

City Council Regular Meeting - April 18, 2023

Meeting Time: 04-18-23 18:00

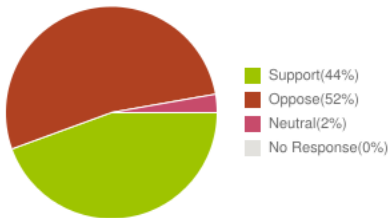
eComments Report

Meetings	Meeting Time	Agenda Items	Comments	Support	Oppose	Neutral
City Council Regular Meeting - April 18, 2023	04-18-23 18:00	48	36	16	19	1

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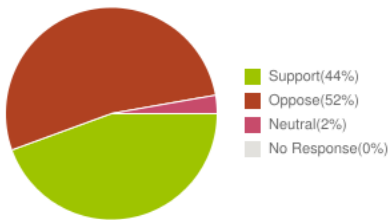
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Agenda Name	Comments	Support	Oppose	Neutral
G. PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 MINUTES PER PERSON)	3	0	2	1
11. 23-0167 Consider Taking City Council Positions on a Variety of Pending Legislation in the State Legislature Regarding Homelessness, Public Safety and Housing (City Manager Moe). (Estimated Time: 20 Min.) AUTHORIZE	1	0	1	0
12. 23-0182 Consideration of the City Sponsoring a Juneteenth Celebration Event at Bruce's Beach Park (City Manager Moe). (Estimated Time: 30 Mins.) DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION	31	16	15	0
L. CITY COUNCIL REQUESTS AND REPORTS INCLUDING AB 1234 REPORTS	1	0	1	0

Sentiments for All Agenda Items

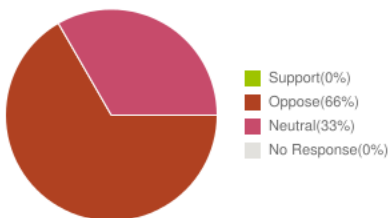
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Agenda Item: eComments for G. PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 MINUTES PER PERSON)

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Elizabeth Heatherton

Location:

Submitted At: 11:17am 04-18-23

Anyone that thinks that promoting a large gathering at a city park in a tightly condensed neighborhood WITHOUT ADEQUATE PARKING, RESTROOMS AND SECURITY/TRASH DETAIL, is wrong. Obviously those suggesting this have not asked the residents on this street or the surrounding streets....or, maybe they just don't care. Better

idea: anyone thinking this is a fabulous idea: host the gathering on YOUR street and provide the parking, restrooms and trash detail. You're welcome.

LtColC Harding

Location:

Submitted At: 9:31am 04-18-23

Events at 26thSt & any parkette is ludicrous. I don't care which group you want to honor. This is not good for our town especially nearby residents (close to homes, noise, bathrooms, parking...)

This area was home to many residents 100 yrs ago, both black & mostly white. They were displaced via legal means & allowed to move anywhere else in MB which was mostly vacant, a newly forming town. Hence eminent domain planning. MB was one of the most progressive towns allowing blacks to own land. (yes, that was the environment but we were on the right side of goodness). Our council has been rewriting history & desecrating the memories of our founding fathers without due process. The Bruce family contested the eminent domain ruling and was backed by the ACLU and powerful lawyers which resulted in the family being paid handsomely for their land. The family said they were happy with the outcome.

But now you want to go to extremes to hurt our current residents. Hmm, sound familiar?

Brandee Keith

Location:

Submitted At: 3:04pm 04-14-23

The Annual Emissions Reporting (AER) Deadline is approaching on Monday, May 1, at 5pm. The South Coast AQMD Annual Emissions Reporting program was developed to track emissions of air contaminants from permitted facilities. Fees for emissions of air contaminants are assessed based on the reported data. These fees help to cover the costs of evaluating, planning, inspecting, and monitoring air quality efforts. More information can be found on our website at <http://www.aqmd.gov/home/rules-compliance/compliance/annual-emission-reporting>, or by calling our AER hotline at (909) 396-3660. Please note that staff is receiving a high volume of questions from the AER hotline and email and will respond back in the order that inquiries are received.

Please feel free to contact me if you'd like to know more about South Coast AQMD's Annual Emissions Reporting program.

Regards,

Brandee L. Keith

she/her

Sr. Public Affairs Specialist,

South Coast AQMD

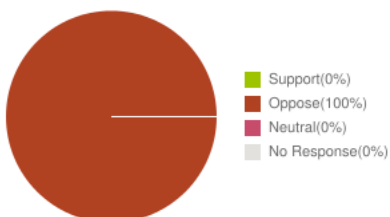
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Agenda Item: eComments for 11. 23-0167 Consider Taking City Council Positions on a Variety of Pending Legislation in the State Legislature Regarding Homelessness, Public Safety and Housing (City Manager Moe).

(Estimated Time: 20 Min.)

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Michele Reniche

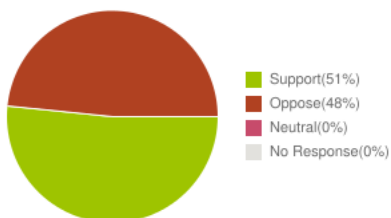
Location:

Submitted At: 9:17pm 04-17-23

I oppose AB 1708 and AB 23. We don't need fear-based legislation that puts more people behind bars. I also disagree with the league's negative recommendations on affordable housing legislation.

Agenda Item: eComments for 12. 23-0182 Consideration of the City Sponsoring a Juneteenth Celebration Event at Bruce's Beach Park (City Manager Moe).
(Estimated Time: 30 Mins.)
DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION

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Samantha Maynard

Location:

Submitted At: 11:59am 04-18-23

I support a city-sponsored event at Bruce's Beach for Juneteenth.

Tim Jones

Location:

Submitted At: 11:59am 04-18-23

Hon. Council Members,

My support is based upon my personal feelings & feelings of the family who now live in the original "Patterson House" relocated to 25th Street almost a century ago. They were unaware of the history & opened their home & hearts to the great grandniece of Mrs. Patterson, & entourage.

Plz do not conflate celebrating Juneteenth at BB w/ the negative int'l narrative that demonized our community prior to the City apology. Juneteenth is a celebration of overcoming adversity & renewed hope after extraordinary hardship. Similar celebrations memorialize the Trail of Tears, VE Day, Int'l Holocaust Remembrance Day, September 11, & of course, the 4th of July.

Juneteenth is a solemn event, not a rock concert. It appears many who oppose see significance of honoring the Federal Holiday by arguing that there will be large crowds, however they are mistaken in their scope & reverence. Support this event so that they too can learn in our diverse, inclusive ALL AMERICAN little town.

Heather K

Location:

Submitted At: 11:59am 04-18-23

I am opposed to this city sponsored event at the Park located at 2600 Highland Ave. There have been too many negatives to the neighbors who live near there, including people defecating on or near their property! Will the Council support law enforcement month there? Wishful thinking.

There's a reason why Council said NO to this issue twice already.

Love always,
Heather

Lena Adishian

Location:

Submitted At: 11:58am 04-18-23

Thank you City Council for considering sponsoring a Juneteenth Celebration. I fully support this effort. What a wonderful opportunity for our community to come together to learn about our nation's history.

Elizabeth Heatherton

Location:

Submitted At: 11:37am 04-18-23

I guess those in favor didn't drive/walk past the previous events at this small park to SEE all the illegally parked cars(blocked ADA access), trash including booze bottles(open containers are ok now in MB?), drug paraphernalia strewn about. Or walk/drive past getting a whiff of the WEED smoked(guess it's ok to promote driving high!). If an emergency needed to get to a resident or park goer, tough luck since traffic was backed up several blocks. Who's funding this shindig? Oh right..US/residents, gotcha. Have a blockparty on YOUR street if you think this is such a great idea; our small city parks can't handle this. Enough of the virtue signaling already, change the park name back to Parque Culican, the Bruce family was not the only resident of this area...you seem to have forgotten the other families that lived there.

Scott Chambers

Location:

Submitted At: 11:34am 04-18-23

This is a no from me. Park is way to small. Plus it will provide a platform for political activism good and bad. To risky in my opinion.

Christina Shivpuri

Location:

Submitted At: 11:32am 04-18-23

I have attended the most recent city sponsored event for Veteran's Day in our city. I know this is an annual tradition and event. It is well attended with music, speeches and takes place on the greenbelt. It brings together our community every year. I noticed minimal expenses at that ceremony, for example the chairs and audio equipment setup.

Let's celebrate and remember the importance of this new national holiday in a similar fashion. Community education and awareness should be unite us, not divide us.

Jennifer Cochran

Location:

Submitted At: 11:28am 04-18-23

Thank you to the council for having this conversation. There have already been events at Bruce's Beach. The county has held a ceremony and we have held a plaque dedication. Just as we recognize 9/11 every year at the site of the 9/11 memorial, Bruce's Beach is absolutely the appropriate place in our city to recognize the historical importance of June 19th.

Linda Chen

Location:

Submitted At: 10:45am 04-18-23

All those in favor please open your doors to your own homes and throw one at your own expense. \$20 million of a grift is enough.

Laura Kiely

Location:

Submitted At: 10:28am 04-18-23

In order to keep a Juneteenth event orderly, safe, and festive I'd like the City of Manhattan Beach to sponsor and honor a Juneteenth celebration _

I attended a fun and lovely event at Bruce's Beach, where families and individuals enjoyed the park, live music, artwork displays, food and community speakers. It wasn't "ludicrous" that this event took place! It was fabulous!

Would love to see our residents and visitors come together to enjoy this meaningful holiday!

Alissa Marquis

Location:

Submitted At: 10:25am 04-18-23

I am writing in support of the City of Manhattan Beach sponsoring Juneteenth events at Bruce's Beach Park. Bruce's Beach is a significant site in our history and we would do well to welcome celebrations on this Federal Holiday. Please follow the recommendation of the Parks & Recreation Commission and apply the City's park permitting policy to Bruce's Beach Park - that is, apply the rules equally to Bruce's Beach as with all other City parks. One of the lessons of Bruce's Beach is that the beach is free to all - let's show leadership in promoting the message of freedom for all Americans. Let's take this opportunity to bring the community together and learn from one another, to create a new future of openness and inclusion.

LtColC Harding

Location:

Submitted At: 9:27am 04-18-23

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robert hoersch

Location:

Submitted At: 8:39am 04-18-23

The Area is small. I live by Polliwog park and large group like concerts can be a nightmare on parking etc

lauren harger

Location:

Submitted At: 7:51am 04-18-23

How much more homage do the residents of MB have to pay to the Bruce family? This is ridiculous. A City-sponsored event for Juneteenth violates the wishes of the majority of residents to not allow large public events to be held at Bruce's Beach park or any small neighborhood parks. We have already seen the results of large gatherings and pilgrimages to the park in the form of parking violations, overcrowding, overflowing trash bins and debris, amplified music, not to mention the use of neighbors yards as toilets.

If the City feels the need to sponsor such an event, choose a venue more appropriate which would comply with all the current requirements for event crowd management. Please stop the pandering and self flagellation over an event none of us participated in, yet City leaders feel the need to keep apologizing for.

Lee Phillips

Location:

Submitted At: 7:11am 04-18-23

I l'm all in favor of recognizing the significance of June 19th. The park is too small and too close to homes combined with negative traffic and parking issues. Last year there were many residents who opposed large events at BB park. Please review the many letters.

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D Berger

Location:

Submitted At: 12:47am 04-18-23

I wholeheartedly support a Juneteenth event sponsored by our City.

Kim Brant-Lucich

Location:

Submitted At: 11:21pm 04-17-23

I strongly support a city sponsored Juneteenth event, ideally at Bruce's Beach Park. Juneteenth celebrates the end of slavery in our nation. Bruce's Beach Park, and our City's recent apology, acknowledge past wrongs and celebrate movement forward. I hope our City will not miss the opportunity to recognize the importance of Juneteenth, and there is no more appropriate venue in Manhattan Beach than Bruce's Beach Park. Please join our neighboring beach communities that are hosting City-sponsored events in honor of Juneteenth. Thank you for your consideration.

Steve Kahan

Location:

Submitted At: 10:46pm 04-17-23

I oppose this agenda item. In 2018 City Council approved a special events policy precluding outside organizations from holding special events at Bruce's Beach and the 2 parkettes at 8th and Larsson St. I'm all in favor of recognizing the significance of June 19th. However, the reasons stated for approving the 2018 policy also should apply to City sponsored events. The park is too small and too close to homes combined with negative traffic and parking issues.

Jen Dohner

Location:

Submitted At: 8:55pm 04-17-23

I support a city sponsored Juneteenth event. I hope our City will not miss the opportunity to continue making productive steps in the direction of inclusivity and recognize our new federal holiday and the anniversary of the end of slavery in the U.S.

Bruce's Beach Park is the natural and most meaningful choice for such an event as it's the very place in MB that freed slaves came to make a new life. This adds important local context to the story of Juneteenth.

Finally, I think the City Council should reconsider accepting permit requests for events at Bruce's Beach Park. The Parks and Recreation Department recommended this last year and opposition to it has never risen above pretext. Because Bruce's Beach Park has special significance for Black residents and visitors, a lack of permit policy there is easily seen as a perpetuation of the disallowance of Black activity there. Maintaining the status quo would separate this place from its significance and once again obscure its history.

Michele Reniche

Location:

Submitted At: 8:53pm 04-17-23

I support the proposal for a Juneteenth celebration at Bruce's Beach park.

April Halprin Wayland

Location:

Submitted At: 8:25pm 04-17-23

Honorable Council Members:

Just as our city commemorates 9/11 and celebrates our vets on Veterans' Day, I am proud of you for sponsoring a celebration of the end of slavery in our country. This is the Manhattan Beach I know and love.

Thank you,
April Wayland

Laura Kainsinger

Location:

Submitted At: 8:19pm 04-17-23

I support the city sponsoring a Juneteenth celebration at Bruce's Beach Park. Just like the city of Redondo

Beach, and other cities in LA County, Manhattan Beach needs to acknowledge this federal holiday. Because of its historical significance to the African American community, Bruce's Beach is an important location to hold such an event!

Clarence Wooten

Location:

Submitted At: 7:24pm 04-17-23

Juneteenth is a Federal holiday. I 100% support the City Sponsoring an event in celebration of the holiday. There isn't a better more appropriate place in Manhattan Beach then Bruce's Beach Park to celebrate the occasion. I personally feel that having this event in Manhattan Beach on an annual basis shows the greater community that Manhattan Beach is now an inclusive place. Opposition says otherwise.

Jacqueline Zuanich-Ferrell

Location:

Submitted At: 6:12pm 04-17-23

My husband and I are opposed to the city sponsoring an event for Juneteenth Celebration because of the shortcomings of the park's location. Each of these shortcomings apply to 8th Parkette and Larrison Parkette as well. The issue is lack of parking, noise for nearby residents and lack of restroom facilities.

John Gevargiz

Location:

Submitted At: 12:37pm 04-17-23

Please Please ..

Just as Bruce's Beach Park is unsuitable for large gatherings sponsored by outside organizations, it would be just as unsuitable for a city-sponsored event.

Please as is the park is in a heavily residential neighborhood adjacent to a main thoroughfare (Highland Avenue).

Putting aside the fact we don't know how much this event would cost the city, the burden that a large event at this site would place on city services and the nearby residents due to the noise (particularly if there is amplified sound), the traffic, possible street closures and a scarcity of nearby parking and restroom facilities is not worth it when there are plenty of other, more suitable alternatives available for a Juneteenth event (Polliwog Park, the Civic Center).

Thanks so much for your attention

-John Gevargiz

Julie Stauber

Location:

Submitted At: 11:59am 04-17-23

I strongly oppose a city-sponsored event at Bruce's Beach for all the same reasons stated below. I believe such an event would negatively impact surrounding neighborhoods and the community at large. Please listen to the residents!

Lyn Fisher

Location:

Submitted At: 9:49am 04-17-23

I oppose this agenda item for the same reasons as those below oppose it as well as the reasons I stated in my individual emails to each Council member and Bruce Moe. Under what guidelines/laws would this be allowed? How do the rest of us RESIDENTS get our own events allowed and plaid for by the city?

Bill von Behren

Location:

Submitted At: 8:44am 04-17-23

I oppose this agenda item. How many times is the City Council going to raise an issue that its residents have repeatedly opposed for valid reasons? Bruce's Beach's is not a suitable venue for large gatherings, as the City previously determined, and there are suitable locations for any such event in other parts of the City. Moreover, why would the City consider funding such an event, when the majority of its residents oppose the idea of large gatherings at this location? Please reject this proposal.

Mike Michalski

Location:

Submitted At: 11:37pm 04-16-23

I oppose this item. Just as Council has determined (twice) that Bruce's Beach Park is unsuitable for large gatherings sponsored by outside organizations, it is equally unsuitable for large city-sponsored events such as a Juneteenth celebration. The park is in a heavily residential area bounded to the east by a major thoroughfare (Highland) and the noise, traffic, possible street closures and scarcity of parking and restroom facilities makes this a poor location for such an event, particularly when there are other more accommodating venues available (Polliwog Park, the Civic Center). Furthermore, no one has put a price tag on this event for the city. And why is the city footing the bill for this to begin with? How about sponsoring a law enforcement appreciation event instead (May is law enforcement appreciation month). This Juneteenth proposal is simply the woke mob sticking its finger in the eyes of the residents and demanding that it be paid for out of city funds. Bad idea.

Michael Jenkins

Location:

Submitted At: 3:22pm 04-16-23

I support a City-sponsored Juneteenth celebration at Bruce's Beach. I attended the Juneteenth event in 2021 at Bruce's Beach; it was a family friendly and inclusive event that caused no significant impacts on the surrounding neighborhood and was easily accommodated in the park. Sponsoring a welcoming event on a holiday commemorating a significant day of racial justice in our country at Bruce's Beach would be a meaningful way of showing who and what we are as a community today. And, it would be an excellent use of this beautiful and underutilized park.

Diana Skaar

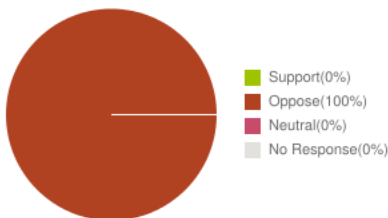
Location:

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I support the City sponsoring a Juneteenth Celebration at Bruce's Beach. It was beautifully done in 2021, and with the City's support, it can be an inclusive and welcoming, family-friendly event that many residents and visitors will enjoy. Bruce's Beach has cultural and historical significance, and so it is important we honor that with a City-sponsored Juneteenth Celebration.

Agenda Item: eComments for L. CITY COUNCIL REQUESTS AND REPORTS INCLUDING AB 1234 REPORTS

Overall Sentiment



Eric Gray

Location:

Submitted At: 10:51pm 04-16-23

Oppose