, who are already comp'd higher than their position warrants.
- 6) Of course, any raise in base salary increases costs in other pools, significantly vacation, deferred comp, retiree health, and pension. I would expect that given the number of holidays provided by the City (many more than private industry) and an easy work schedule (particularly during the 9/80 years), that any employee with over 10 years of service has maxed out their vacation accrual. This 10.76% raise in effect provides those employees the equivalent of 90 additional vacation days (840 x 10.76%). I can tell you from experience that no one in private industry has close to these accrual hours nor the totality of your highly comp's benefit packages. Nor does a highly comp get assurance of a raise more than one year at a time in private industry.
- 7) The base pay for these individuals as provided by the Council back when Mark Burton gave away the store was too high. Yet you keep adding to that inflated amount, also never taking into account the huge amount of benefits received.
- 8) There is no way a "Communication and Civic Engagement Manager" is worth \$170,000 in today's dollars--on top of a "Marketing and Communications Coordinator" with a salary of \$103,860, and an "Assistant to the City Manager" of

\$138,936. A few of you were elected because of the CM padding his assistants. This position sounds like a Deputy CM without that title. Of course, the way the City works, I can see that becoming next year's request "since there will be no impact on overall salary costs." City Staff know how to play the long game around you, as well as the "boiling the frog" technique.

9) Your Finance Department is overly compensated. From someone in the finance field, I can tell you that no one in private industry with this group's responsibilities and abilities is making that much. And this is a group that has been operating the same budget format for 20 years or more, when more efficient, robotic software products have become available. Public engagement is minimal to nil.

10) There is no way that the plethora of salary ranges represented by the paragraph at the bottom of page 2 of the report should be on Consent.

11) Your annual May budget process is a joke. If 70% of your budget is compensation-related, then the game is over before it starts. Remove the remaining fixed costs or variable costs that have been negotiated via long-term contracts, and then remove the proprietary programs, and there's basically nothing left. Look back over the last year and see how many times there has been an adjustment of a position, position title, or position funding. No one in the public can provide good feedback or oversight, or you provide good transparency and accountability, when the ball continually moves.

12) The salaries for your highly comps also do not take into consideration the intangible benefits of working for a City with the financial resources of M.B. so the director gets a good budget and doesn't need to strain to meet the demands of a weak social safety net one sees in other cities (as well as no forest fires, floods, snow removal, etc.). The county even is responsible for beach maintenance. Plus, I can think of a lot of worse things than having to come to work in M.B. every day.

13) The salary schedule does not reflect the Performance Bonus as identified on page 3. This used to read that a bonus of \$10K could be granted if funding was available in the respective department's budget. I would expect that this \$10K bonus was also granted pro forma (no transparency, so I don't know). That means that if a department head did not spend all their budget, presumably on items of benefit to the residents of the City of MB, then the CM would be able to bonus them. Similar language is in d) iii) of this section. I often hear how much Bruce Moe is liked by his employees. No wonder. I would suggest that there be some Council oversight into the granting of Performance Bonuses. Although I don't see the need for the bonuses in the first place.

14) You need a fully functioning, resident-driven Finance Committee. I recently saw the City of Benicia has a standing Open Government Commission. You might establish that as well.

Folks, please set up. Do better. At the very least show you pretend to give the highly comp's salaries, as well as all city expenditures, some real oversight.

Thank you for your consideration.
Gary Osterhout

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Greg Vena <greg@venavineyards.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 7:58 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Park Permits

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Dear City Councilmembers:

I have lived in Manhattan Beach for 30 years. During this time, Manhattan Beach has changed in many ways, yet has retained much of its character. Despite some inevitable crowding, Manhattan Beach has continued to be a small, beach side community catering to families who want to raise their children in a safe environment with great schools. There has been some erosion in that character due to the popularity of our public areas, shopping and restaurants.

It is you, the city council, the planning commission and the school board who are tasked with safeguarding our community and making sure that your decisions cater to your constituents, the residents of Manhattan Beach. With that in mind, I do not see how changing the special events restrictions at our city parks caters to the residents of Manhattan Beach. As far as I know, there are no resident groups who are clamoring for special events at these parks. Further, the nearby residents of these parks probably do not want large special events to occur at their doorstep. **Please do not lift the special events restrictions at Bruce's Beach Park, 8th Street Park and Larsson Street Park.** To do so, would further erode the character of our wonderful city. Thank you.

Gregory F. Vena

President

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Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Michael Davis <mbdconst@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 7:41 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce" Beach

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Dear Council,

Please don't change the policy to allow large events at Bruce's beach park.

The residential area around the park is greatly affected by large groups gathering at the park. Limited parking and no restroom facilities cause substantial problems when this happens. Please support the policy not to allow large events at the park.

Thank you,

Michael Davis
El Porto

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Rudkin, George H <George.Rudkin@va.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 7:39 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] permitting at Bruce's beach

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Strongly urge the council not to endorse large events at Bruce's beach. Larger events are not suited to this site.

Regards
George Rudkin
1504 Pine Ave
MB, CA 90266

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Susan Lim <gpslim@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, March 14, 2022 11:01 PM
To: List - City Council; City Clerk
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Council Meeting Comments

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Dear Council Members,

I am writing with the urgency that we endorse the campaign to recall George Gascon and employ our own city prosecutor. I have seen how unsafe other cities have become are under Gascon's policy and it's only a matter of time that we too will not feel safe taking a walk past a certain hours in the day. I used to live in Culver City and after speaking to multiple restauranteurs asking them why it's so quiet at peak lunch hours, they told me that crime rate has gone up tremendously and people no longer go out. Gascon's policy allows criminals to repeat offenses knowing there is nothing we can do about it. I have been a resident in Manhattan Beach for 11 years and I have heard more and more crimes in the neighborhood.

I would also like to keep our neighborhood peaceful and quiet by not having the disruption of large parties and special events at Bruce's Beach. The park is not equipped with enough restrooms and parking facilities, and it will be a matter of time when our city is going to be destroyed when visitors get intoxicated with alcohol and legal drugs and get in to altercations. Our neighborhood consists of many young families with young children, we do not need to expose them to any of the above mentioned.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Susan Lim
848 14th St
Manhattan Beach

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Lana Rizika <lanarizika@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 14, 2022 10:26 PM
To: List - City Council
Cc: City Clerk
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Special Events Policy

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Dear Mayor Stern and Councilmembers,

I am writing to ask you to please approve and adopt the recommendation unanimously passed by the Parks and Recreation Commission to extend the Special Events Policy to include Bruce's Beach and the 2 parkettes.

It makes the most sense to manage these properties through the city, rather than have individuals or groups assume they can have events as they choose, without having to follow any rules or guidelines. What makes the parks work so well for private events - and I have had many of my kids' birthday parties at the parks - is that there is this system in place for reserving space, and each park comes with its own regulations and limitations. Certainly, Bruce' Beach would have special regulations and limitations so that its neighbors wouldn't be subjected to overly-amplified noise, and the parkettes would likely have a limit to the numbers permitted per event.

There is no reason to exclude these 3 parks from the Special Events Policy; that policy would be adjusted to accommodate the specific needs and boundaries of each of these parks, just as it does for every other park.

I hope you can see the logic here, and agree with the Parks and Recreation Commission's recommendation. It makes the most sense: it's consistent with existing policy for other parks, and gives the city, not the individual, the ability to regulate and manage private events in our city parks. It also provides for punitive measures for those who don't follow the policy's guidelines, or for those who circumvent the park reservations process.

By the way, Councilmember Hadley's suggestion that a Juneteenth celebration be relegated to the grass outside the lifeguard station and the nearby sand is not viable. The people who want to celebrate and observe Juneteenth are not going to be willing to stay there; it misses the point. While it's meaningful to be on the former property of the Bruce's, the beauty of observing a holiday at Bruce's Beach park is to be able to honor its history and celebrate progress on all of this historically significant land.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kind regards,
Lana Rizika
Manhattan Beach Resident of 27 years

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Dave Masino <dmasino@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 14, 2022 9:39 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] OPPOSE special events at Bruce's Beach

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Dear City Council

We respectfully request that the current policy of no special events at Bruce's Beach be maintained. Bruce's Beach is a very small area located in a residential neighborhood with no restroom facilities, very few trash cans, and extremely limited parking. The topography is also steep and potentially unsafe for large gatherings.

This is not a suitable place to hold special events, especially given the amount of people and traffic it would draw to an already congested residential area. It's been difficult getting in and out of the neighborhood, and many times the street is blocked due to people waiting for available parking spots. Please respect our community and do not allow special events at Bruce's Beach.

Thank you for your public service.

Regards,
Dave Masino
Manhattan Beach

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Julie Masino <jfmasino@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 14, 2022 9:21 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Special Events at Bruce's Beach owner/resident opposed

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Dear City Council

As an eight year owner and resident of north Manhattan Beach (we are one house off of Bruce's Beach) **we respectfully request that the current policy of no special events at Bruce's Beach be maintained.**

We chose to purchase our home in the north end of Manhattan Beach as it was quieter and away from the center of the city, beach and tourist traffic areas. We would like to see it remain as it was when we purchased our home.

As you are aware, Bruce's beach is a small and steeply hilled, small neighborhood green space with no facilities and very limited parking. These inherent features makes it inhospitable for events and gatherings. The weekends, as is, are super congested and we have a hard time getting in and out of our street as many times people are looking for parking around the area and are "waiting" and blocking the one lane down 26th. Lately many people have taken to hosting non-authorized events in the area and this has led to increased garbage being piled up and even more traffic in this small area. This can not be allowed, there is not room to accommodate the traffic, congestion and garbage. I've seen garbage blowing down the street and we all know that ends up in the ocean or sewers, which is not good. We'd also like to see the food truck that has been parking there on weekends removed as it is leading to more congestion and garbage in the area.

There are plenty of other areas nearby that can accommodate events like Polliwog Park or Dockweiler Beach where there is adequate parking and the facilities necessary to support this type of activity.

Please respect our community and do not allow special events at Bruce's Beach, we don't have room for the congestion this will cause.

Thank you
Julie Masino

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Maureen Leral-Denitz <modenitz@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, March 14, 2022 8:55 PM
To: Hildy Stern; Steve Napolitano; Suzanne Hadley; Joe Franklin; Richard Montgomery; City Clerk
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach Park

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Mayor Stern, Mayor Pro Tem Napolitano and Council Members Hadley, Franklin and Montgomery,

We are residents of MB and hope you will vote to NOT have Special Events at Bruces Beach. This park has always been a reflection type park. There are no playground equipment, no BBQ areas, no table and benches, no bathrooms or water fountains like other parks in our city. It's located in a tight residential area with little public parking around the park, the roadways are narrow and emergency vehicles would not be able to pass in the event of an emergency.

If you say yes to special events you will regretfully ruin a beautiful neighborhood. There will be noise, there will be music, there will be trash, there will be illegal parking, there will be traffic issues, there will be altercations with neighbors over all of the above.

If you say no like you did 4 yrs ago (5-0) to special events, you will retain this park as a reflection park for everyone.

Thank you for your consideration

Best

Maureen and David Denitz

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: denise berger <dberger710@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 14, 2022 8:09 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Parks & Recs Special Events permitting

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Dear Council - I so appreciate this coming up on the agenda and I am strongly advocating 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.

Thank you!

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Mary Chieffe <mary.chieffe@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 14, 2022 6:48 PM
To: List - City Council
Cc: City Clerk
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Events at city parks

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Dear Councilmembers,

I'm writing to let you know that I favor leaving the protocol for our city parks as it now stands. In a previous year, council voted to allow large scale events at various MB parks and excluded big events at a couple of the neighborhood parkettes and at Bruce's Beach. This system makes sense and has worked well since that time. The three excluded parks have limitations, whether it be no restrooms, limited parking, or proximity to residential housing, that make them less suitable for events which our larger parks are equipped to accommodate.

If it's not broken, don't fix it. Our current system works well.

Sincerely,

Mary Chieffe
Manhattan Beach

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Brad Williams <bradfordp47@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 14, 2022 6:41 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BB park

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I believe it is utterly wrong minded to even consider allowing events at BB and the two pocket parks. It appears to me that MB is allowing outside interests to determine what they can and cannot do with no regard for the laws and rules created by the residents of MB. These outside interest are out of control in their effort to take over our city. I hope that none of the counsel members will even consider allowing events at BB and concentrate on what resources we need to enforce our laws

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Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Cecilia Ball <cball6@earthlink.net>
Sent: Monday, March 14, 2022 5:32 PM
To: List - City Council
Cc: City Clerk
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please Adopt Parks and Recreation Commission's Updated Special Events Policy

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I am writing to ask the City Council to adopt the Parks and Recreation Commission's recommendation to update the Special Events Policy. This will make Bruce's Beach Park and the 8th Street and Larsson Street Parkettes available for special events, like all other city parks.

The recommendation proposes revisions and improvements to the existing policy for all parks which include regulating frequency of events, amplification of sound, and other potential impacts to neighbors of the park in question. It also establishes a process for determining which park is most appropriate based on the type of event and adds punitive measures for failure to request a permit or follow City's guidelines.

The Parks and Recreation Commissioners took into account all concerns expressed by residents and unanimously agreed on this recommendation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Dottie Haydis <dhaydis@me.com>
Sent: Monday, March 14, 2022 4:36 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Retain special events exclusion for Bruce's Beach and parkettes

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Please do NOT adopt the recommendation of the Parks & Recreation commission to include the Eighth Street and Larsson parkettes and Bruce's Beach in special events permitting process. They are relatively small in size and in heavily residential neighborhoods with shortage of parking and restroom facilities. The traffic, possible street closures and noise(particularly if there's amplified sound) would harm the residents!!

Thank you,
Dottie Haydis
Sent from my iPad

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Mike Michalski <mike@realestateedge.com>
Sent: Monday, March 14, 2022 4:15 PM
To: List - City Council; City Clerk
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Special Events Permit

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Honorable Mayor and City Council:

Please reject the Parks & Rec recommendation of opening up the two parkettes and Bruce's Beach park to special permits. None of these three venues is appropriate for large events that would be disruptive to their neighborhoods and hard to control (witness the recent event at BB park). What is needed is enforcement of our ordinances and enforcement needs to be initiated as soon as the illegal event begins. A permitting process will not alter those dynamics and, indeed, could make enforcement even harder once an event that might have initially been in compliance gets out of control.

Bruce's Beach, being a beach access park, is a particularly poor choice for large gatherings due to the close proximity of residences and its already limited parking and restroom facilities. It is more akin to a scenic overlook than an actual traditional park. Manhattan Beach has other venues much more conducive to large gatherings with amplified sound (Polliwog Park comes to mind).

You got it right 4 years ago when that Council, which included both Steve and Richard, voted to exclude these three venues from the special events process, so please do the right thing again. Nothing has changed since then except the politics surrounding Bruce's Beach and that is a poor reason to alter a wise policy.

Mike Michalski

31-Year Resident

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Chris Plank <mbbroker90266@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 14, 2022 4:03 PM
To: List - City Council
Cc: City Clerk
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Retain Special Events Exclusion for Bruce's Beach and Parkettes

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I was out of town when the event at Bruce's Beach was held. I had friends and clients who live around the park area and they said it was a nightmare! I am asking the City Council to **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.

We need to retain the current regulations and exclude those venues from such permits because of their relatively small size, their location in 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, the shortage of nearby parking and restroom facilities, as well .

Chris Plank
Lifelong resident

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Dave Salzman <dave@davesalzman.com>
Sent: Monday, March 14, 2022 3:32 PM
To: List - City Council
Cc: City Clerk
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Special events exclusion vote

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Council members:

First, thanks for your service to our community-it is much appreciated!

Second, please do not change the status of the 3 parks as to allowing public events for all the reasons you already know. There is no good reason to make a change, please leave the current status as is.

Thanks

Dave

Dave Salzman, Broker

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Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Toumajian, Mark <Mark.Toumajian@morganstanley.com>
Sent: Monday, March 14, 2022 3:12 PM
To: List - City Council; City Clerk
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Special Events Permitting Process

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To Whom It May Concern,

I have lived in Manhattan Beach for 50 years, and like any 50 year resident, I can comfortably say that our little town has never faced the unprecedented attacks we face today, predominantly from the so called “progressives” who have moved here over the past few decades.

I am writing to state that I am 100% OPPOSED to the recommendations of the Parks & Rec committee to include 8th Street parkette, Larsson Street parkette & Bruce’s Beach Park in the special events permitting process.

Our permitting process was voted on just 4 years ago by our elected leaders, who UNANIMOUSLY agreed to exclude these 3 parks to safeguard their special status in our town & to protect the residents near these parks - which are located in extremely dense parts of MB.

What has changed?

The political landscape & the character (or lack thereof) of MB’s newest residents.

I live on Marine Avenue near Ocean.

During one of the many “rallies” @ Bruce’s Beach that hit our small town a few summers ago, our mailbox was ripped off our

house & our mail was stolen, while the rally attendees yelled derogatory & racist comments at everyone they passed.

We received calls from as far away as Redondo Beach from people who had found our mail littered all over the streets, including a tax refund check & razor blades.

That is what happens when you allow small parks in dense neighborhoods to be overrun.

The parking in our area is already horrible with the non-stop construction on or near the Strand.

Allowing hundreds of additional people to descend on an already super dense neighborhood is foolish at best & scandalous at worst.

You all KNOW this is a terrible idea – now you need to stand up for the City of MB & protect her residents from the phonies who are intent on destroying our little gem of a beach town.

Our little town simply can't handle more people & traffic than it already has, especially around these parks that are located in extremely dense neighborhoods.

Please do not succumb to the pressure of the progressives who would love nothing more than to turn MB into Venice.

They clearly do not have our town's best interests at heart.

Show them that they can't move here with their east coast money & simply ruin our small town charm in the name of progress & political grandstanding.

Sincerely,

Mark Toumajian

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Michele Bartnik <michele@thinkversatile.com>
Sent: Monday, March 14, 2022 12:55 PM
To: List - City Council
Cc: City Clerk
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Retain Special Events Exclusion for Bruce's Beach and Parkettes

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To the City Council,

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.

These locations were excluded in the past for a reason. The reasons 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.

The traffic on Highland is already a nightmare. It's ridiculously hard to drive anywhere on the weekends and now the commission wants to expand parties in more public spaces without proper controls, parking, noise control, etc.

I chose to live in Manhattan Beach for a reason.

Please keep our beach town from becoming the next Venice Beach.

Best regards,

Michele Bartnik
332 Marine Ave

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Cindystokes33 <cindystokes33@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, March 14, 2022 12:49 PM
To: List - City Council
Cc: City Clerk
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Retain Special Events Exclusion for Bruce's Beach & Parkettes

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Please stand by your decision from 4 years ago.

Nothing has changed that makes your thought processes then invalid. Please stand by your decisions.

Cynthia Stokes
133 3rd St.
MB

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Charles Southey <Charlessouthey@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, March 14, 2022 12:11 PM
To: List - City Council
Cc: City Clerk
Subject: [EXTERNAL] NO on making small parks available for special events

Importance: High

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Honorable Council,

Please do not **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.

As a resident of Manhattan Beach, I can not imagine buying a home near a little park and The City then suddenly rezoning it for parties, amplified music, increased traffic and people peeing in my bushes and parking in my driveway.

Let's look at our history:

- Our city redefined the 6-man primarily because of the impact on adjacent neighbors. I can't imagine the chaos descending on these small neighborhoods when special events are approved, especially since the BB parking lot is primarily designated for beach access (we have VERY limited beach parking in MB).
- Our city literally built a fence on a park (Sand Dune) to keep our residents from suffering from the increase in urination, garbage and traffic.

Lastly, as well know, we live in an incredibly litigious society and the history of MB's checkbook will show how many lawsuits we have paid/settled with tax payer dollars. \$1mm in not even close to enough required coverage for the worst case scenario of hosting a Keg party on a steep hill.

Please do what is right for the Manhattan Beach Residents and vote NO.

Thank you for your consideration.

Charles Southey
310-480-9835
743 27th street

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Bruce Greenberg <bruce.h.greenberg@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 14, 2022 12:08 PM
To: Hildy Stern; Steve Napolitano; Richard Montgomery; Joe Franklin; Suzanne Hadley
Cc: List - City Council; Mark Leyman; SUZANNE KARGER
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Special Events Policy // Parks and Recreation Commission Recommendations

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Dear Council Members:

On Tues, March 15, you will consider updating the Special Events Policy, removing the exclusion of Bruce's Beach, and 8th Street and Larsson Street Parkettes as possible locations. At the direction of City Council, this issue was considered during the Parks & Rec Commission meeting on February 28. I encourage you to read Jeanne Fratello's [article/post](#) on [thembnews.com](https://www.thembnews.com) for a thorough and accurate account of the Commission's discussion, deliberations, and recommendations.

<https://www.thembnews.com/2022/03/01/391818/commission-votes-to-create-events-policy-for-bruces-beach-other-parks>

As described in the article, the Parks and Recreation Commission unanimously agreed to a five-part recommendation to City Council. However, it appears that Staff is only bringing forward one of the Commission's five recommendations to City Council.

I believe it would be a mistake for City Council to adopt the one change (i.e., update the current special events policy to include Bruce's Beach and the two parkettes) without also adopting the other 4 recommendations. The complete set of recommendations collectively balance the public's desire to organize permitted events with local residents' desire to mitigate the impact of such events. The recommendations also contemplate increasing penalties for related violations and direct staff to develop a plan for proactively addressing "rogue" events.

P&R Commission Recommendation #2: City Council to direct staff to update its special events policy to specify distinct parameters for special events at each park within park system - such as specifying the frequency of events that would be allowed at each park, the maximum size of events that would be allowed at each park, types of events, whether amplified sound is allowed at each park, and more.

If CC were to adopt Recommendation #1 and not adopt Recommendation #2, then the special event permitting process would remain largely at the discretion of staff and provide no parameters to event organizers, residents living near parks, or families considering living near parks regarding potential frequency of events, size of events, and impact of events. It would be reasonable for residents who live near Bruce's Beach Park to accept a few permitted events each year in the park with appropriate mitigation measures in place for parking, traffic, restrooms, trash, etc. If CC adopts changes to the Special Events Policy, the changes should incorporate both Recommendations #1 and #2 of the P&R Commission.

P&R Commission Recommendation #3. City Council should review its municipal code with regard to appropriate penalties for violators of the code, creating stiffer penalties for those who hold unpermitted events or who exceed the parameters of their event permit. Currently the municipal code has no teeth with respect to penalties for such violations. Hence, there is minimal deterrent effect. Currently, the municipal code sees no difference between violations such as skateboarding in a park or organizing a huge event without a permit. If the municipal code contemplated stiffer penalties for egregious violations of park rules and City policies, and believed that such park rules would be enforced and violations prosecuted, then it would deter event organizers from running rogue events.

P&R Commission Recommendation #4: City Council should direct staff, including the Manhattan Beach Police Department, to create a "playbook" (i.e., plan) for how it will proactively address unpermitted events and those that exceed parameters of permits when it learns about such events ahead of time.

Such events will continue to be organized until the City takes a proactive stance to prevent them from occurring. Rather than being reactive, City staff (perhaps led by the MBPD) should create a proactive plan for addressing rogue events.

P&R Commission Recommendation #5: City Council and staff should take social media postings into account when investigating and addressing potentially unpermitted events.

On a personal note...those of your who attended the Feb 28 meeting of the P&R Commission heard me describe that my family & I live next to Live Oak Park and, thus, I can sympathize (based on personal experience) with the frustrations expressed by the numerous residents near Bruce's Beach Park who wrote to us or spoke during the Commission meeting. Living near a park can be wonderful most of the year, providing access to open space, natural areas, basketball courts, and sports fields. As residents who live near parks, sometimes we feel that it's an extension of our personal space. But we have to recognize that our parks are a community resource for the benefit of the entire community. Every year, for the Hometown Fair, a bank of unsightly port-a-potties and 2 large dumpsters are positioned directly in front of my home. Fair sit on our patio while eating funnel cakes from the Fair, often leaving their trash behind. I've never complained about it...and I never will. It's all part of the good-and-bad that comes with living next to a wonderful park.

Thank you for considering the full set of recommendations that were unanimously adopted by the Parks & Rec Commission.

Regards,
BG

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Bruce Greenberg
310.897.4695 M
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Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Judi Alves <judi.alves@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 14, 2022 11:21 AM
To: List - City Council; List - City Council
Cc: City Clerk
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Special Events policy

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City Council members,

I am writing to you in an appeal to NOT remove the exemption of Bruce's Beach and 2 parkettes from the special events policy.

These areas are way too small and in a high density area of MB and, therefore, make it impractical to have large groups of people congregating.

Please do the right thing for our community.

Thank you.

Judi Alves

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: breton lobner <bklobner42@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 14, 2022 10:55 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Retain Special Events Exclusion for Bruce's Beach, 8th & Larsson Parkettes

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Dear City Council - Please add our names to the list of residents in favor of retaining the special events exclusion for the City's three parkettes. We are opposed to any changes to the existing set of rules applicable to these small parkettes. The parkettes are situated adjacent to residential neighborhoods. Alcohol, amplified sound, and permitted activities permitting large gatherings have no place at these parkettes. With a shortage of parking and an absence of suitable restroom facilities, allowing such proposed changes is absolutely unsupportable. Bret and Pattie Lobner

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Bill and Chris <biz@wckitto.com>
Sent: Monday, March 14, 2022 9:41 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Special Events

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Hello all,

Please do not allow “special events” of any kind at any of the Parkettes. They are quite spaced with no amenities for large gatherings. Polly Wog is designed and was created for gathering.

Please consider how you would feel if you lived around these small parks.

Sincerely,
Christy Lea & Bill Kitto

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Lucia La Rosa <larosa_lucia@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, March 14, 2022 8:16 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Special Events at Bruce's Beach Park

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Dear Mayor Stern, Mayor Pro Term Napolitano and Council Members Franklin, Hadley and Montgomery,

I commend the work done by the Parks and Recreation Commission and I agree with all the points of their recommendation except for one, the recommendation to include Bruce's Beach Park in the City regulation for Special Events.

The transcripts of their hearing suggest that the reasoning for such a recommendation was based on two considerations:

- 1) That the problems of unauthorized events could be avoided if there were a policy allowing and regulating special events at Bruce's Beach Park;
- 2) That *parks are parks* and special events are a natural activity for all parks even if they cause some inconvenience for the residents.

I beg to disagree with such reasoning:

1) The first rationale directly contradicts two other instances where the City used this argument to arrive at precisely the opposite outcome. The first occasion was when the city council was discussing banning smoking in our town. At that time, it was contended that enforcing a general ban was impossible and the City had to authorize the activity in order to regulate it. The second occasion was when the city council was considering short term rentals, and once again, the contention was that the City had to allow short term rentals because that was the only way to regulate it. I am very sorry that I could not find the exact transcripts and cannot quote him exactly, but my recollection is that Council Member Napolitano said something to the effect that this suggested reasoning was fallacious because *prohibition is in fact a regulation* – specifically the regulation was you cannot smoke and you cannot have short term rentals. That was a smart observation; he was right, and the City Council agreed with that logic, and subsequently prohibited both activities.

The real issues are prevention and enforcement. For both things, the proposals of the Parks and Recreation Commission are insightful: we need a protocol to prevent violations – which should include monitoring social media; we need enforcement and we need penalty for unauthorized special events, both in case they happen in a park where such events are not admissible at all or in case they happen in a park where they are admissible but a permit was not obtained or its limits were not respected. The problems are not caused by the prohibition of special events and cannot be solved by including Bruce's Beach Park in the policy and regulation for special events.

The real issue is does this City Council wants to allow Special Events at Bruce's Beach Park? Is this decision a decision respectful of the landscaping, the architecture, and the physical location of that park? And this question brings me to the second argument that supported the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Commission .

2) Treating all parks the same way goes against the very nature and purpose of park design and designation. As any landscape architect would tell you, the design determines the intended purpose of the park, and the purpose of the park informs the design. Parks have many purposes and different parks have different purposes – they are not just or always a space, for example with playgrounds for active recreation. Also, sustainable parks do not ignore their physical context – especially when that context is urban, residential and densely developed like in this case.

Bruce's Beach Park's specific land and architectural features clearly connote it as a *passive recreation park* which can sustain only what a park architect would call "low intensity recreation": it does not have a playground, it does not have bathrooms, it is an open space with natural habitats and lacks any level of development – not even picnic tables. It is clearly conceived as part of the dense urban infrastructure of the neighborhood to provide a simple respite and refuge to the community and passive activities such as observing nature - maybe the sunset, the ocean, watching birds or picnicking. Passive recreation typically means less management and lower costs to maintain the park - something that surely was considered when the park was created.

Thus, as much as I admire and respect all the Parks and Recreation Commissioners, when they have compared Bruce's Beach Park to Live Oak Park and observed there are special events in the latter, so there can also be in the first, they are mistaken in that they are not taking into account the different landscaping and architecture of the two parks, and therefore the different intended purposes of the two parks.

Nobody denies the history of the Bruce family and no matter what has been said – viciously – on social media, it is not about that. Expressive events commemorating that history could always be allowed. If anything, this attempt comes to question the necessity for the city to define what constitutes and what does not constitute an expressive event protected by the First Amendment. Many other cities have done it and maybe it is time for Manhattan Beach to do the same.

I am very aware that when it comes to Bruce's Beach Park, emotions are triggered. People concerned about special events at Bruce's Beach have been called bigot, racist, hateful, horrible, disgusting, despicable, embarrassing, "gross" and the like on Nextdoor and Facebook.

I know who I am, and I am not defined nor deterred by the labels who emotionally triggered individuals are using. When we are emotional, we all risk to say or do the wrong thing. Please do not fall victim to these attacks. Base your decision on what is best for the park, the neighbors, the residents, and the city. Do not base your decisions on your emotions or emotions of others. Do not allow Special Events at Bruce's Beach Park.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Kind regards,

Lucia La Rosa Ames

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Kyle King <kyle.b.king@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 14, 2022 4:21 AM
To: List - City Council
Cc: City Clerk
Subject: [EXTERNAL] illegal Bruces Beach event

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Dear Council,

We live at 28th and Manhattan Ave. One block from the park. It has come to my attention that the recent event at BBP was not a permitted use. When the event occurred we were curious as to how such a large crowd was allowed to gather. Manhattan Ave and the surrounding streets were overrun with cars in search of parking and loud music.

Partygoers parked in fire lanes and no curbing of wheels. The music and people noise carried for blocks and following the event there was trash everywhere including our front porch. Our understanding is that our police did not provide the neighborhood and resident safety per usual, no citations were issued for the non-permitted use or parking violations. No alcohol or smoking tickets were issued either. All because they were afraid of social media. Seriously? Social media? Perhaps fear that a second or future events will occur because MB won't do anything about it.

Partygoers roamed our city long after the event dispersed and intentionally roamed Manhattan Ave with loud music and noisy car engines with the intent of disturbing residents. The City of MB is better than this. The Parks and Rec rules do not permit such a gathering and we DO NOT support changing the rules to allow such permitted uses. But it appears that it doesn't matter, groups can gather and commit multiple violations without fear of enforcement of our city laws.

Kyle King

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Kate Arrigoni <katearrigoni@me.com>
Sent: Monday, March 14, 2022 12:35 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Care program

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With details of this program not completely spelled out, I believe this is a bad idea, painted to look pretty. Please do not send an approval letter. Our city can and will do better than this agenda backed by our corrupt governor. Thank you for your time.

Kate Arrigoni
MB Resident

Sent from my iPhone

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Joanne Ciancarelli <joanneciancarelli@verizon.net>
Sent: Sunday, March 13, 2022 11:19 PM
To: List - City Council
Cc: City Clerk
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Retain park restrictions on Bruce's Beach and Parklets

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Please retain restrictions on Bruce's beach and the 2 parklets. I AM AGAINST CHANGING THIS POLICY which would allow large gatherings.

Joanne Ciancarelli

[Sent from the all new AOL app for iOS](#)

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Jennifer Honey <jennifer@honeycopp.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 13, 2022 11:14 PM
To: List - City Council; City Clerk
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Retain Special Events Exclusion at Bruce's beach and Parkettes

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Dear Councilmembers:

I sent the e-mail below prior to the February 27th event at Bruce's Beach. I am mystified at the number of my neighbors telling me they sent similar communications to Parks & Rec and yet it still recommended that the exemption from special event permitting for Bruce's beach and the parkettes be removed. What justification could there possibly be for changing the status of these neighborhood parks within four years of a 5-0 vote for exemption? Resident supported that move then and continue to support that now.

So what changed?

If we can't control unpermitted events as was clearly demonstrated on the 27th, why would we look to remove the exemption? If we cannot control noise, size and mitigation for unpermitted events why are we entertaining permits? If the vast majority of residents want neither, how did this issue come up for consideration? Who put this issue before the council? Who decided to send it to Parks & Rec for a vote? Why is it before us again since it was resoundingly defeated in 2018? Why aren't the votes and voices of citizens being considered?

February 27th was disastrous for our neighborhood. By noon, many of us chose to leave for the day. It was loud, unruly and parking was entirely disrupted. It was so loud and crowded by 11:30 a.m. we opted to visit friends out of the area. A neighbor's teenage daughter was cursed and yelled at when she unfortunately caught sight of a couple partially nude and compromised. She was berated through no fault of her own and it left her very shaken. Event go-ers were still walking through our neighborhood past sundown. I would not want to be home alone or have a child home alone during an event of this nature. The event go-ers brought so much stuff to the park. Chairs, food, music. It was like a campground. This is ridiculous. Now Bruce Greenberg says we should trust Parks & Rec to change the status so that they can control the frequency of these events???

Currently the events are disallowed and still Chief Abell, despite ample notice, did nothing. How would the permitting process help a situation that we cannot manage (or avoid) when it is expressly forbidden?

There should be NO CHANGE to the exempt status of Bruce's Beach or the parkettes. Since 2018, these areas remain residential, lack bathrooms and have poor public parking. Our beaches, sidewalks, downtown and city parks are public areas. Residential grassy spots should not be.

Thank you for your consideration,
27 year MB resident

Begin forwarded message:

From: Jennifer Honey <jennifer@honeycopp.com>

Subject: Retain Special Events Exclusion at Bruce's beach and Parkettes

Date: February 23, 2022 at 4:28:51 PM MST

To: prcommissioners@citymb.info, mleyman@citymb.info, lrobb@manhattanbeach.gov

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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Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Jeff Davis <jeff@vintagecapital.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 13, 2022 10:34 PM
To: List - City Council
Cc: City Clerk
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Vote to adopt recommendations by Parks & Recreation

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I am requesting 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. City council must retain the current regs and excluding those venues from such permits due to 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.

Please do not disappoint the citizens of Manhattan Beach.

Jeff Davis

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: john gevorgiz <gevorgiz@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 13, 2022 10:19 PM
To: List - City Council
Cc: City Clerk
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Retain Special Events Exclusion for Bruce's Beach and Parkettes

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City Council 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. Please retain the current regulations. Excluding those from the location that is in heavily residential neighborhood will result in a harm to 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.

Cheers
-John

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Mikelyn Dooley <mikelyn.dooley2@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 13, 2022 8:47 PM
To: List - City Council
Cc: City Clerk
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Retain Special Events Exclusion for Bruce's Beach and parkettes

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To all of the Manhattan Beach City Councilmen:

As a long-time resident of Manhattan Beach, I urge you to 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.

These parks are too small; additionally, they are located in heavily residential neighborhoods, and the harm that would ensue to those homeowners (as well as anyone trying to use the parks) is not something that I, as a resident, would welcome. The traffic, possible street closures and the shortage of parking and restrooms alone are more than ample reasons to uphold the current status of these parks as NON-special event locations.

Thank you

-Mikelyn Dooley
900 Pacific Avenue
310-944-1462s

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Tiffany Wright <sedn_lynne@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 13, 2022 7:57 PM
To: List - City Council; City Clerk
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposed to 22-0130: Updating the Special Event Policy, Removing the Exclusion of Bruce's Beach, and 8th Street and Larsson Street Parkettes as Possible Locations

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Dear City Council,

Thank you so much for your service to our community. Each of you have made some significant contributions and I am deeply grateful. Having our community's best interests, first and foremost, is critical to preserving our community for all to enjoy

I am writing to you to ask that you NOT modify the existing Parks and Recs events 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.

Sincerely,
Tiffany Wright
19 year resident of MB

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Norton, Philip <Phil.Norton@colliers.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 13, 2022 7:39 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] no more riot parties at 26th and 2th/ stop this madness

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From: Mori Biener <mori.biener@vistasir.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 13, 2022 6:52 PM
To: List - City Council; City Clerk
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 8th St. park

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It appears that despite a majority of emails against allowing permits in the park the city council is seriously considering doing so. I live 2 houses away from the park and I can't imagine the park becoming a party venue. Right now we enjoy watching and hearing kids of all ages enjoy the park. Now you want to have potentially big events that would create noise, parking problems, maybe thefts and God knows what! That does not belong in a 2 lot park in the middle of a sleepy community. If what happened at Bruces is any example, we want none of that on our block and I'm sure the blocks surrounding the park would agree. I beg you to keep our community sane!

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Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Jay Simpson <dirgraphic@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 13, 2022 6:49 PM
To: List - City Council
Cc: City Clerk
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Retain Special Events Exclusion for Bruce's Beach and Parkettes

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Parks & Recreation just turned a woke eye to the blatant violations by the crowd at Bruce's Beach. No permit? No problem. No smoking or alcohol? Sez who? No Drugs? Ha-ha!

In addition, the loud music, parking in resident spaces and trespassing wasn't enough to make P&R notice that every regulation had been ignored without consequence.

There were good reasons for the permit exclusions to these small parks. We just saw proof that they are needed.

Jay Simpson

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Steve Kahan <steve@stevekahan.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 13, 2022 6:00 PM
To: List - City Council; City Clerk
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Retain Special Events Exclusion for Bruce's Beach and Parkettes

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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. These venues are too small, located 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.

Steve Kahan
310 721-2930

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

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From: Marvin Hixson <marvinhixson@outlook.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 13, 2022 5:11 PM
To: List - City Council
Cc: City Clerk
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Special events exclusion - BRUCE Beach Park

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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. Retain the current regulations for those venues because of their relatively small size, their location in heavily residential neighborhoods, the harm that would ensue to those nearby homeowners, and anyone trying to use the parks as intended. Noise (amplified) , the traffic, no parking available, no restroom facilities, and possible street closures are all reasons to stop this approval effort.

Best Regards,
Marv Hixson
649 25th

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Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Cristina Thomas <cristinabthomas@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 13, 2022 5:03 PM
To: List - City Council; List - City Council; City Clerk
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Retain Special Events Exclusion for Bruce's Beach and Parkettes - Please

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Dear Manhattan Beach City Council:

I am writing to you as a resident that lives near Bruce's Beach Park to urge you, please **do not** adopt the recommendation of the Parks & Recreation commission to include Bruce's Beach park in the special events permitting process. This was earlier adopted unanimously by the City Council and special events should NOT be held in these small parks, surrounded by homes, that cannot accommodate large gatherings and there is inadequate parking.

The residents in near vicinity of the parks are negatively impacted when you allow events that bring many people, cars, noise, trash, smoking, alcoholic beverages into our neighborhood. We can't even enjoy a quiet weekend and have to face the trash and damage done to our park and property. The grass is being damaged from the extra traffic so we can't enjoy our own neighborhood park. Restroom facilities are not available so I also see people doing their business....on our yards. The streets are narrow and we can't even get in and out.

A large event was recently held and of course the rules weren't followed or enforced. Why are some people exempt from following the laws and rules which are designed for the benefit of all? Large events cause chaos and residents that speak up are bullied, called "racist," but people that don't live in our neighborhood have more rights than we do? Or even non-residents take over our neighborhood park and that is NOT OK?

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input. Please support your residents. The safety and well-being of Manhattan Beach residents is at stake!

Cristina Thomas
27th Street
Manhattan Beach

P.S. Please do not release my personal information.

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: jmcpherson13@verizon.net
Sent: Sunday, March 13, 2022 4:20 PM
To: List - City Council; City Clerk
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Retain Special Events Exclusion for Bruce's Beach and Parkettes

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From: Richard MacKenzie <dr.rgmac@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 13, 2022 4:07 PM
To: List - City Council
Cc: City Clerk
Subject: [EXTERNAL] City parkettes

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I am writing to ask that you vote against allowing event permitting at the 3 small parkettes in Manhattan Beach especially one known as Bruce's Beach Parkette. To restrict events at these parks would demonstrate the Council's concern for city residents and not occasional visitors who have no investment in propriety and community spirit. These parkettes are located in residential areas where homeowners do not need to be disturbed with loud music, traffic, parking issues and of course unruly crowds caught up in the energy of celebration. Unfortunately there is also the issue of lack of available restrooms leading to individual need to find alternatives.

You were elected to represent the needs and wishes of the residents of MB. Now is the time to show your commitment to keeping beauty of community in our small city!

Richard G MacKenzie MD
Alma Avenue MB

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Patricia Lane <patricialane213@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 13, 2022 3:29 PM
To: List - City Council
Cc: City Clerk
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RETAIN SPECIAL EVENTS EXCLUSION FOR BRUCE'S BEACH AND PARKETTES IN MANHATTAN BEACH

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TO ALL CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS,

We are asking City Council NOT to adopt the recommendation of the Parks & Rec Commission to include the Eight St and Larsson St parkettes and Bruce's Beach Park in the special events permitting process.

These are relatively small parks in heavily residential neighborhoods which are currently not permitted to host special large events. KEEP IT THAT WAY!

What happened at Bruce's Beach Park on Sunday, February 27, was unacceptable and should not be allowed to happen again.

Sincerely,

Patricia Lane (MB Resident since 1986) and Bob Lane (Manhattan Beach Resident since 1980)

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Mark Burton <markburton@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 12, 2022 4:48 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] CARE Program

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Dear Mayor Stern, Mayor Pro term Napolitano and Councilmembers Franklin, Hadley and Montgomery.

On March 15 the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors will discuss and most likely approve a motion by Supervisor Hahn and Barger to send a five-signature letter to Governor Gavin Newsom and California Health and Human Service Agency Secretary Mark Ghaly, in support of Newsom's proposed framework for the Community Assistance, Recovery and Empowerment (CARE) Court program (item 17 on the agenda).

I am writing as a resident and supporter of MBSAFE to kindly ask you to follow the LA County example and send a similar letter to Governor Newsom. I am also petitioning that you might consider asking the city's legislative advocates in Sacramento to advocate in support of the CARE Court Program.

The CARE Court program will use the civil judicial system to compel people suffering from severe mental illness and/or addiction into treatment and, for those who experience homelessness, into housing. Even though the details have not been disclosed to the public yet, this framework appears to offer a much-needed tool to provide mental health treatment, substance use treatment, and housing to vulnerable individuals.

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I hope our city might show leadership on this matter, express support for the CARE Program by sending a five-signature letter to Governor Newsom, and cooperate with state and county officials to ensure that the CARE Program is organized in a way that ensures its success.

Thanks for your public service.

Kind regards, Mark

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(310) 562-7897

Email: markburton@gmail.com

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Lucia La Rosa <larosa_lucia@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 12, 2022 4:03 PM
To: List - City Council
Cc: MB SAFE; George Gabriel
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for CARE Program

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This program will benefit greatly the beach community and would be an additional tool in conjunction with the Redondo Beach Homeless Court. As you know I am a strong supporter of accessing to such Court, which has allowed to divert unhoused individuals from jail into housing and services for certain qualifying misdemeanors. The CARE program complements up-stream the Homeless Court's approach, because CARE does not require a criminal charge or arrest for an individual to qualify. My experience as a European attorney is that these preventive programs have been effective in the European countries which have them. I have confidence that CARE program might make a difference and address one of the main causes of homelessness in our State as well.

I hope our city might show leadership on this matter, express support for the CARE Program by sending a five-signature letter to Governor Newsom, and cooperate with state and county officials to ensure that the CARE Program is organized in a way that ensure its success.

Thanks for your time and consideration,

Lucia La Rosa Ames

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Anthony A. Lee <member1700@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 7, 2022 9:18 PM
To: Suzanne Hadley
Cc: Steve Napolitano; Richard Montgomery; Joe Franklin; Hildy Stern; City Clerk; MB United Leadership
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Juneteenth at Bruce's Beach Park

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Dear Councilwoman Hadley:

Michael Jenkins was kind enough to share with me an e-mail you sent him concerning the need to establish a permit procedure for holding events at Bruce's Beach Park. I must say that I was delighted to read your proposal that the City of Manhattan Beach should collaborate with the County to hold an event to celebrate Juneteenth this year. That is a great idea, and I hope the City Council will get behind the idea. There should be a large and festive celebration of Juneteenth under City and County sponsorship. I will look forward to it.

Beyond that, of course, the City Council should certainly adopt the recommendations of its Parks and Recreation Commission to establish regular procedures for permits to hold other events at Bruce's Beach and the other parks in Manhattan Beach that are currently in limbo.

The issues of noise, nuisance, and inappropriate behavior that you suggest in your e-mail can be prevented by the robust permitting process that has been recommended. Indeed, that is the only way they can be prevented. The procedures are needed for the protection of the City.

The parks are, after all, public places. Individuals and groups can visit them anytime they wish. Even very large events can be, and have been, held at Bruce's Beach, for example, without permits of any kind. A permit process would insure that such events can be regulated, anticipated, and kept appropriate to the venues.

So, I urge that the recommendations of the Parks and Recreation Commission be approved. Also, I urge that the City make immediate arrangements to begin a collaboration with the County on Juneteenth celebrations at Bruce's Beach later this year.

With warm regards,
Anthony A. Lee

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Reuben Pacheco <reuben@reubenpacheco.com>
Sent: Monday, March 7, 2022 2:47 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RESIDENT LETTER TO COUNCIL / NO ON: Bruce's Beach Park large events or permitting for large events

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To whom it may concern. I wanted to add my voice to the upcoming city meeting so that an accurate accounting of events are documented.

I live in the 2600 block of Highland Ave., which, overlooks the park and all the activity that happens there. I recently moved back to the Sbay from inner city Los Angeles (Hancock Park) as a result of the city of LA not managing their city properly as it pertains to street violence, thefts and general unenforcement of already placed laws and regulations. I felt moving back home to a small managed community would be the right answer for me, since I'm a native SoCal person who grew up in SBay.

Prior to the large un-permitted event at Bruce's Beach Park on Sunday, February 27th, I was 100 percent in favor of having events here at the park and thought permitting was a viable way to do that. I thought it would be great to have something to go to across the street that was fun, safe and regulated.

After living through that Sunday, I now have a complete change of heart for any events taking place or having a permit process that allows events to occur.

Initially, the day started out well with many families coming to enjoy the park. It was peaceful and enjoyable as people were respectful of the park and our residents. Kids were playing and families enjoying the beautiful vistas. We even went down and partook in the festivities, spoke to many people and enjoyed some really great food.

Later that afternoon, somewhere around 1:30 or 2pm, the energy of the park changed dramatically and rapidly. There was incredibly loud music (concert and festival style loud) whereas, I couldn't even hear my TV which was turned up loud to compensate for the unusually loud music and cluster of what seemed to be around 400 to 450 people. We had to close our doors and windows because it was so loud. This music came from the park and passerby vehicles that were looking for parking. Some circling the park as many as 5 times.

People started parking in my private and deeded parking spaces which I was planning on using that day for my family to come over and enjoy the day. I respectfully and kindly went down to the curb several times asking people not to park in my private parking spots as we were expecting company. I was ignored. I was also feeling threatened for going down and politely asking people not to park in my spaces. I was instantly taken for an anti-supporter of their cause, as I heard people talking about me both from across the street and as the parking violators walked away from me, as they called me unsavory names.

As the day progressed, parking was completely unavailable. To that end, people looking for parking would block traffic on Highland and streets surrounding the park, often times double parked on Highland talking to other attendees waiting for a spot, all while knowing they were blocking traffic. The violators could care less and continued to double park while screaming out the window "to go around". This behavior resulted in angry and hostile behavior from through traffic drivers with endless honking for people to stop blocking traffic. I can't tell you how much I enjoyed this all taking place in front of my home. Approximately 90% of the through traffic drivers swung out into opposing traffic lane to get by, which nearly resulted in a few people being hit at the crosswalk areas. Again, this went on for a very long time. This I felt was a very dangerous situation that could result in street fighting and escalate further. Many a slur from both double parked cars and through traffic drivers were levied which, was all audible inside my home behind closed doors and windows. My 80 year-old mother was scared.

A little later in the afternoon and during the incredibly loud concert music, double parking, honking and slurs being thrown out, there was Approximately 3 to 4 cars that were parked on Highland with people standing outside their cars and partying. With this particular group of party-goers the words Mother Fucker, Bitch, Fuck You, N word and other loud slurs were heard over and over with ZERO regard for the surrounding homes. This loud and aggressive tossing of words was offensive, disruptive, insensitive and threatening. It also felt "PUT ON" by way of pressing the behavior as if it were a show. It got so bad, I had to cancel my family plans and leave my home because it just became so intolerable and my mother wanted to leave because it felt unsafe.

I called the police station twice. Spoke to the Watch Commander, lodged my complaints only to find that the police had tied-hands, so-to-speak. Nothing was done about my complaints, no ticketing, no moving people along and no busting up of an un-permitted event and no one asking people to follow the rules that are listed on a sign board that clearly states; NO amplified music, NO alcoholic beverages and NO BBQ's. On top of this all, trash was everywhere and left the park in a very poor state. I saw residents afterwards help organize the trash for the city the next morning but litter was still found throughout the park and on the Highland in the gutters.

In closing, I am now 100% against any permitted and large group activities here at Bruce's Beach Park. After witnessing a complete lack of courtesy and respect for our neighborhood and having hate speech directed at me, I see no point in issuing permits for fees when our city already has failed to regulate the existing laws and code violations. Why is it ok to impose laws and ordinances on our own residents and then turn a blind eye to event attendees that don't live here and, worse yet, don't care about the residences that do?

Events need to take place in commercial places where music can play loud, people can park, throw their trash away, speak loudly, drink responsibly, BBQ if they wish, use restrooms, a place where laws, ordinances and rules are applied, followed and enforced, like any other event place. Our little park isn't geared to accommodate these types of events or large group activities and shouldn't be forced to do so.

I really hope our city and officials realize that our residents live here for a reason. We enjoy the safety, peaceful and clean living environment that Manhattan Beach has always offered. I don't want to feel threatened in front of my house or that my front yard is a festival / concert ground with people breaking laws left, right and center creating a very unsafe and disruptive living environment with coarse and unsavory talk being tossed about.

Also, please keep in mind that I am a Person Of Color and identify with two other minority groups and have no political agenda. I simply want to report what I witnessed and experienced. My only goal here is to preserve a safe, clean and enjoyable living environment for myself and my family without having to feel threatened or be forced out of my home.

Thank you in advance. I would also like to remain anonymous to the public if that could be respected, I would really appreciate that.

Respectfully,

Reuben Pacheco

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Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Azure II <tovardesign@mac.com>
Sent: Monday, March 7, 2022 11:12 AM
To: List - City Council
Cc: City Clerk
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach Plaque Language

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To City Council members,

My suggestion is to have a Bruce family member take part in what goes on the plaque. It's time to include the Bruce family, and how the truth is told from their perspective. That is all the "acknowledgment, condemnation and empathy" the city council needs to declare.

Thank you,

Anita Lerman
Parent and 22 year resident of Manhattan Beach

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Michael Jenkins <mjenkins1230@icloud.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 6, 2022 12:45 PM
To: Hildy Stern; Steve Napolitano; Richard Montgomery; Suzanne Hadley; Joe Franklin
Cc: City Clerk; Bruce Moe
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach Plaque

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Mayor Stern and Council:

I would like to offer my thoughts about Councilmember Hadley's proposed text for a new plaque at Bruce's Beach Park in anticipation of your meeting on Wednesday.

This email is long and detailed because her proposed language is inaccurate in part and shockingly misleading. The point of replacing the existing plaque with a new plaque was to more forthrightly convey an episode of history that took place there: creation of a thriving resort for Black beach goers in a time of segregation and the unfortunate use of government power that ran that business out of town.

Councilmember Hadley forgoes that purpose and instead paints a misleading portrait of well-paid Black property owners who bought property elsewhere when the City exercised eminent domain to build a park.

Virtually every sentence in Hadley's proposal is calculated to contradict the well-documented fact that acquisition of the properties was an act of racial discrimination. The park was a pretext. Councilmember Hadley has revised history to downplay the racism that drove those events, even cast doubt on whether racial bias was involved at all.

She does our community a great disservice.

Some examples:

1. Hadley states that "Despite opposition to Blacks' owning land elsewhere in California, Willa and her husband purchased two lots..." The implication here is that Manhattan Beach — unlike "elsewhere in California" — welcomed Black property ownership. There is no evidence in the historical record that Manhattan Beach welcomed Black property ownership; the harassment and intimidation suffered by the Bruce's and their Black neighbors, leading to the taking of their property by the City, quite obviously suggests the opposite. Before the recorded racial covenants that would later be placed in property deeds in Manhattan Beach making it very clear that Blacks were not welcome here, the historical record compiled by the History Advisory Committee documents plenty of episodes of hostility toward Black residents and visitors to Manhattan Beach.

I'll add that the odd inclusion of dollar figures distracts from the point of the plaque as well. Readers will marvel at the difference in property values between then and now. Or they will satisfy themselves that the apparent return on investment washes away any concern for motive. But the Bruce's chose to buy that property and create their business there. The Bruces did NOT chose to sell the property. In America, the government should not take a person's property to keep people of color out, no matter how much they are paid.

2. The language perpetuates the red herring that the City's condemnation was not racist because some of the parcels taken were owned by white owners. Hadley neglects to distinguish the absentee owners (who were white) from the Bruces, who had a thriving business that was attracting Black families to the beach. It is well-documented that the City initiated the eminent domain proceeding to shut down the Bruces' resort. The taking of nine (not 25 as Hadley claims) parcels of white absentee-owners' property was merely collateral damage.

3. The only reference in the Hadley language to racism is the suggestion that several sources "at that time" believed the City's action to be racist. Yet, the City's own well-documented history concludes that the City's action was motivated by racial discrimination. At the March 16, 2021 Council meeting, Councilmember Montgomery referred to the "horrifying and painful racist history of what happened to the Bruce family and others . . . It was the lowest point in our city history." At that same meeting, then Mayor Hadley referred to the events as "a stain in our history." Now, a year later, Councilmember Hadley's plaque language insidiously purports to erase all of that in a single stroke by suggesting that the City bought some land for a park and some people at that time believed the City to have racist motivation. The point is that a thriving Black business was run out of town and that action had affected not only the Bruces but all Black families who thereby lost access to Manhattan Beach. That is the impact of history.

4. The language implicitly justifies the eminent domain proceeding because the Bruce's and others were compensated fairly. This suggestion misses the mark. An eminent domain proceeding is lawful only if it has a proper purpose. The take was unlawful whether or not the property owners were paid because its purpose was racially discriminatory, pure and simple.

5. The emphasis in the proposed language on the amount of money received by the Bruces suggests that they had no reason for complaint. However, their business was destroyed and their property taken against their will in order to accomplish racial exclusion. That is the central point; yet, the proposed language submerges that historical fact entirely.

6. The fact that the Bruce's and their Black neighbors bought property elsewhere has no bearing whatsoever on the City's wrongdoing.

7. There is no evidence that the City intended to build a park when it acquired the property. None. Yet, Councilmember Hadley's language implies that the "Great Depression" and World War II interfered with an actual City plan to construct the park. This is an invented, post hoc rationalization to endeavor to explain the delay.

Councilmember Hadley's language directly contradicts the meticulously documented historical facts assembled in the History Advisory Report, which was unanimously accepted by the Council and referenced in the Council's own Statement of Acknowledgement, Condemnation and Empathy. Her efforts are disrespectful to the resident volunteers who at Council direction devoted many hours to preparing an accurate history of the events in question.

Councilmember Hadley's proposed text is actually worse than the plaque presently on the site. It is a misguided attempt to absolve the City of its racist past or at least to cultivate seeds of doubt about what happened here.

As I stated to the Council months' ago, I strongly recommend that you abandon this course and re-visit the proposal from the residents that the Council recruited and appointed to perform this task.

Michael Jenkins

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Michael Jenkins <mjenkins1230@icloud.com>
Sent: Friday, March 4, 2022 9:18 PM
To: Steve Napolitano; Suzanne Hadley; Richard Montgomery; Joe Franklin; Hildy Stern
Cc: City Clerk
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Special events at City parks

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Mayor Stern and Council:

I urge you to accept the recommendations of your Park and Recreation Commission and eliminate the exclusion of Bruce's Beach Park from the special permitting process when this item comes before you later this month.

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 last month and when it subsequently came before the Commission, 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 no more entitled to a ban on use of that park than are the 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, the history that you adopted. 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.

Further, the park is well suited for this type of event, as well as birthday parties, family reunions and the like. It is adjacent to two parking lots. Public bathrooms are conveniently located in the Lifeguard Headquarters. It is located along a bus route. It is simply not distinguishable from the other parks in which events are permitted, aside from being the only park in town with a beautiful ocean view (yet another reason it should be allowed to host special events).

Some who have commented on this matter decry the symbolism associated with Bruce's Beach. However, that ship has already sailed. Whether these commenters like it or not, the park *has* special significance. The proposition that the park be unavailable for events as a means to erase that significance, to deny our history and bury the unfortunate abuse of authority that led to the creation of the park is misguided.

Bruce's Beach and the two parkettes should 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 parks in question.

Michael Jenkins
44 year resident

Sent from my iPad

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Jacqueline Zuanich-Ferrell <jzuanichferrell@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, March 4, 2022 1:40 PM
To: List - City Council
Cc: Mark Leyman
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Retain Special Events Exclusion for Bruce's Beach and Parquettes

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My husband and I are writing to express our disagreement with the recent unanimous vote of the Parks and Rec Commission to permit events at Bruce's Beach and the 8th Street and Larsson Parquettes.

We live just three blocks from the Larsson Parquette and have used it with our daughter and now our granddaughter. It is a small narrow park with the majority of the park space reserved for small basketball court (one hoop), swings and a large play structure. It affords little space for seating. Typically there are three person households of nearby homes using the park as an antidote to the small or not existent backyards without play space.

All three of these parquettes/park in question are situated in neighborhoods where houses are in close contact and there is little street parking. Our other parks (Live Oak, Marine Avenue, Pollywog) have large roadways buffering the noise emanating from events held there and includerestrooms. There is no restroom at Larsson Parkette, hence its users are nearby residents. Bruce's Beach and 8th Street Parquette also lack restrooms.

If events are permitted and residents want to use the park/parquettes on a drop-in basis, there will not be enough room.

Please **override** the decision by the Parks and Rec Commission to allow events at Bruce's Beach Park and 8th Street and Larsson Parquettes.

Joe Ferrell

Jacqueline Zuanich-Ferrell

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: breton lobner <bklobner42@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 3, 2022 5:15 PM
To: List - City Council; Steve Napolitano; Richard Montgomery; Suzanne Hadley; Joe Franklin; Hildy Stern
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Use of Parklettes - Bruce's Beach, 8th Street and Larsson Street
Attachments: Letter - Park Use -City Council - Bruce's Beach - 3-3-22.pdf

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Dear Council Members -

As to any future proposed changes in the use of the three City parklettes, please consider our comments in the attached letter.

Bret and Pattie Lobner

March 3, 2022

Re: Proposal to change the policy for the use of the parkettes at Bruce's Beach, 8th Street, and Larsson Street

Dear City Council:

In response to the City's request for feedback regarding a review of its special events policy for the City's three parkettes, please accept the following comments. We oppose any changes to the City's current policy which might allow alcohol consumption or permit special events at the City's three parkettes. The current no alcohol and permitted events policy have served our City and its residents well for years. We especially oppose changing the special events policy as it applies to Bruce's Beach.

Alcohol use. Any change in the policy to allow the consumption of alcohol would be foolish and counterproductive to the public's use of the area. Obviously allowing public alcohol consumption will lead to some persons being intoxicated or under the influence while using the park. Why add a new concern regarding the use of these small public parkettes? They are located in residential family neighborhoods. Alcohol consumption is not permitted at the beach areas adjacent to Bruce's Beach. Consumption of alcohol is illegal on all public beach areas in Manhattan Beach. Why should the park be treated differently from the public beaches? The parkettes are used daily by families, many with small children present. Why expose children visiting a public park to individuals consuming alcohol?

Recently Bruce's Beach has become the focal point of controversial efforts to return (by illegal gift) certain beach front property to the heirs of one family whose property was condemned by a lawful eminent domain proceeding more than a century ago. Needless to say the issue is politically and legally charged. There is currently a lawsuit pending in Superior Court regarding the matter. Considerable local, state and national public media attention has been brought upon Bruce's Beach, often with the reporting at odds with the truth. This has attracted more individuals to the small park. As a result, there have been attempts using on line resources to organize unlawful large gatherings at Bruce's Beach. There is and will remain for some time a conflict over the underlying issues. With the park serving as the center for such attention and controversy, it should not be allowed to serve as a site for alcohol consumption. It is common knowledge that alcohol, depending on the amount, can affect the sound judgment of some individuals. This is reason enough to jettison any proposal to allow alcohol consumption at Bruce's Beach.

Special Events. There are valid reasons to reject outright any proposal that Bruce's Beach should become a designated or permitted site for special events. For decades the park has not been approved for special events of any kind via a city permit or otherwise. There are numerous reasons for this. The park is small. There is insufficient parking in the area. Those who visit the parkette appreciate that the existing parking lot is filled from morning to evening by those using the beach. Numerous surfers use the parking lot on a daily basis. The nearest other available public parking is more than 11 blocks away. The streets adjacent to Bruce's Beach have very few parking spaces. The area surrounding the park is residential. This is not where special events should be held. The City owns and controls Polywog Park and Live Oak, which have appropriate areas for such permitted events. Noise and disruption from large crowds, from food trucks attracted to the location, from illegal sound amplification and from amplified music would become the norm at the parkettes if permitted concentrated activities were allowed at Bruce's Beach. The residents

of nearby residences should not become the victims of such nuisances. Recent organized activities (illegal with no permit) at the park reflect on just how objectionable such organized activities are – with alcohol use, drug use, loud music, food trucks, supersized tents, and more. Even the police have difficulties enforcing applicable laws.

The City's current policy prohibits special events at the City's three parkettes (Bruce's Beach, 8th Street and Larsson Street). For years there have been few if any problems or serious incidents at these parkettes when their use has been in compliance with the City's current policies. Should alcohol or organized permitted crowd events be allowed, it will lead inevitably to unwanted noise, additional crime, undesirable traffic, excess trash, and more.

When all is considered, Bruce's Beach and the two others parkettes are located in purely residential neighborhoods. These facilities are limited and not well suited for the types of activities that will be promoted by the proposed changes to the policy. Any changes to the current use policy for these parkettes allowing alcohol consumption or large organized public crowd gatherings and concentrated public activities would be inimical to protecting the environment in the adjacent existing neighborhoods.

Respectfully,

Bret and Pattie Lobner
Manhattan Beach Residents

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: James Harger <jamesnharger@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 2, 2022 8:01 AM
To: Bruce Greenberg; List - City Council
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Retain Special Events Exclusion for Bruce's Beach and Parkettes

Bruce,

You're not listening - nearly 4 to 1 against allowing this ridiculous policy?

If passed by Council, your recommendation will set up Bruce's Beach to be the Outsiders' Mecca for every reparations and BLM event in the future. On Sunday, no one was cited for smoking, grills, tents, etc. Why did this group get special privilege? I don't mind others using our parks so long as they follow the posted rules (they obviously ignored) like everyone else.

Hopefully our Council will overrule your recommendation.

James Harger
63 year resident

On Tue, Mar 1, 2022 at 3:12 PM Bruce Greenberg <bgreenberg@manhattanbeach.gov> wrote:

Thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts regarding the item on yesterday's Parks & Recreation Commission meeting agenda regarding consideration of updating the Special Events Policy, Removing the Exclusion of Bruce's Beach Park and 8th Street and Larsson Street Parkettes.

If you attended yesterday's meeting, then you heard my thoughts on the issue. If you were unable to attend the meeting, I recommend [this article](#) on MBNews.com which does an excellent job summarizing the discussion and recommendations that came out of the meeting.

<https://www.thembnews.com/2022/03/01/391818/commission-votes-to-create-events-policy-for-bruces-beach-other-parks>

My family and I live immediately adjacent to Live Oak Park and, thus, I can sympathize with the concerns expressed by many residents who live near Bruce's Beach Park and the parkettes, especially in light of the unpermitted event that was held on Sunday at Bruce's Beach Park.

The recommendations that were unanimously approved by the Commission yesterday will, if adopted by City Council, directly address unpermitted events and mitigate the impact of permitted events on neighbors of parks. Incorporating Bruce Beach Park and the Parkettes into the Special Events Policy does not mean that organizers could conduct events in these parks whenever they choose. Quite to the contrary, it would allow us to establish distinct parameters for each park regarding frequency of events, size of events, types of events, use of amplified music, etc. With appropriate parameters defined, many Special Events Applications will be denied and those that are approved will be conducted with appropriate measures in place to mitigate the adverse impact on neighbors (e.g., traffic, trash, restrooms, alcohol, etc.).

Please be advised that the outcome of yesterday's Commission meeting was a set of recommendations to City Council. Ultimately, City Council (not the Commission) has the authority to make decisions regarding updates to the Special Events Policy, Municipal Code, and enforcement priorities. So, this issue should re-appear on the City Council's agenda sometime in the near future.

Thank you, again, for your input into the process.

Best Regards,
Bruce Greenberg
Commissioner



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From: James Harger <jamesnharger@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, February 23, 2022 6:09 PM

To: List - Parks and Recreation Commission

Cc: Linda M. Robb; Mark Leyman; Lauren Harger

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Retain Special Events Exclusion for Bruce's Beach and Parkettes

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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

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Jessica MOFFETT <jessica.moffett@verizon.net>
Sent: Tuesday, March 1, 2022 2:59 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Special Events Exclusion

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Dear City Council,

My name is a Jessica Moffett and I have been a resident of MB for over 15 years.

I wanted to express my disappointment with a series of events that took place on Sunday.

First and foremost I was upset to see that a large party event was allowed at Bruce's Beach on Sunday despite a city ordinance in place that prevents special events at parkettes in MB. I wish our City Officials and Law Enforcement could have directed the organizers to another area in our city that allows for such events (maybe Polliwog? I'm not sure). This was very disrespectful to the residents directly affected and I believe a failure on our City for not implementing our local ordinances.

Secondly, our city was ambushed by a large bicycle group once again. This was the largest group I have seen to date! My neighbor was directly caught in the middle and felt threatened. They are clearly here to disrupt and intimidate our City. I'm sure you have all seen the videos of MB residents being harassed and pictures of a pick up truck full with bikes. That was a first.

Lastly, there was an incident at Vons yesterday where a mob of these bicyclists shoplifted at the store stealing food and alcohol. Vons is currently in the process of filing a police report. I have spoken to the manager and their Corporate Office. A report will be filed with local police. I really want the police to be notified so they know these events with the bicyclists have escalated.

I don't think these were isolated events. I believe this was all coordinated to intimidate and threaten residents. It would be naive to think otherwise.

Given the climate of crime in our county and city, I would ask City Council to not change any laws regarding special event permits at our Parkettes. I'm scared as a resident as to what kind of trouble this could bring to our city. The police were overwhelmed on Sunday while monitoring Bruce's Beach, being called to a home robbery and the bicycle incident all at the same time. I spoke to the police and they realize their response to the bicyclists was not timely. I felt sorry for our police department. I think our City let them down and unnecessarily overwhelmed them.

In conclusion, Please respect the residents that live directly around these parks. They will be directly impacted and I feel our City Council needs to prioritize their opinions.

Best Regards,
Jessica Moffett
Sent from my iPhone

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Heidi Rayden <heidirayden@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 1, 2022 2:18 PM
To: List - City Council; Hildy Stern; Richard Montgomery; Steve Napolitano; Suzanne Hadley; jfranklin@citymb.com
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Permits/Parks

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Dear City Council,

As a tree section resident , I am writing to express my concern over the potential permit modification for Bruce Beach Park.

The park infrastructure & location (so close to homes & densely populated residential dwellings) with no infrastructure to support large gatheringsis not suited for large, loud events.

At minimum has anyone consulted with the homeowners around the perimeter of the park? Shouldn't they have a say ...as tax paying residents?

The park IS open to ALL for quiet enjoyment ...why the sudden push for large events?

Polliwog Park has 18 acres....set back from homes & can easily accommodate.

Our Mayor tried to sneak this in on a recent CC agenda item and was met with great resistance..it was removed & punted to parks & rec. ...typical Hildy move.

Please consider all voices when you make your decision.

Thank you,
Heidi Rayden Tobias

Sent from my iPad

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Steve Fazzio <stevefazzio@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 1, 2022 11:25 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Commission Votes to Create Events Policy for Bruce's Beach, Other Parks

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Council Members,

I am strongly opposed to including Bruce's Beach Park in the City's events policy. Large events in this park are disruptive to nearby residents and act as an unjustified reminder that Manhattan Beach is a racist community. Do not allow this to happen.

Steve Fazzio
Manhattan Beach Homeowner

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

From: MB News <news@digmb.com>
Date: Tue, Mar 1, 2022 at 10:02 AM
Subject: Commission Votes to Create Events Policy for Bruce's Beach, Other Parks
To: Steve Fazzio <stevefazzio@gmail.com>

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Commission Votes to Create Events Policy for Bruce's Beach, Other Parks

By Jeanne Fratello on Mar 01, 2022 08:45 am



The Manhattan Beach Parks and Recreation Commission on Monday voted to recommend including Bruce's Beach Park and two parkettes in special event policies. The issue now goes to City Council. Original article published at [MB News](#)

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Indoor Masking to Become Optional at Manhattan Beach Schools

By Jeanne Fratello on Feb 28, 2022 09:36 pm



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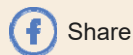
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Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Louise Wolf <ldwolfpack@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 1, 2022 7:57 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Mega party

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Council needs to take the leadership and responsibility for approving this event. P&R members are appointed and putting this decision on them is really not appropriate. Council needs to have open discussion and take public input.

Sincerely, Louise Wolf

Sent from my iPhone

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Charlene Harding <charjarhar@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, February 28, 2022 9:09 PM
To: List - City Council; City Clerk; Bruce Moe
Subject: [EXTERNAL] NO PERMITS for large events at 26thSt Park or smaller parks

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City Officials,

I am so disappointed in my city leadership for allowing the massive event to take place at the 26th Street Park on Sunday especially after you'd known about it well in advance. There is no good reason to have a large event at this park. Obviously, this park is in the middle of a residential area and has limited facilities. I would say this even IF the partygoers were peaceful and all residents.

When a town overlooks wrongdoing, it advertises that it will allow wrongdoing.

You force residents to get permits and pay for that permit for hundreds of reasons OR ELSE pay a huge fine, but you will turn a blind eye when non-residents do what residents aren't even allowed to do. You then turn the other blind eye when these visitors harass residents, dangerously bike through traffic, smoke weed, drink alcohol, urinate on yards, blast boom boxes, swear at residents, leave trash on the ground, throw items at cars, park illegally, bring furniture onto grass areas, block sidewalks and streets, ...

You've shown a total lack of leadership and the ability for sound decision making at the expense of your constituents.

I DO NOT support giving out permits to residents or non-residents for large events at the 26th Street Park or any other smaller park.

Sincerely, Lt Col (ret) Harding

Concerned 20-year home owner and Parent

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Laura Kiely <laurakiely@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, February 28, 2022 3:33 PM
To: City Clerk; List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Allow Bruce's Beach special events permits

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Dear City Council,
Please see my email below that I sent to the Parks and Rec Commissioners.
Thank you,
Laura Kiely

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> Dear Commissioners,
> I've been a resident in Manhattan Beach since 1994. My husband, 2 children, and I currently live in Downtown Manhattan Beach.
> We support allowing special event permit requests for Bruce's Beach Park.
>
> We understand the concerns about the very small size of Larsen Parkette located on a small residential street, but Bruce's Beach Park is different.
> It's larger, located on busy Highland, and has designated public parking adjacent to the park. Bruce's Beach Park can accommodate large gatherings.
>
> In fact, I attended an event there last summer that was a wonderful occasion celebrating the Black community. Families gathered. Joyful music played. Art was exhibited. The uplifting work of local non profits was highlighted. It was a fantastic experience!
>
> But I wonder if the community's needs would be better served to have the City involved to control logistics effectively. Some oversight and control for special events as required through a permit process would go a long way to assuage residents' concerns about noise, traffic, and trash.
>
> Please allow requests for special event permits at Bruce's Beach park.
>
> Thank you for your consideration.
>
> Best,
> Laura Kiely
> Manhattan Beach resident since 1994
>
>
> Sent from my iPhone

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Diana Skaar <dianaskaar@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 28, 2022 2:25 PM
To: Suzanne Hadley
Cc: Richard Montgomery; City Clerk; List - City Council; Linda M. Robb; Mark Leyman
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Please include all City parks in the special events permit process
Attachments: PXL_20220228_001608443.jpg; Screen Shot 2022-02-28 at 1.56.24 PM.png

Hi Councilmember Hadley,

I appreciate your quick response. I believe you have certain facts incorrect, and I have some follow-up questions for you. Please see in-line in blue below.

On Mon, Feb 28, 2022 at 1:44 PM Suzanne Hadley <shadley@manhattanbeach.gov> wrote:

Thank you for your email, Diana. I am in favor our keeping our parkettes and Bruce's Beach out of the normal permitting process due to their uniquely small nature and locations deeply embedded within residential communities. These small areas have inadequate parking, bathroom facilities, trash receptacles and areas for noise dissipation to make them suitable for anything but individual or small-group gatherings. I am not in favor of changing this long-standing city policy.

If these parks in questions are not appropriate for special events then wouldn't the City's special events permitting process address this and deny such events? Why not consistently apply the process to all parks. You have not explained how it hurts MB to include such parks in this process, or provided information on why this "long-standing city policy" exists in the first place for these 3 parks but not others.

The event yesterday was estimated at 250-300 people. Crowds of hundreds can and have been accommodated at Polliwog Park on the east side and Live Oak Park on the west.

I did not do a headcount, but I included an image of what I saw on Sunday at 4pm: a number of community members and families gathered for a beautiful picnic day at the park. The number of people at the park didn't look problematic to me, and **you will see that there was lots of open grass space** -- see my photo attached). I didn't see a crowd control problem at the park. Of course traffic and parking was increased in the area. Why would the City not want to include Bruce's Beach (and the 2 parkettes) in the existing process if such an event was deemed appropriate, *so that the City can better control the impact to surrounding neighborhoods?*

It's possible council will change the policy. I am only one vote. The community will have a chance to weigh in on this suggestion. I'm glad the mayor took it off consent (where it was not an item that was "*routine and customary*") and put it on general business for vigorous public discussion. You may know that homeowners around BB have lost hundreds of thousands of dollars in equity value due to the controversy, crowds, disputed ownership, etc. around Bruce's Beach. If your family owned a home on 26th St., Highland Ave or 27th St. neighboring the park, I would vigorously defend your property rights.

With respect I also disagree that enforcing our laws is "un-welcoming and non-inclusive to people of color." That sounds like the soft bigotry of low expectations. Everyone is equal before the law.

Please do not mischaracterize my statement. I did not say that enforcement of our laws leads to an MB that is “un-welcoming and non-inclusive to people of color.”

Let me copy what I initially wrote so you can re-read it carefully:

I'm writing to you today because I was shocked to read some of the e-Comments from the last City Council meeting regarding an agenda item that would include Bruce's Beach (and the 8th Street and Larsson Street parkettes) from the City's existing special events permitting process. The reasons stated for continued exclusion of Bruce's Beach echoed the same divisive rhetoric that led to our beautiful beach town being mischaracterized as un-welcoming and non-inclusive to people of color.

The organizers were told in advance that this event was not allowed for many reasons:

- No permits for gatherings are allowed currently at BB. Nonetheless they moved forward with a large event without a permit. Illegal.
- The event was one that required tickets and an entrance fee. Illegal on both counts.

INCORRECT: Please see attached screenshot that shows that the event was FREE

- Food trucks were invited and at least one did not have the required CMB business license. Illegal.
- Alcohol was advertised and served openly in BB. Illegal in all our parks without a permit.

The event was described as BYOB (which I do not condone), but also I believe you are mischaracterizing (hopefully not intentionally) when you say "Alcohol was advertised and served openly in BB"

- Amplified music was played. Illegal without a permit.
- A personal BBQ was utilized. Illegal in all MB parks.

I don't want any sort of park event to happen illegally ... but I do expect our City to enable residents and community members to go through a special events permitting process so that such events, if they serve a benefit to the community, can take place safely and not be deemed "illegal."

I'm not sure why anyone would be in favor of enforcing the law for some folks and not for others. That seems to me to be the essence of discrimination. “Rules for thee but not for me” is not how I wish our city to be governed. We'll see what happens.

I'm not saying that some laws should be applied to some folks and not to others. Where are you coming to that conclusion? As I stated above: I don't want any sort of park event to happen illegally ... but I do expect our City to enable residents and community members to go through a special events permitting process so that such events, if they serve a benefit to the community, can take place safely and not be deemed "illegal."

However, by your argument, why are some parks included in the City's special events permitting process and others (like Bruce's Beach) are excluded?

Why would the City require permits to host birthday parties in parks and even insurance to host block parties ... but not apply the same due process to Bruce's Beach (and the other 2 parkettes)?

Warmly,

Suzanne



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On Feb 28, 2022, at 12:42 PM, Diana Skaar <dianaskaar@gmail.com> wrote:

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Hi MB Parks & Recreation Commission and esteemed City Councilmembers,

First, I want to thank you for your continued efforts to make MB a beautiful community-centric beach town. From Concerts in the Park at Polliwog, Hometown Fair and the summer volleyball tournaments, there is so much to enjoy in MB.

I'm writing to you today because I was shocked to read some of the e-Comments from the last City Council meeting regarding an agenda item that would include Bruce's Beach (and the 8th Street and Larsson Street parkettes) from the City's existing special events permitting process. The reasons stated for continued exclusion of Bruce's Beach echoed the same divisive rhetoric that led to our beautiful beach town being mischaracterized as un-welcoming and non-inclusive to people of color.

I visited Bruce's Beach Park Sunday Feb 27 around 4pm (MB Police was there too) and saw nothing but a **friendly gathering of community members and kids enjoying the last Sunday of Black History Month on a beautiful sunny MB day. (see my photo attached)**

If people have an issue with gatherings like this ... then I think it's all the more reason why Bruce's Beach should NOT be excluded from the City's special events permitting process so that the City can **either deny** such events if they are deemed disruptive to the neighborhood, **or** can make the necessary preparations and safety assessments to support such events and mitigate neighborhood impact. This includes staffing, street closures, trash collection and public notice of events .. which the City seems to manage well (ex. Concerts at Polliwog and the 6-man volleyball tourney)

Why not have Bruce's Beach (and the 8th Street and Larsson Street parkettes) be included in

this *existing* City review process if residents are really concerned and wish to exert some control over potential neighborhood impact?

Other points to consider:

1. Please allow all City parks to be places where families and the community can celebrate special events such as birthday parties, neighborhood gatherings, family reunions and cultural celebrations.
2. Without a permitting process, parks can be the site of unauthorized gatherings where city rules are harder to enforce.
3. Including all parks in the current robust permitting process allows for the City to set tailored limits on the type of event, number of participants, date and time, and amplified sound at each park.
4. 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.
5. It creates an opportunity for the city to collect additional revenue from application fees and billable city services provided for the event.

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Diana Skaar
(MB Resident)





Blacckity Beach Festival

General Information:

What is Blacckity Beach Festival??

This event was inspired by the story of Bruce's Beach which happens to be a historical beach first owned by a black family. 100 years ago, this beach was illegally seized by the city government using wrongful legislation. Sometime last year that land was returned to the original founding family for the first time in 100 years. What better way to cap off Black History Month than to celebrate our blackness to the highest level on black owned soil!

Age: All Ages Welcome

Attendees: Anyone is able to come and enjoy the day. This is an inclusive event and not an exclusive! If you do not identify as a black man or woman please still attend but just remember to be respectful!

Time: 11am - 6pm

Admission: Free Entry All Day

Location: Bruce's Beach (The Green Plot in front of the actual beach)

Address: 2600 Highland Ave, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

Alcohol: BYOB

Special Features: Morning Yoga Class (11am) + Paint N' Sip + Food Trucks + More!

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Steve Fazio <stevfazio@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 28, 2022 2:12 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Today contact the park and rec commission about Bruce Beach Park

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Council Members,

I gather from the email below that yesterday's unpermitted "festival" at the so called Bruce's Beach was allowed to go on unchecked. Furthermore, residents observed participants consuming alcoholic beverages in our park which is also not allowed.

Continuing to pander to these BLM sympathizers will only bring on more chaos to our city. You are sending the message that they are above the law.

It is YOUR responsibility to put the safety and property of the actual residents of Manhattan Beach above all else. I hope that in the future you do not allow large events to happen. ... Any large event; not just those to related to the Bruce's Beach giveaway.

We will be watching; and voting for candidates who represent our values and not the values of the radical left.

Steve Fazio

Begin forwarded message:

From: Lucia La Rosa <larosa_lucia@yahoo.com>
Date: February 28, 2022 at 9:07:08 AM PST
To: Lucia La Rosa <larosa_lucia@yahoo.com>
Subject: **Today contact the park and rec commission about Bruce Beach Park**

Friends

Today the Park and Rec commission of Manhattan Beach will discuss whether or not allowing with permits events such as the one we had yesterday at Bruce Beach Park (200 plus people smoking pot and drinking alcohol, parking illegally etc). Please consider that that event was organized, had an eventbrite followed by 1300 and was related to the incidents at Valley with the bikers (trucks with bikes were spotted by the Park) and the consequent incidents at grocery stores. I had friends whose cars were hit with bottles, who were harassed and blocked. It was a very difficult situation. These were not spontaneous neighbors coming to Manhattan Beach for a Sunday pic nic. I personally ask about 100 of

them if they were from LA County and most said they were not - they said they came from as far as Sacramento and San Diego.

Whether or not the city's reaction to yesterday events was appropriate or a unwise appeasement is matter for another day (actually that would be tomorrow when we have the City Council hearing). Today it is pivotal that you intervene and protest against the possibility to permit events like this at the Bruce Beach Park -which sits in a residential area. Please inform also residents around Bruce Beach if you know them. Many residents took pictures and videos. All my statements are true and are supported by evidence - videos, pictures, and witnesses' statements. Contact me if you want to see hem. <https://www.manhattanbeach.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/49173/637813214840803753> 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 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 th Street and Larsson Street Parkettes as Possible Locations Zoom Meeting Instructions: There are multiple ways to join the meeting. Please Note - the Parks and Recreation Commissioners and Staff will be visible via video, members of the public may choose to turn on their video during public comment during their turn. 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. 1. Join Zoom Meeting via the internet (download app if needed): Direct URL: [Join our Cloud HD Video Meeting](#), Meeting ID: 937 8104 1645 Please name yourself to include the item(s) you wish to speak on, and your First & Last name. Example: G.1 – Jane Smith. **You can also immediately email the commissioners and the city council** I hope they will be overwhelmed by emails and when you send them to them please copy the entire city council so it becomes public record prcommissioners@citymb.info

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Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: AUDREY RITTERMAN <are@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, February 28, 2022 1:28 PM
To: Mark Leyman
Cc: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Are you being a good neighbor or Community volunteer.

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Begin forwarded message:

From: AUDREY RITTERMAN <are@aol.com>
Date: February 28, 2022 at 1:18:49 PM PST
To: prcommissioners@citymb.info
Subject: Are you being a good neighbor or Community volunteer.

Manhattan Beach residents are very aware of this mega event that happened on 2/27/2022.

Everyone has their own opinion but who truly has skin in the game. The homes that are adjacent to Bruce Beach should have a louder voice.

For they are the ones who have to deal with the noise, parking issues, congestion, potential uptick in crime in that location. have you ask them what they think before you decide On loosening Permit restrictions.

How would you feel if your home was Adjacent to these mega events that Mayor Hildy Stern is suggesting.

Is her home close Bruce Beach? Are any of the city councils Residents close to Bruce's Beach?

I believe to be a good neighbor, City Council member or Community volunteer you should to ask the ones that are most affected..

They truly are dealing with the externality of loosening the rules & permits on our local parks.

Thank you for your time,

Sincerely
35 year resident
Audrey Ritterman Estes

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Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Elizabeth Heatherton <heatherton101@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, February 28, 2022 1:24 PM
To: List - Parks and Recreation Commission
Cc: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Events of 2/27/2022

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Dear City Board members,

I'm contacting you in sincere distress over what took place this weekend not just at Bruce Beach park and I have one question: why was this allowed to happen? A non-permitted, with illegal activities (smoking weed and alcohol consumption in park), illegal parking, excessive and promoted audio/music and THEN spilling onto our streets as bikes blocked the roads and threw things at cars. Why was this allowed to happen and who is responsible for this decision? When police were called, we were advised MBPD were aware and observing.....this is not good enough as Von's was robbed by grab & go bike riders, property was damaged at the park, public urination on residents property, etc.

Who's responsible?

We/MB is NOT Venice or Santa Monica, we are not equipped with manpower/police or venue(dense neighborhoods) to host such a non-permitted gathering....so who's brilliant idea was this?

Why didn't residents have a vote on such an event? I think the residents pay the taxes for the parks and we as residents have paid for permits for events/park usage so why the "freebie" including illegal activities on this one?

Thank you,

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Elizabeth Heatherton
310-500-5592
heatherton101@verizon.net

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Diana Skaar <dianaskaar@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 28, 2022 12:42 PM
To: Linda M. Robb; Mark Leyman
Cc: List - City Council; City Clerk
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please include all City parks in the special events permit process
Attachments: PXL_20220228_001608443.jpg

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Hi MB Parks & Recreation Commission and esteemed City Councilmembers,

First, I want to thank you for your continued efforts to make MB a beautiful community-centric beach town. From Concerts in the Park at Polliwog, Hometown Fair and the summer volleyball tournaments, there is so much to enjoy in MB.

I'm writing to you today because I was shocked to read some of the e-Comments from the last City Council meeting regarding an agenda item that would include Bruce's Beach (and the 8th Street and Larsson Street parkettes) from the City's existing special events permitting process. The reasons stated for continued exclusion of Bruce's Beach echoed the same divisive rhetoric that led to our beautiful beach town being mischaracterized as un-welcoming and non-inclusive to people of color.

I visited Bruce's Beach Park Sunday Feb 27 around 4pm (MB Police was there too) and saw nothing but a **friendly gathering of community members and kids enjoying the last Sunday of Black History Month on a beautiful sunny MB day. (see my photo attached)**

If people have an issue with gatherings like this ... then I think it's all the more reason why Bruce's Beach should NOT be excluded from the City's special events permitting process so that the City can **either deny** such events if they are deemed disruptive to the neighborhood, **or** can make the necessary preparations and safety assessments to support such events and mitigate neighborhood impact. This includes staffing, street closures, trash collection and public notice of events .. which the City seems to manage well (ex. Concerts at Polliwog and the 6-man volleyball tourney)

Why not have Bruce's Beach (and the 8th Street and Larsson Street parkettes) be included in this **existing** City review process if residents are really concerned and wish to exert some control over potential neighborhood impact?

Other points to consider:

1. Please allow all City parks to be places where families and the community can celebrate special events such as birthday parties, neighborhood gatherings, family reunions and cultural celebrations.
2. Without a permitting process, parks can be the site of unauthorized gatherings where city rules are harder to enforce.
3. Including all parks in the current robust permitting process allows for the City to set tailored limits on the type of event, number of participants, date and time, and amplified sound at each park.

4. 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.

5. It creates an opportunity for the city to collect additional revenue from application fees and billable city services provided for the event.

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Diana Skaar
(MB Resident)



Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: pps4@aol.com
Sent: Monday, February 28, 2022 10:41 AM
To: List - Parks and Recreation Commission
Cc: List - City Council; Mark Leyman; Linda M. Robb
Subject: [EXTERNAL] retain the special events exclusion for Bruce's Beach and Parkettes

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To Parks and Recreation Commissioners:

We are totally opposed to any modification of the existing policy that excludes 8th Street and Larsson Street Parkettes and Bruce's Beach park from the special events permitting process. These locations are located in heavily residential neighborhoods and should not be subject to the impact of large groups or event type gatherings. This could also impact parking, noise and the Community's utilization of these quiet park areas.

Sincerely,
Stephen and Paula Packwood

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Ray Joseph <Ray@rayjoseph.com>
Sent: Monday, February 28, 2022 10:38 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] keep the existing special events exclusion for Bruce's Beach, 8th St parkette

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Please keep the existing special events exclusion for Bruce's Beach, 8th St parkette and Larsson parkette. Yesterday's debacle at Bruce's Beach and the Valley / Ardmore areas where huge numbers of people showed up and caused extensive crowding and traffic problems, we as a small beach community, cannot afford to have this become commonplace.

Noise, overflowing trash, public smoking of marijuana at the park, and public urination on residents' properties is disgusting, and cannot be condoned. Please make it safe for our kids to be out.

Thanks,

Ray Joseph
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401 Manhattan Beach Blvd
Manhattan Beach CA 90266
DRE #01397157
310-545-7295
Ray@RayJoseph.com

The highest compliment my clients can give me is a referral of their friends, family and business associates.

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Maureen Denitz <modenitz@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, February 28, 2022 10:28 AM
To: List - Parks and Recreation Commission; List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Removing the Exclusion of Bruce's Beach Park and 8 th Street and Larsson Street Parkettes as Possible Locations
Attachments: image0.jpeg; ATT00001.txt

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Dear Parks and City Council Members

Please DO NOT remove the exclusion of Bruce's Beach and Parkettes. Over the weekend it was apparent that Bruce's Beach park should never be used for large events. A mega event was planned online and circulated throughout the state. Cars were illegally parked in red zones in and around the site for blocks. One car was actually parked up on the pedestrian area of crosswalk impeding wheelchairs strollers etc. Trash overflowed the cans and there was no place for partygoers to use bathroom facilities except walking down to beach area. The traffic was backed up all the way down Highland. In a separate event, I think it was a crossover event, there were bike gangs (75 plus) harassing kids at the Scout house and in the Live Oak park area. Trucks were pulling in and dropping bikes off for these out of town young people. One resident child was at the scout house being harassed and my daughter asked him if he was alright. The biker asked him as well "where the F can I take a shit." The resident child asked my daughter to please not tell anyone because he was scared. My daughter, her child was playing basketball with a friend, quickly escorted them back up to her house for safety. The biker gang also were throwing water bottles at passing vehicles. Is this what our town has turned into? Ordinances and laws need to be followed for all people not selected groups. We cannot stand down for misconduct or violators or we lose our town. Our children and grandchildren need a safe environment. Why weren't the police patrolling more? Who gave an order to stand down? Why was the Bruce's Beach event not permitted? These are important questions we are now asking and would appreciate answers. Please keep our town and parks safe for everyone.



Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: melina chao <melinachao@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 28, 2022 10:10 AM
To: List - City Council; List - Parks and Recreation Commission
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Retain special events exclusion for Bruce's Beach and parkettes

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City Council and Parks & Recreation Commission,

Please keep the existing special events exclusion for Bruce's Beach, 8th St parkette and Larsson parkette.

As evidenced from yesterday's debacle at Bruce's Beach and the Valley / Ardmore areas where huge numbers of people showed up and caused extensive crowding and traffic problems, we as a small beach community, cannot afford to have this become commonplace.

Noise, overflowing trash, public smoking of marijuana at the park, and public urination on residents' properties is disgusting, and cannot be condoned.

All 3 parks in question are in residential neighborhoods, surrounded by homes. Large events, such as the one yesterday, negatively impact our city and our residents.

When you make your decision for those 3 parks, I urge you to retain the special events exclusion for Bruce's Beach, 8th St and Larsson parkettes. Please put the needs of our Manhattan Beach residents first, above that of visitors.

Thank you.

Melina Chao

Sent from my iPhone

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Juliana Edwards <julianaedwards@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, February 28, 2022 10:01 AM
To: List - Parks and Recreation Commission
Cc: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Special events policy

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Good morning Park and Rec Commissioners,

I am writing to ask that you DO NOT allow Bruce's Beach Park and 8th Street and Larsson Street Parkettes to become locations for special events.

These parks are in residential areas, and such events will promote large disruption in our town. Yesterday's unauthorized event on Bruce's Beach Park is a good example of the kind of disruption such events can bring to Manhattan Beach. There are several videos made by residents that show illegal parking, public drinking, smoking, etc. In addition, children who were enjoying a sunny day at Live Oak Park, had to leave the park due to feeling unsafe. Soon after my child left Live Oak Park, we received a text from MB police warning residents to avoid 15th street, Pacific Ave, Ardmore and Valley due to police activity. This was caused by 50 plus bikers that were brought to MB by pick up trucks.

Please help us residents keep our town in order and safe for our children to be able to enjoy a sunny Sunday afternoon in our parks,

Thank you,

Juliana Edwards
310 948 7666

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Terri Warren <terrifwarren@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 28, 2022 9:46 AM
To: List - Parks and Recreation Commission
Cc: Terri Warren; Mark Leyman; Linda M. Robb; List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Retain Special Events Exclusion for Bruce's Beach and Parkettes

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Dear MB P&R Commissioners - I am writing to ask that you **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. These parks are located in heavily residential neighborhoods and I feel the nearby homeowners as well as anyone trying to use the parks would pay a huge price due to the noise (particularly if there's amplified sound), the traffic, possible street closures and the shortage of nearby parking and restroom facilities. There are plenty of other spaces around our town and the surrounding cities that are available for special events so please keep these spaces for enjoyment of smaller groups and individuals.

Thanks for all you do and for your consideration of this request.

Terri and Jeff Warren (& our 4 children)

MB Residents

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Maureen Leral-Denitz <modenitz@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 27, 2022 7:52 PM
To: List - City Council; City Clerk
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's beach Sunday

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Good evening Mayor, City Council, City Manager and Police chief

Well what a memorable Sunday for our town and not in a good way. As a resident for over 34 yrs, our parks have been used responsibly by its residents. We apply for permits for birthday parties for our grandkids/children and follow the rules for the permit. Today I could not believe Bruces Beach Park was used for a mega event with over 300 people. The traffic and lack of parking caused some party goers to disregard parking regulations and cars were parked in red zones and pedestrian crosswalks and making u turns in peoples driveways. It was a "do what I please attitude" for some of these party goers and chaos. There must have been over 300 people easily but did this event have a permit? I found out it didn't. There were no police or traffic officers guiding people around the jams. Don't we all have to follow rules and ordinances. Do we now not give parking violation tickets? Do we get to have birthday parties for grandchildren at any park we want with food trucks and no need for a permit? What does this now mean for us residents? No laws will be enforced? I'm very concerned about how this will effect our town going further.

Then about an hour later, my daughter texted me and said a huge bike gang was blocking traffic on Ardmore/valley and were harassing her family and others while their little ones played in the tot lot. I, myself, witnessed these bikers throwing water bottles at vehicles trying to go by on Ardmore. I was actually speaking to the police commander at the same time and told him what was happening and shared my concern. He was wonderful but I could tell he was fielding a lot of calls and mine wasn't any different. Are we not safe in our town anymore?

We need a long conversation about what we expect from our city leaders regarding safety.

Our children and grandchildren deserve it.

Sincerely

M Denitz

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Rhonda Staver <rsstaver@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 26, 2022 6:21 PM
To: List - City Council; List - Parks and Recreation Commission; Mark Leyman; Linda M. Robb
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Retain Special Events Exclusion for Bruce's Beach and Parkettes

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I'm compelled to write in an effort to preserve the continued exclusion of Bruce's Beach park and both 8th and Larsson Street parkettes from the special events permitting process. The lack of parking and restroom facilities make these locations undesirable for special events. Additionally, noise, additional traffic and the potential for street closures would impact our quiet neighborhoods. I ask that you do not modify the existing policy. It doesn't make sense for our neighborhoods and community.

Sincerely,
Rhonda Staver

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Schumacher <schumacherjk@me.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 26, 2022 2:03 PM
To: List - Parks and Recreation Commission; List - City Council
Cc: Mark Leyman; Linda M. Robb
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Retain Special Events Exclusion for Bruce's Beach and Parkettes

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Parks and Rec do 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. These are in residential neighborhoods and that use would harm nearby homeowners with noise, traffic and parking. There is no reason to allow large events in these areas.

Thank you,
Kristine & John Schumacher
Manhattan Beach Residents

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Maurine Jennings <majennings52@aol.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 26, 2022 9:54 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please Intervene

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Dear Mayor Stern and City Council members,

Please tell me the City Council is not going to allow this unapproved “Blacckity Beach Festival” travesty to happen tomorrow! (Party organizers called [88th x 11mile](#) ... have organized a mega event called “**Blacckity Beach Festival**” for this Sunday from 11 am-6 pm. An electronic invitation went out on social media via [Event Brite](#). They do not have a permit.)

The continuation of the incomplete, incorrect telling of the truth surrounding Bruce’s Beach saga has now brought about yet ANOTHER negative consequence into/upon the lives of MB residents. This insanity must stop.

I am desperately praying this event is either some kind of hoax or it fizzles into a non-issue, but eyes are watching your response and we will judge accordingly. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Maurine Jennings

Sent from my iPhone

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Christy Miller <christymil@aol.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 26, 2022 7:42 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 88thx11mile Presents: Blacckkity Beach Festival Tickets, Sun, Feb 27, 2022 at 11:00 AM | Eventbrite

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Is this a mega event that is being allowed tomorrow in Bruce's Beach Park??? Was this approved by City council? As a resident that lives across the street from Park, it would be nice to be notified of these events thru the city and not from Eventbrite..

Christy Miller
229 27th street
Manhattan Beach
Sent from my iPhone

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Jennifer Honey <jenmhoney@icloud.com>
Sent: Friday, February 25, 2022 6:10 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Bruce's Beach

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City Council Members:

I want to bring this pending event to your attention. It involves food trucks, yoga classes and alcohol in our park. All items I don't believe as a nearby resident are permissible and all items I would not expose my neighbors to. I also am very concerned with the nature of the advertisement that "this beach was illegally seized by the city government using wrongful legislation". Not a word of that is true. Yet it stands.

These are very unfortunate consequences to our town and it tarnishes us.

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> On Nov 1, 2021, at 5:09 PM, Jennifer Honey <jenmhoney@icloud.com> wrote:

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> Dear City Council Members:

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> What is happening with Bruce's Beach needs transparency and attention. Our town is getting worldwide negative press over racism and theft allegations that lack verification. By all accounts I understand that the Bruce family had their day in court and lost on the issue of racial discrimination. I understand that they were fairly compensated, over and above that of neighbors, and that the purpose of the condemnation now exists: a park and lifeguard headquarters.

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> Racism is despicable. But it should be proven. Innocent until proven guilty. I do not see any reliable background proving racial motivation and the record doesn't support it. If Manhattan Beach was so racist how was Willa Bruce able to purchase land in Manhattan Beach in the first instance? She commented a hundred years ago that other areas would not let her purchase land because she was Black. She not only bought land in Manhattan Beach but she later bought an adjoining lot. Her patrons also purchased lots nearby. She successfully operated her business for a dozen years before the condemnation proceedings. Willa Bruce's judicial award provided her a sum in excess of what other landowners received and she was encouraged to repurchase in Manhattan Beach with the proceeds. Moreover, the lifeguard station and park were actually built. The Bruce's purchased land elsewhere. So where is their generational wealth deprivation? Is it not correct that Willa Bruce brought claims and had her day in court demanding \$80,000 on the basis of racial discrimination and she lost? Isn't that entire stretch simply residential now? Could the eminent domain have been driven by a loud and successful business that had thousands of regular guests? How is that different from how our town makes laws today?

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> The press our town is receiving is horrible. As USA Today reported in April "African Americans... were stripped of the land by local city officials" and "Manhattan Beach City Council recently formally acknowledged and condemned their predecessors' efforts to displace the Bruces". The Guardian reports that "Black people still unwelcome" and "racism has persisted in this waterfront community" where we "don't even regard Black people as people". How are these comments appropriate for our progressive and welcoming community, which is increasingly diverse?

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> NPR reported last month that “historical records... show the land was condemned because its proprietors and patrons were Black.” What and where are these records? I have read all that I can and detailed reports of the litigation and I can’t find anything documenting racism above inference.

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> These portrayals of our community are serious. We have a duty to get accurate information and then evaluate based on fact. Right now I see Governor Newsom and Supervisor Hahn turning our community into a talking point for political gain without doing even minimal research. If racism occurred, we should be ashamed and atone with document the wrong. But if we are letting our town be cloaked in an unwarranted label of racists, shame on us.

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> Thank you for your time and attention to this serious historical matter. Accuracy matters.

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> 26 year Manhattan Beach resident

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Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: bedi singh <bedisingh@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, February 25, 2022 3:20 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: is Bring Your Own Beer now allowed? Event at BB PARK this Sunday

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Dear City Council

I assume by now you know about this.

As a resident near the park i would expect to see full enforcement of city rules by the police.

I agree
park should also be re named as nothing to do with Bruce family.

Lets call it MB Taxpayers Beach !

Thanks

Bedi Singh

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Cyndi Fischer <missroadwarrior@yahoo.com>
Date: February 25, 2022 at 2:44:10 PM PST
To: Bedi Singh <bedisingh@yahoo.com>
Subject: Re: is Bring Your Own Beer now allowed? Event at BB PARK this Sunday

See below

[Sent from Yahoo for iPad](#)

On Friday, February 25, 2022, 9:15 AM, Heidi Rayden <heidirayden@yahoo.com> wrote:

Big illegal event this Sunday @ BB! Something to look forward to 🤔👉 see evite below .
Relentless . Plz share w/ neighbors

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

Begin forwarded message:

On Friday, February 25, 2022, 8:10 AM, Lucia La Rosa <larosa_lucia@yahoo.com> wrote:

Friends please send an email to the city council members:

shadley@manhattanbeach.gov>; Richard Montgomery
<rmontgomery@manhattanbeach.gov> ; Jfranklin@manhattanbeach.gov;
snapolitano@manhattanbeach.gov; hstern@manhattanbeach.gov NOW.

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Lucia

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To: Suzanne Hadley <shadley@manhattanbeach.gov>; Richard Montgomery
<rmontgomery@manhattanbeach.gov>
Sent: Friday, February 25, 2022, 07:56:28 AM PST
Subject: is Bring Your Own Beer now allowed? Event at BB PARK this Sunday

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Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Judi Alves <judi.alves@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 25, 2022 1:55 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Event February 27, 2022

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I received an email about an event that is scheduled for this Sunday at Bruce's Beach.

I am under the impression that such an event is not allowed.

Not only is it not allowed, but I can't fathom a celebration being held while Russia and Ukraine are in the throes of war. This is wrong on both levels.

Please do something so this event does not take place. This is quite outrageous.

Sincerely,

Judi Alves

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Personal Mail <stevefazzio@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 25, 2022 8:41 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Black beach festival

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City Council Members,

I received an email from Lucia LaRosa. This is outrageous. Don't we have a law about large demonstrations in our city? Did they get a permit? Don't we have a law that prohibits alcohol in our public parks and beaches? Do not allow this to take place. They are not above the law. Enough is enough!

Steve Fazzio
stevefazzio@gmail.com

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/88thx11mile-presents-blacckcity-beach-festival-tickets-271909467537>

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From: Laura Santos <laura.santos@earthlink.net>
Sent: Friday, February 25, 2022 8:19 AM
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I couldn't put it better so I will not try. Please do not ruin our parks and way of life.

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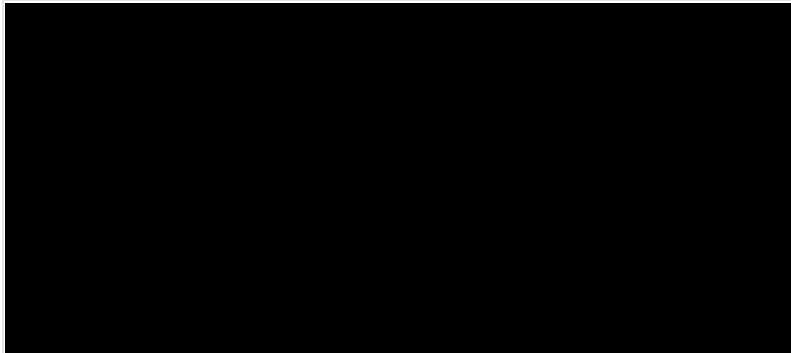
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