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From: Tom Horton <tom@southbayboardriders.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 2:04 PM
To: List - City Council
Cc: Jacquelyne May (External); Bing Copeland; Matt Velzy
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Velzy plaque

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Good afternoon, Council Members and Mr. Mayor!

I'm looking forward to seeing you all tonight for the Velzy plaque agenda item. I thought I'd add some info to prevent any misinterpretations of what we are asking for.

1. We are not claiming Dale Velzy made the first surfboard or was the first to sell surfboards
2. We are claiming that he was the first to open a storefront store solely dedicated to making and selling surfboards to surfers who visited the shop.
3. Pacific Home Systems commercially manufactured wood surfboards in the 30's, but they were sold through beach clubs and department stores, not out of a storefront retail store like Velzy's. See below from Encyclopedia of Surfing:
 - *"The 1939 Waikiki board came in 10-, 11-, and 12- foot models, as well as a 14-foot paddleboard, and five- or six-foot "kiddie boards." All were typical of the plank period: blunt-nosed, squared off at the tail, with near-parallel sides. Pacific System Homes boards were made in production runs of 15 on sawhorses in a designated dust-free area of the company's 25-acre site, and were sold in beach clubs, sporting good stores, and high-end department stores like Robinson's and the Broadway."*
4. The verbiage we are seeking your support for on the plaque is as follows:
 - *"In 1950, Dale "Hawk" Velzy opened the 1st known retail surf shop in the world located at 117 Manhattan Beach Blvd, Manhattan Beach, CA"*

I hope this adds clarity to what we are asking for and if you require additional information please let me know. See you soon!

Respectfully,

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From: Bob Beverly <bob.beverly@ymail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 1:27 PM
To: List - City Council; City Manager
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Velzy Surfboards Plaque

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I was planning to stop by Council chambers tonight to support the plaque proposal and hopefully see some old surf buddies. As it is my 98 year old mother's health has gone down hill over the last month and we as a family have decided to remain with her as much as possible. As you know I always try to be a voice for Manhattan Beach both past, present and future. I think this is a great way to remember some our beach town history. On another note, people are so happy about the return of our beautiful Manhattan Beach Bl. at the pier. Thank you for your time and efforts, Bob Beverly

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From: debaets@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 12:50 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Item 23-0127 Polliwog Park

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Council members,

I am opposed to the library expansion in Polliwog Park. The continuing nibbling away of open space in East Manhattan Beach and especially Polliwog Park needs to stop. There is no resident demand for another library. The Arts building in Manhattan Heights was closed due to lack of use.

Access to the Historical House would be improved if parking on MBB was improved.

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From: Leah Zerbe Boyer <leahzb@me.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 12:10 PM
To: City Clerk; List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Oppose

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We oppose the agenda item for building a library at Polliwog Park.

Thanks!

Leah Boyer

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