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From: AUDREY RITTERMAN <are@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 3, 2022 5:19 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Slow down you're moving too fast.....

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Hi City Council,

Slow down you're going to fast for Manhattan Beach residents to truly understand what is being finagled through without total understanding of these agenda items.

I have become cynical. Since I lived here, I've always believed that City Council had MB citizens back.

Now, I'm not too sure.

Here are just a few issues that occur just in the last year.

1. The Bruce Beach history report with half truth on our official website.
2. Allowing a large gatherings at Bruce's Beach throughout the day without being shut down.
3. HighRose development which breaks many MB environmental rules flourish because there is a loophole of six low income apartment for a 79 unit building.
4. Now, through a small minority Citizens group that introduced A parcel tax. This Measure would extend 12 years with a CPI increase. Without any analysis of a total estimated budget.. and my understanding there is income coming in many different ways.. Like Grants, parents personal donations, CA state, MBEF and MB parcel tax.. and who knows where else . Then of course, money going out for teachers pensions, pending lawsuits, Basic overhead, teachers and administrators salaries, and let's not forget all educational expenses for the students.. etc.

And now you're telling citizens over 65 that they can opt out if they want too. But they should vote YES for this non-transparent Measure which they have no skin in the game.

Why is City Hall desperately wanting to pass this bill on the backs of property owners under the age of 65?????

I know how hard all of you work and how difficult your job but please.....

What's the rush on Measure A.

Take a breath and let us, The Manhattan Beach Residents, catch up..

Unless you really don't want us too???????

Sincerely,

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+35 year resident

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Jill Lamkin <jill@downtownmanhattanbeach.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 3, 2022 5:16 PM
To: List - City Council
Cc: Erick Lee; Mike Simms
Subject: [EXTERNAL] URGENT: Late Request for Tonight's Meeting

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I apologize for the lateness of this email, but Erick Lee and I just had the opportunity to speak in person today at 3:45pm. I wanted to be able to give you a more detailed explanation for the DBPA's decision to support the Public Works budget request for \$525K, which includes both NMB and DTMB, as well as the budget item to hire a consultant to bring the plan for outdoor dining to fruition, particularly because I believe the two are related.

Over the last year since Erick's arrival at City MB, the DBPA and Public Works have initiated several collaborative projects and brainstormed about items that have been on the City's, the Planning Commission's and the BID's Work Plans for years regarding beautification. Some examples are lighting, landscaping, general maintenance, additional seating, way finding, bike racks...just to name a few. Erick has been a tremendous partner in helping us get through some of the roadblocks we have previously faced and we have already achieved several objectives together. The DBPA has contributed funding to some of these projects and is looking for other ways that we can continue to help.

For years some of the PW wishlist items were of such a magnitude, such as widening sidewalks, that it was difficult to even get the process started. The stars seem to have aligned and we are (hopefully) on our way to hiring a consultant to lead the process forward for permanent outdoor dining, which would undoubtedly impact sidewalks and public rights of way. Based on the recent survey, we know long-term outdoor dining is a priority for our residents and the DBPA supports hiring a consultant to help create an atmosphere that is both beloved and beneficial to our community.

With sidewalk widening rolled into the greater redesign project, the \$525K budget request will allow for some long-term fixes as well as new projects that can be considered that . I look forward to continuing to work with Erick, the Downtown residents and the North End BID to prioritize projects that will be beneficial to all. The DBPA respectfully requests that you approve these two significant budget expenditures to help bring two of our important business districts up to the standard that will make Manhattan Beach proud. Thank you for your consideration.



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