

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING APRIL 18, 2023 – CYCLE 2 STREET RESURFACING PROJECT
Item #8 23-0102**

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NO TO SIDEWALK AND LOSS OF PARKING ON ONE SIDE OF FLOURNOY ROAD

We were not aware of two previous public meetings about the Project, one during COVID-19 on Zoom, April 20, 2022, and one in person and Zoom, Sept. 29, 2022. And it seems our neighbors weren't either... We just found out about the project two-weeks ago by accident.

The front of our house faces Flournoy (a rebuild in 1985) and it is the only one on the block facing Flournoy. Project calls for installing a sidewalk near the front of our house that would impact us negatively in so many ways...

1. Eliminate our privacy and safety by having people walk too close to the front of our house --within three feet of the four brick steps to the front door, six feet from our kitchen, living room and dining room windows.
2. Remove parking on our side of the street. This will impact our parking and overload parking to the other side of the street. Many neighbors on Valley, park on Flournoy. Cars could possibly park on the sidewalk since the curbs will be rolled, bringing them closer to the front of the house.
3. Removing three feet of our brick driveway which is not very long. Possibly not long enough then for a large SUV.

Fine to make the corners at Valley Dr. and Flournoy Rd. ADA approved as in the plans.

And ok to remove the stone pine that was in the plan if adding the sidewalk, if not adding the sidewalk, we suggest it be checked out by an arborist to know if it could fall because of how the trunk branches into a V and/or if the roots will impede the resurfacing of the street.

We have had the following MB Public Works staff and the design CEO out to review our issues, they include:

Gilbert Ramos
Gilbert Gamboa
Katie Doherty
Erick Lee
Rick Kreuzer

(Joe Franklin stopped by and took photos, phone conversation with Richard Montgomery)

4/17/23

No to sidewalks & loss of parking on Floernoy between
Valley & 25th St. Cycle 2 Street Resurfacing Project

- Donna Biddinger 700 Marine Ave. 310-947-4997
- Susan Corrales 2145 N. Valley Dr. MB 310 213.
3647
- Ramy Gobran 2201 N. Valley Dr. MB 562
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- Gary Rosen 716 31st St 310 710 2235
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Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Jen Jenkins Dohner <jendohner@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 9:54 AM
To: Richard Montgomery; Joe Franklin; Steve Napolitano; David Lesser; Amy Thomas Howorth; City Clerk
Subject: [EXTERNAL] In Support of A City-Sponsored Juneteenth Celebration 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 Members:

I write today in support of a city sponsored event in recognition of Juneteenth, our country's new federal holiday. Given the time available to plan it this year, an event modest in size and organization would suffice. I hope MB will not miss the opportunity to continue making productive steps in the direction of inclusivity and recognize the anniversary of the end of slavery in the U.S.

Also, I'd like to express a preference that this event take place at Bruce's Beach Park. It's 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. As such, it provides important local context to the story of Juneteenth. I've read opinions that an event there would not be in accordance with the current permit policy. I disagree as the event would be put on specifically by the city and therefore would not require a permit.

Finally, in the longer term, 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 the reasons given against that have never risen above pretext. Because Bruce's Beach Park has special significance to Black residents and visitors, its lack of permit policy is easily seen as an echo of the past and a perpetuation of outdated attitudes toward culturally and ethnically diverse gatherings. Keeping this status quo over time would separate the place from its significance and once again obscure its history.

I truly believe sunlight is the best disinfectant on this issue. The more energy spent saying "nothing to see here," the more attention that will draw to the problem. Let's not continue the echoes of the past by thwarting Black gatherings at Bruce's Beach. Selectively agree to thoughtfully partner with organizers on respectful, culturally significant, well-planned events that follow practical guidelines local residents care about.

Thank you for your consideration,

Jen Dohner

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Julie Muer <j_muer@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, April 17, 2023 4:21 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] No City sponsored events at Bruce's Beach Park

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Dear City Council Members...

Please vote NO to any and all City sponsored events at Bruce's Beach Park!

As you know, the park is located in a heavy residential area with minimal parking and very limited bathroom access.

We have plenty of other parks in Manhattan Beach that can accommodate large groups with parking and bathroom access. Bruce's Beach Park is not one of them. Please vote NO.

Thank you...

Julie Muer
MB Homeowner for over 25 years

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Tom Bell <tbell18@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 17, 2023 4:36 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach

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We don't need any City Sponsored events at Bruce's Beach. We all know why the park is there. There isn't enough parking to hold anything there beyond 50 people, the traffic on Highland is bad enough. If it is a daytime event that reduces parking for surfers and beach goers. Are you trying to make a political statement or serve the residents of Manhattan Beach.

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Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Rita Moorman <moormanrm@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 17, 2023 6:03 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] No city sponsored events at Bruce's Beach

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Dear City Council Members,

I would strongly like to encourage you to continue the policy of banning large events at Bruce's Beach. This issue has been debated previously and had large support from residents that Bruce's Beach was not appropriate for large events as it is a small park with residences all around the park. There is no adequate parking at that location either. There is no reason for the City to be using City Funds to sponsor any event at this location!

Thank you for your consideration.

Rita Moorman MD
30 year MB resident

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Britney Nucci <britney.loren@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 17, 2023 6:06 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach

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Councilmembers, since this park is unsuitable for large gatherings organized and sponsored by outside organizations, it is surely unsuitable for city sponsored events. This is a residential neighborhood, and events held here would be very disruptive to both the flow of traffic on that main road, as well as to the residents that live there. That is not to mention the cost to the city, and hence the people that live in this city. Please keep this park a local park for residents and visitors to enjoy, especially given there are larger local alternative such as Pollywog, that have sufficient restroom and parking facilities, and that will not severely congest that residential area of Highland Ave.

Sincerely,
Britney Nucci

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Melanie Behrens <mdesigns12@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 17, 2023 6:12 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach, Larson Street and 8th Street parks--NO ON LARGE EVENTS OR CITY SPONSORED EVENTS!!!

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City Council members:

Please DO NOT REVERSE the ban of large, sponsored events at Bruce's Beach and the Larsson Street and 8th Street parkettes.

Polliwog has always been the better venue for such events.

Please do not compromise the quality of life for the residential neighborhoods adjacent to these parks as detailed in the paragraph below.

The park and the two parkettes are small venues nestled in the middle of residential neighborhoods and are surrounded by private residences. In such a relatively confined space, the noise, particularly if amplified, and the increased traffic plus possible street closures would be a major disturbance for nearby homeowners as well as anyone trying to use the parks. Also, none of these parks have dedicated parking and Bruce's Beach, as a beach access park, already suffers from a severe shortage of available parking just for the beachgoers."

Melanie Behrens

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Scott C. Chambers <mbchambers4@roadrunner.com>
Sent: Monday, April 17, 2023 7:15 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Juneteenth

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Please say no to this. Our town already has a target on it's back because of your unfounded apology for Bruce's beach. To allow a celebration which will bring up "your" racist past not mine is disgusting. If you do this, than every year from now till who knows will result in a yearly condemnation of our town. No Thanks!

Scott Chambers

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Betty Freitag <betty.freitag2155@protonmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 17, 2023 8:12 PM
To: List - City Council
Cc: Tom Freitag
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach as a location for a June 19th celebration- Agenda Item 12

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Dear City Council and Mayor Montgomery,

We agree with your 2018 decision, to NOT permit special events from happening at Bruce's Beach. We believe your reasoning sound, therefore we would ask you NOT to proceed with any June 19th celebrations at the park, even if it is city sponsored. The lack of parking, the fact that it is a residential neighborhood all speak to its unsuitability for a large gathering. Vote NO on special events at Bruce's Beach on Agenda Item 12.

Thank you,
Tom and Betty Freitag

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Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Janet Volpe <janetvolpe@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 17, 2023 8:52 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] No City -Sponsored Events At Bruce's Beach Park

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Dear Council Members-

Please do not consider this park for any event. It is unsuitable in so many ways-access, parking, disturbing neighbors, and no police oversight (if we remember what happened last year). If you must have an event, utilize Polliwog Park or the Civic Center both of which are more accommodating for larger crowds. How much will this event cost the city? Will this be an annual event?

Please move on and direct your efforts to make our city safe and welcoming to small businesses.

Sincerely,
Janet V. Vailokaitis
Resident 32 years
Neighborhood Watch Block Captain
Manhattan Beach Leadership Class 2015

Sent from my iPad

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Jessica MOFFETT <jessica.moffett@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, April 17, 2023 9:25 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] No on Any Large Special Event at Bruce's Beach

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Dear City Council,

I am against any city sponsored (or non city sponsored) event at Bruce's Beach. Why is this even being discussed again? Wasn't this addressed last year? What has changed? I really would like to know why City Council is revisiting this issue? I am against any large event at Bruce's Beach for the following reasons:

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2. Bruce's Beach is surrounded by private residences. A large event would be far too disruptive to these residents.
3. There is very little parking available at Bruce's Beach.
4. There are not enough restrooms to hold such an event.
5. We barely have enough police officers now. Have we hired the additional 7 approved at the prior meeting? I doubt it. Why would we hold a large event when we don't have the resources to protect our residents if something happens.

The last time a large event was held at Bruce's Beach (Blackckkitty Beach Festival), we had over 100 thugs on bicycles block our streets, taunt and harass our residents (my neighbor was harrassed) and loot our Vons. I recall the prior Chief of Police stating that the bicyclists saw an opportunity to come and cause trouble because police resources were being used at Bruce's Beach. Does City Council really want to place our understaffed police department in this predicament again?

I'm extremely disappointed City Council is even spending a minute on this issue. There are so many other pressing issues facing our community that need to be discussed. For example, the shop lifting in Manhattan Beach is out of control. I've seen it first hand at our local Walgreens. I've seen at least two shop lifters get arrested at Ralphs and the amount of police sirens I hear at my home has increased exponentially. Why isn't City Council doing more to help our local businesses? Surely, we can think out of the box and perhaps pass special city ordinaces to help with this.

Thank you for your time,
Jessica Moffett

Sent from my iPhone

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Jessica MOFFETT <jessica.moffett@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, April 17, 2023 9:19 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] No on Any Special Event at Bruce's Beach

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Thank you for your time,
Jessica Moffett

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Lisa Bort <lisabort@me.com>
Sent: Monday, April 17, 2023 10:33 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] No to large events at Bruce's Beach

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City Council Members,

As residents who have lived two blocks from Bruce's Beach for more than 27 years, we do not think large events in this area are a good idea. When the dispute over Bruce's Beach was progressing, we had many cars driving up and down the one lane streets above Highland, unsuccessfully searching for parking. Although on the map some of the streets appear to be two way, if you've driven at all in this area you know that is not the case given street parking. There are so many walkers and bikes out on these small streets all the time, it is absolutely not safe to add a large number of additional cars to the area, particularly near Vista where we have watched countless cars drive the wrong way over the years.

Thank you in advance for saying no to any public events at Bruce's Beach.

Randy and Lisa Bort

Sent from my iPhone

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Steve Kahan <steve@stevekahan.com>
Sent: Monday, April 17, 2023 10:39 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach Park

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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.

Steve Kahan
310 721-2930
2812 Laurel Ave.
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

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Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Amanda Hunter <mande1014@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, April 17, 2023 10:44 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Celebration of Juneteenth in Manhattan Beach

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Dear City Council,

As Bruce's Beach Park is zoned as unsuitable for large gatherings sponsored by outside organizations, it would be just as unsuitable for a city-sponsored event. This small 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 amplified sound), the traffic, crowd control, possible street closures litter 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. If the City want to sponsor an event to celebrate Juneteenth the why not hold it Polliwog Park or the Civic Center?

More to the point, why is Manhattan Beach which is 99.9% non African American, bending over backwards to celebrate an event that honestly few residents are aware of, is amazing. And why hold this celebration in "Bruce's Beach" Park, which is not the actual location of the original Bruce's property (that was, and still is, the current life guard station)?

Please stop and think about what you are proposing. Who benefits? Not the residents of Manhattan Beach. Not any of the folks that live around the park. Not the Police or Fire Department. Not local residents trying to navigate the streets on a busy Saturday afternoon in the middle of summer.

This is a very skewed idea and really needs to be scrutinized by all City Council Members. Think hard about what you are creating and why you are a mission to make it happen. I have no problem with celebrating American Holidays as a community when it makes sense and when it's a celebration that will be enjoyed by the majority of it's residents. You may ask yourself why do we want to include Juneteenth as a Manhattan Beach City Funded Holiday? Does it represent and serve the community as a whole? Who benefits from such an event? If you still feel, after you have honestly answered these questions, that the majority of the community would really enjoy this event, go for it, only do it in a park that can accommodate a crowd of folks from outside the community.

I sincerely wish you all luck in coming together on the issue of standing up for what is good for all of us in the community vs what you think will personally make you look good politically. This is an issue that becomes a defining moment for years to come. Don't let anyone or group push you around. If you need to patrol Bruce's Beach for the day and stop illegal, not permitted activities, don't be afraid to do so. It's time we all remember laws are made to be followed not to be ignored because someone's feelings may be hurt. Manhattan Beach is a strong community and a fair community. Just do the right thing for us, the majority of us that live here. Thank you.

My best,
Amanda Hunter,
Manhattan Beach Resident

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Kim Brant-Lucich <kbrant007@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 17, 2023 11:32 PM
To: City Clerk; List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Juneteenth at Bruce's Beach

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Dear City Council and City Clerk,

Thank you for your recent vote for an apology for Bruce's Beach. This is a wonderful step forward in our community to bring healing after years of divisiveness, and to acknowledge our City's past wrongs.

In the same vein, and with the same spirit in which you issued a Bruce's Beach apology, I strongly urge you to support a City-sponsored Juneteenth event at Bruce's Beach Park. As Juneteenth celebrates the end of slavery in our nation, Bruce's Beach Park symbolizes the freedom afforded to Black Americans who were given the opportunity to enjoy beach recreation, not available to them at other locations at the time. Please seize this opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate freedom and an end to slavery in our welcoming and inclusive community. Bruce's Beach is the most fitting location for an event.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

Kim Brant-Lucich
kbrant007@gmail.com

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Anthony A. Lee <member1700@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 17, 2023 11:50 PM
To: List - City Council; City Clerk; Richard Montgomery; Steve Napolitano; Amy Howorth
Cc: Alexandria Latragna
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Juneteenth Observance at Bruce's Beach

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Honored City Council Members:

I must thank you for your recent apology adopted by the Council for the historic injustices associated with Bruce's Beach. This was an outstanding example of how the country can move forward on matters of racial healing. I hope this will open a new chapter in the history of the city, so that no longer does Bruce's Beach Park need to be a place of shame and sadness, but now a symbol of hope and progress.

Since Juneteenth is fast approaching, and it is now a Federal holiday, I hope that the City Council will sponsor a modest observance of the day at the site of the new plaque which was recently installed. This is an important spot in the history of Manhattan Beach and entirely appropriate for us to remember the end of American slavery.

Warm regards,
Anthony A. Lee, Ph.D.

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Carrie Burrell <burrellcarrie@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 1:04 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] No City-Sponsored Events at Bruce's Beach Park

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Subject Matter: You would be asking the city to recognize that, 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. You can remind Council that 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).

Carrie La Londe Burrell
232 25th Street
c: 213-256-9055
Sent from my iPhone

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: denise berger <dberger710@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 2:03 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Consideration of city sponsored Juneteenth event

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Please let this email serve as my wholehearted support of a city-sponsored event for Juneteenth. It would further be amazing for such an event to be at Bruce's Beach.

Thank you.

D Berger

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Tina Shivpuri <tina@shivpuri.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 2:15 AM
To: List - City Council; City Clerk
Subject: [EXTERNAL] I support a Juneteenth celebration!

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Honorable Mayor and City Council Members,

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. 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 Juneteenth in a similar fashion at Bruce's Beach.

Sincerely,
Tina Shivpuri

tina@shivpuri.com email
1-415-336-5075 mobile

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Tina Shivpuri <tina@shivpuri.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 2:37 AM
To: List - City Council; City Clerk
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Celebrating Coach Chris tonight

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Dear Council Members,

My family will be joining you during the City Council meeting tonight for the celebration and recognition of our AYSO teams. My daughter is a member of the Sharks. Our head coach is Coach Chris Talbott. I wanted to share with you a little about Coach.

- His goal was to build each girl up to her potential. He did not have favorites, instead he focused on everyone's individual talents, and made them ALL valuable contributors.
- He had expectations... and it was also to enjoy the journey. He encouraged the girls to visit the Mira Costa soccer games for inspiration and made sure he found us some grass to practice on (vs. artificial turf) as we were heading out of town to grass only fields. He left no idea or strategy out.
- His spirit brought together a group of girls, but also families. We traveled as a pack (or shall I say Shiver). Shiver is a group of sharks.
- He built a community of Sharks and we are not ready to say good-bye to this season.
- It is no wonder he was able to bring 2 teams all the way to the Western States Championships (Yes we beat Alaska, but I am not sure they even have AYSO in Alaska!)
- As parents we are forever grateful he served as a volunteer AYSO Coach. His time with our girls is priceless, and so appreciated. They grew as athletes, and more importantly built life skills - how to win as a team.

Thank you for honoring our team tonight. Please give an extra thank you to our coaches, especially Head Coach Chris Talbott.

Sincerely,
Tina Shivpuri

tina@shivpuri.com email
1-415-336-5075 mobile

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Rudkin, George H <George.Rudkin@va.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 6:54 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] events at Bruce's Beach

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In opposition to special events... park is too small, parking inadequate.

Regards
George Rudkin
1504 Pine

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Tate Behrens <tateobehrens@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 7:34 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Do not allow large events in mb at parks

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Hi,

I am writing to express my concern with large gatherings at parks in manhattan beach specifically the want for events at Bruce's beach. the city council should not allow this to happen. Please take this concern into consideration.

Resident
Tate Behrens

Sent from my iPhone

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Adam Goldston <adamgoldston1@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 8:42 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] No on Junteenth BB Proposal

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In 2018, Council (including 4 of the 5 of you) approved an ordinance that outside organizations could not hold events at BB, 8th St, Larson parks/parkettes. The justification was sound, based on residential density, parking, facilities, safety, traffic, etc. Now you are considering one single event to approve, sponsor, and fund effectively getting around this previous ban. I didn't see in the proposed legislation the criteria to approve this particular event, affirm sponsorship and determine the amount of the City's expenditure.

The criteria by which the City approves, sponsors and funds an event should be transparent so future events can be considered on an even playing field. Council considering each 'community group' wanting to hold an event, without transparent criteria, will definitely become divisive which is not what anyone wants. Once precedent is set, the Shurtleff v. Boston unanimous Supreme Court decision may actually take control away from the City creating an untenable situation.

I suggest the City form an ad hoc committee (like Outdoor Dining) to set criteria by which the City approves a proposed event, affirms sponsorship and determines the amount of the City's expenditure. This is the only way to ensure there is no bias in selecting which events are allowed, and sponsored and an algorithm determining the amount of City funds invested in each and every event.

Thank you.

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Adam Goldston
AdamGoldston1@gmail.com
310-880-5691

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Jill Lamkin <jill@downtownmanhattanbeach.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 9:54 AM
To: List - City Council
Cc: Grace Adams; Kevin Barry; Greg Cicchino; Kristin Coia; Kris D'Errico; Linda McLoughlin Figel; Lori Ford; Sylvie Gabriele; Paula Gruttadauria; Molly Hobin; Maureen McBride; Kelly Oelschlager; Chandra Shaw; Mike Simms; Mike Zislis
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Tonight's Council Meeting
Attachments: Letter to Council - CA Leg Consideration.docx; ATT00001.htm

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April 18, 2023

Mayor Richard Montgomery
Members of City Council
City Manager Bruce Moe

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Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Charlene Harding <charjarhar@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 10:51 AM
To: City Clerk; List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] OPPOSE an events at BruceBch or other Parkettes

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Esteemed Council,

Allowing events at 26thSt & any parkette is ludicrous. I don't care which group you want to honor. Events at these parks are not good for our town especially the residents who live nearby (park size, proximity 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 and allowed to move anywhere else in MB which was mostly vacant. The town was newly forming. That's what eminent domain is for. 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). Since 2020, 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 100 yrs ago and again this past year. The family and their representation said they were extremely happy with the outcome.

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

I implore you to focus on crime and your own residents.

Lt Col Harding
20 year resident

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Brad Mandas <brad.mandas@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 10:58 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] No City-Sponsored Events At Bruce's Beach Park

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It has already been determined that Bruce's Beach is unsuitable for large gatherings. The city determined this. So it makes no difference to hold a large gathering of any kind, even if it is sponsored and organized by the city. That area of our city is not designed to support the kind of traffic and activity that an event like this would create, which is why I would imagine that the city council approved this special events policy for Bruce's Beach in the first place.

Events like this one place unnecessary operational and financial burdens on the city, which again, is why the special events policy was established.

No third party OR city sponsored events at Bruce's Beach. PERIOD. Stop pretending this exception somehow makes sense. Start using some common sense to serve the people of this community.

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Maureen Denitz <modenitz@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 11:13 AM
To: List - City Council; List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's beach

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Dear City Council

We oppose any large functions at Bruce's beach park or any other park in our beautiful city. Let's not forget our residents who live in close proximity of our parks. This is our town and you must put the residents needs first. Large gatherings bring in crowds, noise and safety issues and once you approve one large gathering then you open the door to other groups wanting the same. The responsibility to keep the Bruce's Beach neighborhood safe and free from excessive noise is in your hands.

Thank you

M Denitz
(36 yrs as a resident)

Sent from my iPhone

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Laura Kiely <laurakiely@verizon.net>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 11:30 AM
To: List - City Council
Cc: City Clerk
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Juneteenth at Bruce's Beach Park

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Dear City Council,
Please sponsor a Juneteenth event at Bruce's Beach Park.

I'm dismayed that a City sponsored family friendly event to honor the end of slavery in America is controversial in my town!

And I'm not buying that the park is too small. I attended an event there in 2021 with live music, food, speakers, and dancers.
It was lovely!

Even better, sponsor this event, then vote to allow Special Event permitting at Bruce's Beach Park, per last year's Park and Rec commission recommendation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best,
Laura Kiely
Manhattan Beach resident since 1994

Sent from my iPhone

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Sally Peel <sallypeel@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 12:38 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Supporting Juneteenth

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Hello esteemed city council,

I missed the window for written comments, but please know that I appreciate your consideration of a Juneteenth celebration or event. It seems appropriate to do it at Bruce's Beach. I understand that there may be minor impacts to the neighboring residents. That's always the case—whether an event is at a park, school, or downtown location—being part of a wonderful community comes with some inconveniences.

An important consideration is that having a Juneteenth event in our community sends message of inclusion to our children and students, including and perhaps especially our minority students. It is the right thing to do.

Thanks for your many efforts,
Sally

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: stan johnson <stanmnca34@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 17, 2023 2:39 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Special Events at Bruce's Beach

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I am against any special events for Bruce's Beach and the parkettes previous identified. This would include any City Sponsored Events. If there is a need to hold such an event it should be at Polliwog Park that has room and parking. If the sponsors of the Bruce's Beach event don't accept Polliwog as an alternative location it says alot about what their real motivation is. The council should not be afraid to say NO.

Stan Johnson 601 17th st.

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: breton lobner <bklobner42@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 17, 2023 1:50 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Use of Bruce's Beach Park for Organized Events

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We are opposed to permitting Bruce's Beach Park to be used for the organized celebration of Juneteenth or, in fact, for use for any organized events. The park is in reality a very small parklette with no amenities for larger organized events. It has no restroom facilities and the existing parking at the site is wholly inadequate to support organized events. What limited parking there is in the immediate area is always completely utilized by those going to the beach and by residents. The area adjacent to the park is a 100% residential neighborhood consisting only of private residences. If the City feels it must sponsor any such organized event, it should use a more suitable location such as Pollywog Park -- an area long-dedicated for such events. Pollywog Park has been the venue for organized concerts for many years.

Should the City decide to amend its use limitations on Bruce's Beach Park, then it will have a difficult time in the future refusing requests for other similar events such as celebrating Independence Day, Labor Day, Earth Day, Martin Luther King Day, Veteran's Day, Memorial Day, or any other significant day. Each of these days is significant to us as Americans. Making an exception for just one event is wrong. Once an exception is permitted, the proverbial door will be opened.

In short, an informed and reasonable person has to conclude after reviewing all the facts that the park is unsuitable for large organized gatherings, whether or not sponsored by the City.

I would be remiss if I did not list the numerous other adverse factors should our little park become an approved forum for this or other similar organized events: excessive traffic, added police services, excessive noise, litter, added crime, amplified music, added city services, additional budget expenses, repeats of past problems experienced with such events, and an absence of sufficient parking facilities.

More than once the City Council has opposed allowing Bruce's Beach Park to be used for organized events. We hope that the City Council once again reaffirms its commitment to not allowing concentrated and organized use of the park.

Bret and Pattie Lobner
Residents of Manhattan Beach

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: nedmomary@aol.com
Sent: Monday, April 17, 2023 1:03 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] bruce's beach

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i cannot put into words how much i strongly oppose this new ordinance to have a celebration at the parkette on 26th st and highland ave. the last event was a disaster to the local residents. this will cause the residents of our town to vilify this present city council which they have earned.

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: jakreager@verizon.net
Sent: Monday, April 17, 2023 12:35 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Oppose City-Sponsored Events at Bruce's Beach Park

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Dear Councilmembers:

I wish to state my concern with our City sponsoring an event at Bruce's Beach Park; or, for that matter at our other two parkettes.

The same reasons for Council's 2018 ban on "outside" sponsored events at these parkettes applies to a City-sponsored event. The 2018 Council action is particularly relevant as I believe 4 of the 5 current Councilmembers were on Council at that time.

Additionally, although not a "sponsored" event, the unfortunate shootings at Dockweiler Beach "spring break" party within the last 10 days show how easily things can get out of hand, as does the "event" at Bruce's last year.

A large crowd at Bruce's will put MBPD in a very tough situation should things become unruly, whether or not it's City-sponsored. Far more downside than upside.

In the specific case of the proposed event for Bruce's, It's just a risk that the City does not need to take at this time, particularly after finally generating some much-needed positive momentum with the payment of compensation and issuance of an apology.

Respectfully,

Jeff Kreager
43-year resident

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: john gevorgiz <gevorgiz@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, April 17, 2023 12:31 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] No City-Sponsored Events At Bruce's Beach Park

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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 Gevorgiz

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Dave Salzman <dave@davesalzman.com>
Sent: Monday, April 17, 2023 12:17 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please say no to any pubic "events" at these very small parks in MB

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Council Persons:

Please do not establish a precedent that will certainly come back to haunt us by allowing any large events of any kind at any of these very small parks in MB.

Thanks in advance for your wise judgement and your service to your fellow citizens.

Dave

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Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Mike Michalski <mike@realestateedge.com>
Sent: Monday, April 17, 2023 11:31 AM
To: List - City Council
Cc: Bruce Moe
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Proposed City-Sponsored Juneteenth Celebration at Bruce's Beach Park

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Dear Council and City Manager Moe:

The City Council has voted **twice** now not to allow outside organizations to obtain permits for special events at Bruce's Beach Park and the 8th Street and Larsson Street parkettes.

I don't think I need to detail for you the wisdom and rational thinking that went into that position. We all know the issues those three venues pose in trying to accommodate large special events - parking, traffic, noise, facilities, etc.

Those same issues that apply for permitted events also pertain to city-sponsored events at those sites. It doesn't matter who is putting on the event, the issues are the same, which is why Bruce's Beach Park is an inappropriate venue for a Juneteenth event.

By contrast, the plaque dedication and, presumably, a future art installation ceremony are qualitatively and quantitatively different events from a bunch of private groups looking to hold a Juneteenth event at Bruce's Beach.

If certain groups are now asking the City for permission to hold a Juneteenth celebration on public property, they can go through the permit process like everyone else and hold the event at any one of several venues that are more accommodating for a special event like that, such as Polliwog Park or Civic Center Plaza.

Finally, I am adamantly opposed to the city paying for this event. If you want to celebrate Juneteenth, do it on your own dime and your own time and don't get the city's residents to pay for it indirectly out of our city's general fund.

Thank you,

Mike Michalski

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Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Kathlene Miglin <kpmiglin@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 17, 2023 11:11 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] No city sponsored events at Bruce's Beach

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I am against city sponsored event at Bruce's Beach. Thank you.

Kathy and Wally miglin

Sent from my iPhone

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Rory OBrien <captainowow@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 17, 2023 11:18 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] No City-Sponsored Events At Bruce's Beach Park

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Absolutely No!

You would be asking the city to recognize that, 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. You can remind Council that 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). We owe nothing more to the Bruces.

Move on.

Rory OBrien

Manhattan Beach

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Shirley Hands <shirleyhands@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, April 17, 2023 11:13 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] No large gatherings

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Please know that as a Manhattan Beach resident we are very concerned about large gatherings at Bruce's Beach. Not enough resources and policing and we don't have the budget for this. Thank you

Sent from my iPhone

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Don Carpenter <don@carpenterconstruction.com>
Sent: Monday, April 17, 2023 11:02 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Parks

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I'm strongly OPPOSED to any person(s) subverting the law.
Enjoy our city, just FOLLOW the rules.

Don Carpenter

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Jay Simpson <dirgraphic@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, April 17, 2023 9:29 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] No City-Sponsored Special Events at Bruce's Beach

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We don't know the potential cost to the city/taxpayers, or the extent of disruption to the area residents and traffic, or how law enforcement would deal with any lawlessness, but some woke Council members apparently want to sponsor a 'Juneteenth' celebration at Bruce's Beach with limited space and facilities rather than at a larger, more suitable location like Polliwog Park or the Civic Center.

Please give preference to the public, not the politics.

Jay Simpson
Manhattan Beach

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Norton, Philip <Phil.Norton@colliers.com>
Sent: Monday, April 17, 2023 9:54 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Don't screw the residents who live near Bruce's Beachfront

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Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Andrew Weir <andy@stroykeproperties.com>
Sent: Monday, April 17, 2023 9:30 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] You have done enough...

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Dear City Council,

You have done enough to bow down and allow the Bruce family's situation to cause an unhealthy division in our City and you kowtow to their every demand - not the least of which is Napolitano taking his last moment as Mayor to single-handedly apologize on behalf of a City that was not lock-step on that decision. You have allowed the family to run roughshod over us, as we cower in the corner, afraid to ruffle any feathers. All of this for the awful mistakes made by a few of our City's forefathers over 100 years ago.

You looked the other way when you allowed the "Blackkkity Beach Festival" to take place in Bruce's park, unpermitted. That was a disaster. Then police chief Abel was AFRAID to site anyone for the obvious reasons. It is rule of law that no special events can be sponsored by outside parties at Bruce's Beach or certain other parkettes in our city.

"The park and the two parkettes are small venues nestled in the middle of residential neighborhoods and are surrounded by private residences. In such a relatively confined space, the noise, particularly if amplified, and the increased traffic plus possible street closures would be a major disturbance for nearby homeowners as well as anyone trying to use the parks. Also, none of these parks have dedicated parking and Bruce's Beach, as a beach access park, already suffers from a severe shortage of available parking just for the beachgoers."

So the workaround??? Have the CITY sponsor an event at Bruce's Beach in conjunction with JUNETEENTH?????? You have done enough. Please stop it. What are you trying to accomplish here? An event like this has all the markings of a mess, that will also cost the city precious funds. When does it end? As council members are you trying to "do the right thing"? This is the wrong thing. Time to move on.

Best,

Andrew W.
Resident

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Judi Alves <judi.alves@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 17, 2023 9:34 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] No City Sponsored Events at Bruce's Beach

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Dear Council members,

I am writing to oppose holding any large gatherings at Bruce's Beach Park. Please do not allow any city sponsored events at this location.

Consideration should be given to the residents who live in the area surrounding the park. It is already a congested space and the park is not large enough to accommodate many people reasonably.

Please hear your constituents concerning this matter.

Regards,

Judi Alves

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Ray Joseph <Ray@rayjoseph.com>
Sent: Monday, April 17, 2023 9:31 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] No Large Events at Bruce's Beach

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Bruce's beach is in the middle of a dense residential neighborhood with no parking for residents. It does not have the restroom or other infrastructure for large events. Highland and Manhattan Ave are the major north south paths for residents to get to Vista Del Mar and between north and downtown Manhattan Beach. There are other venues that are better suited for large events like Polliwog Park, Civic Center, Live Oak Park and so on. The advantage of Civic Center is it would bring more business to downtown.

Thanks,

Ray Joseph
Manhattan Beach CA 90266
310-545-7295
Ray@RayJoseph.com

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: James Harger <jamesnharger@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 17, 2023 10:08 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] No City-Sponsored Events At Bruce's Beach Park

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I can't believe Council is now considering throwing a City sponsored block party at Bruce's Beach in honor of Juneteenth. We've already been down this road and the majority of us said "NO" to large gatherings at 8th Street Park, Larson Park and Bruce's Beach because they are in residential areas with insufficient parking, etc. I don't care if it's City sponsored or private sponsored, the answer is NO!

If the small minority of WOK residents want to sponsor an event elsewhere have them raise the funds. I suspect there will be few that will step up.

Our tax dollars should be prioritized on public safety and city owned infrastructure - please don't stray away from your responsibilities.

Lastly, let's change the name of the park back to 26th Street Park. Bruce's Beach is located on the two lots owned by the County is designated with the plaque I refuse to read.

James Harger
64 year resident

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Barbara Johnson <bjtennisdog@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, April 17, 2023 9:14 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] No to city sponsored events at the grass hill named Bruce's Beach

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Public events at this area are not allowed because of the impact to the area and the residence. It is a small area to travel in, ingress, and egress are limited.

Since it is so congested already, and the need for police enforcement or emergency personnel, and whatever else the city needs to do to have an event there would be very costly

I keep hearing of all the horrible violence in our country where large groups have been targeted. Please don't have a city sanctioned event at this area where they are not permitted for events put on for the public.

Thank you for your service to the citizens of manhattan Beach.

Barbara G Johnson

Sent with blessings from the cloud

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: stephanie mclagan <mcmadr@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 17, 2023 9:08 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] No to city sponsored events

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As a homeowner in this neighborhood I say no to special events. Parking is non existent and to see the aftermath of trash and disregard for the park is sad. There are other areas that have parking, bathrooms and are not right in the middle of a neighborhood. Stephanie Mclagan

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Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Rick Lesser <lizardbrane@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, April 17, 2023 8:41 AM
To: List - City Council; rick lesser
Subject: [EXTERNAL] NnO CITY SPONSORED EVENTS AT BRUCE'S BEACH PARK

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Our family reject the idea of opening Bruce' Beach park to city events, as there is no parking, no facilities, and it is surrounded by close housing, including one of my longtime clients who lived on 27th street directly opposite the park.

If the city wants to hold a June Nineteenth event, Pollywog Park is a much more appropriate venue-

Rick Lesser and family

South End Manhattan Beach

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: John <jbush315@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, April 17, 2023 8:29 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] No City Sponsored Events at Bruce's Beach Park

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Dear Council Members,
Please utilize Pollywog Park if you are to authorize a Juneteenth event in the city.
If you fell compelled to hold such an event, keep it in an area that is compatible for the circumstance.
Thank you,
John Bushman

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Justin Dechant <justindechant@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 17, 2023 7:16 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] No City-Sponsored Events At Bruce's Beach Park

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Hello all,

My name is Justin Dechant and I live on 26th street directly on Bruce's Beach Park. I am completely against city sponsored events at Bruce's Beach Park and have emailed with many of you previously about this. To be honest, I'm surprised this is still an issue being considered. The last time this was addressed at council, an overwhelming number of locals were against this and there has been nothing at the park that has changed.

For the council members in favor, I would appreciate any insight to how this change would benefit any member of the Manhattan Beach community. Bruce's Beach not designed to accommodate large events as there is no parking, restrooms or access for emergency vehicles if the streets are blocked with traffic, not to mention the strain on our public services and the residents quality of life. We have no idea how large of events these could be as well as how much this would cost the city.

There are other parks that have the services that large events are set up for, this is a bad idea and I'm not sure how the city of MB is better off for approving.

I appreciate your time and thank you for being on the city council, I know your job is very challenging.

Justin Dechant

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: DEBAETS <debaets@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, April 17, 2023 6:34 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach

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I am opposed to City sponsored Juneteenth event at Bruce's Beach. The City has made amends and it should end now.
Steve DeBaets

Sent from my iPhone

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Mike King <mking@hgla.com>
Sent: Monday, April 17, 2023 4:26 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach

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Please vote NO on any City-funded events at Bruce's Beach, including the proposed one in June.

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Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Linda Chen <theborg7@me.com>
Sent: Monday, April 17, 2023 3:57 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach

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You guys had literally become gaslighting revisionists with your pearl clutching rewriting history of Bruce's beach by

1. Ignoring the factual application of Eminent Domain
2. Ignoring the fact that Bruces was only 1 out of 20+ families both black AND WHITE
3. Ignoring the fact that Bruces took the govt to court and got their fair market value payout offer doubled and accepted

How much was spent administratively in this circus show to get to the final goal of \$20 million dollar worth of money laundering??? \$100 thousand?? \$200 thousand??? \$300 thousand?? Who is counting when you are spending someone else's money? No one. Talk about reckless fiscal accountability

The cringe worthy self congratulatory ceremony with all the color coordinated outfits and the rounds of apologies to boot.

The money grab and unchecked money spend is not enough. It's never disgustingly enough. The school wants to grab tens of millions in parcel tax. Crime wave is out of control. How quickly amnesia kicks in on last years Juneteenth oooopsy we didn't know about the illegal Blackkkkity event but just so we don't get labeled as racists let's be the best sheeple we can bow to the grifting blm narrative and order the MBPD to stand down so we can do another round of self congratulatory group hugs around the peace pole in the name of social justice inclusivity and ink it as a job well done.

And now you guys want to use tax payer funds to throw another self inflicting virtue signal circus show??? Why not just skip the party and order Pasha to open their doors and put up a 'Reparation Special: Free For All' sign and call it a day?

Wow you guys have clearly lost your minds. I guess the \$20mil kakakaching pay out clearly wasn't enough.

Y'all want to throw the party? Y'all pay for it out of YOUR OWN bank accounts.

Linda

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Judy D'Angelo <judydangelore@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 17, 2023 12:04 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] City sponsored event at Bruce's Beach

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You guys just will not stop. Isn't it enough that you cost the citizens of Manhattan Beach \$20000000 Gave an apology from the entire city for the racists acts which none of us were involved in. Gave us an unfair reputation as a racist city filled with white bigots. You now want to continue this unjust flagellation? I am not a racist. I am not a bigot. But I have had enough. I think most of our residents, if honest, feel the same way. You have done enough spending and apologizing. We have done enough atoning. Please do not sponsor an event at Bruce's Beach Park. Allow residents and visitors to just enjoy the park together. Judy D'Angelo, M.B. Resident for over 50 years.

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Linda Neumeier <lindagary120@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 16, 2023 10:20 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] No organized gatherings at Bruce's Beach

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Please hear the voices of the people in your city. We do not want organized gatherings at Bruce's Beach. We have been suffering from your lack of support for years now. We have had so many studies and meetings and then you do not follow results. We do not need to start this discussion again..... The neighborhood needs to be safe! We need to know you will protect our homes and property. We the people of the city ask you to stop ● organized gatherings on our city.

Linda NEUMEIER
120 25th street
Manhattan Beach

Sent from my iPhone

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Mickey Klinger <klingersrmk@earthlink.net>
Sent: Sunday, April 16, 2023 10:18 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] No City-Sponsored Events At Bruce's Beach Park

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Subject Line: No City-Sponsored Events At Bruce's Beach Park

Subject Matter: You would be asking the city to recognize that, 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. You can remind Council that 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).

I vote NO NO NO NO NO NO NO NO NO NO NO etc.

M Klinger

Manhattan Beach

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Frank Khulusi <fkhulusi@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 16, 2023 10:08 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Utility Undergrounding

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Hello. My name is Frank Khulusi. We own property in the proposed utility undergrounding District 13 and I would like to point out that we have the following concerns:

1. AT&T appears to be adding a new overhead line to the poles on Crest. It seems like this will increase the cost of undergrounding since more infrastructure would need to be removed and will impact the assessment charged to each property owner. Can't the City prevent the utilities from adding new overhead wires?
2. We were informed that the utility design process for an undergrounding District can take up to 2 years to complete. This is very excessive. At this rate we'd all be dead from old age by the time the city undergrounds most areas that should be undergrounded. There has to be something that the City can do to significantly expedite this process. It would be really appreciated if you can do everything you can in this regard.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Frank Khulusi

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Elizabeth Shafer <c.elizabethshafer@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 16, 2023 9:49 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach

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Bruce's Beach is unsuitable for large gatherings sponsored by outside organizations. It would be just as unsuitable for a city-sponsored event. The park is in a HEAVY residential neighborhood adjacent to a main thoroughfare (Highland Avenue), but you morons don't care! When is enough enough?

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 (God help us) event.

Stop trying to poison our community!

C. Elizabeth Shafer

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Joanne Ciancarelli <joanneciancarelli@verizon.net>
Sent: Sunday, April 16, 2023 8:25 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] No City Council sponsored events at Bruce's Beach

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Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Maria Reese <reesefam@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 16, 2023 8:07 PM
To: City Clerk; List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] In Support of Juneteenth Celebration at Bruce's Beach

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Dear Mayor Montgomery and City Councilmembers,

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.

It is great to hear that Staff has heard from several community groups regarding their interest in participating in a Juneteenth celebration. I have the utmost confidence in our City Staff to come up with an event plan and guidelines that can be respectful of surrounding residents, with well-thought plans to ease any parking or traffic concerns. We host many wonderful events in MB without issues. Let's make Juneteenth a beautiful cultural tradition that the City can get behind.

Thank you,
Maria Reese
MB Resident and Parent

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Cynthia STRAND <strands739@verizon.net>
Sent: Sunday, April 16, 2023 7:59 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] No on Bruce's Beach

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Dear Council-

I am writing to encourage you not to allow events at BB park..... that means ANY events. The park is located in a residential neighborhood and it is not equipped for events. The park lacks proper restroom facilities and adequate parking for such events. The impact events would have on that small residential (and very cramped) neighborhood is not fair to those who live there. Not all parks lend themselves to being rented out - please use common sense, think of the residents, and make BB Park a non-event park.

Cyndi Strand
Manhattan Beach

Sent from my iPhone

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Bruce Stafford <mrbrucestafford@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 16, 2023 5:01 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Large events at Bruce's Beach

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Manhattan Beach City Council Members:

As long-time residents of Manhattan Beach we would like to express our strong feelings that there should be NO large events permitted at the Bruce's Beach park. Large events by their very nature are problematic because they are difficult to control, and if not effectively controlled they get out of hand and cause hardships for nearby residents and reflect poorly on the city. We should not subject our police force to such overwhelming events, nor our residents to the resulting chaos and trauma. We respectfully request that you do not allow large events to take place at Bruce's Beach park.

Toni and Bruce Stafford
1804 Pine Ave, MB

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: CityOfManhattanBeach@manhattanbeach.gov on behalf of City of Manhattan Beach
<CityOfManhattanBeach@manhattanbeach.gov>
Sent: Sunday, April 16, 2023 3:24 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: Email contact from City of Manhattan Beach

Message submitted from the <City of Manhattan Beach> website.

Site Visitor Name: Barbara Smaldino
Site Visitor Email: le.melange@verizon.net

I am a forty year resident of Manhattan Beach. I would like to go on the record as NOT SUPPORTING the reinstatement of the Juneteenth celebration at the site of Bruce's Beach.



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Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Gary Senser <gary@botellosenser.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 16, 2023 2:34 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach Juneteenth Permit

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Dear Manhattan Beach City Council,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed permit for a large gathering at Bruce's Beach Park for the upcoming Juneteenth holiday. As a Sand Section resident, I am deeply concerned about the potential negative impacts of such an event on our community.

First and foremost, I would like to remind the council that this issue has been studied and rejected before. Approximately one year ago, the council recognized that Bruce's Beach Park is unsuitable for large gatherings due to a lack of parking, restrooms, and other park amenities. Furthermore, the council identified other park facilities that would be better suited for hosting large groups while explicitly stating that Bruce's Beach Park was not eligible for such permits.

Despite this, it appears that the council is considering reversing its earlier decision and issuing a permit for a large Juneteenth gathering at the park. I strongly urge you to reconsider this decision. Past experience has shown that such events have resulted in numerous violations of park rules, including amplified music, alcohol use, fireworks, and unruly behavior. In addition, parking violations during past Juneteenth gatherings have resulted in a complete blockage of 27th St., making it impossible for emergency vehicles to respond to calls for help from residents in the area.

It is clear that Bruce's Beach Park is not equipped to handle the demands of a large group gathering, and the police have historically struggled to enforce park rules during such events. Allowing a permit for such a gathering would not only put undue strain on the park's resources but would also pose a serious risk to the safety and well-being of nearby residents.

I urge you to revisit your earlier justifications for rejecting the idea of using Bruce's Beach Park for large gatherings and to uphold the council's past standing regarding permits for large groups in this small park. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,



Gary Senser
317 30th Place
Manhattan Beach

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: DOLORES MOLONEY <mbdee@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 16, 2023 12:21 PM
To: List - City Council

Do not allow large gatherings at Bruce's Beach.
It is very unfair to our residents on so many levels.

A 32year resident.

Sent from my iPad

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Christy Miller <christymil@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 16, 2023 11:12 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Juneteenth celebration at Bruce's Beach

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Dear City Council Members,

We live at 229 27th Street Manhattan Beach directly across the street from Bruce's Beach. We oppose the idea of a Juneteenth celebration in this small neighborhood park.

Just a little over a year ago, the City Council voted against no large groups at Bruce's beach and the two small parkettes. Bruce's Beach Park is in a residential neighborhood with very limited parking, with no bathroom facilities restrooms . The venue is small, the terrain is hilly and steep. These past three years have seen a lot of visitors to the park. The noise, the illegal parking, loud music, excessive alcohol, urinating and defecating, garbage left in park, overflowing trash bins have been escalating as the interest in the park has increased. The cruising of visitors driving their vehicles with the pounding of loud music is also an annoyance. I have called the MBPD numerous time to ticket cars parked illegally on the north side of the park. The patrons move their cars and 5 minutes later (after the police have left), they park there again. I don't feel the MBPD does enough to enforce the illegal behaviors. The city had the Special Event people monitoring the parking lot below Bruces Beach Park last summer.

Numerous times I asked them to address issues in the park and they did nothing. Additionally, The city has given various permits to allow Sound Baths at Bruce's Beach (according to her). There are usually 3-8 customers for a few hours on the weekends. The drum pounding and high pitch instrument (like wetting your finger on a thin wine glass to make high pitch noise) are so irritating!

Sorry to complain so much, but I don't think you realize what happens when a gathering at Bruce's Beach is permitted. A city sponsored event in this park goes against everything the Council voted for.. It was for good reason that Bruce's Beach Park is not appropriate for large gatherings..city sponsored or not.

Thank you for your consideration!

Christy and Doug Miller
229 27th Street
Manhattan Beach

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: LAWRENCE CIMMARUSTI <kingroma@aol.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 15, 2023 6:47 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposing the Juneteenth event

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We, the residents of 2700 the Strand are opposing the reinstatement of Juneteenth Event at Bruce's Beach Park. The park is situated among private homes where the residents have enough problems with parking, traffic, beachgoers, loud music the smell of pot in the air. We can go on and on and on.

PLEASE DON'T ALLOW THIS TO HAPPEN!

Sent from my iPad

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: lmclanathan@gmail.com
Sent: Saturday, April 15, 2023 4:05 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Permits for Large Gatherings at Bruces Beach Park

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To: Manhattan Beach City Council

It is my understanding that the MB City Council is considering a issuing permit for a large gathering at Bruce's Beach Park for the upcoming Juneteenth holiday. As a resident living on the perimeter of Bruce's Beach ark I am strongly opposed to any permits being issued to any organizations for large gatherings at Bruce's Beach Park for a number of reasons. First, the permitting of Bruce's Beach Park for large group gatherings and parties was studied and rejected by the council about a year ago because the park was considered unsuitable for large gatherings due to lack of parking, lack of restroom facilities, and violation of other park rules. At that time the council identified city park facilities that would or would not be suitable for large group permits.

Past experience of these large gathering at BB Park has resulted in blatant violation of the park rules regarding amplified music, alcohol use, fireworks, and rowdy behavior as well as parking regulations surrounding the park. In past gatherings, the MB Police have ignored parking violations that resulted in the complete blockage of 27th St. making it impossible for emergency vehicles to respond to calls for help from residents in the area. The police have also refused to enforce the park rules, perhaps to avoid escalating a violent situation. Given that the police understandably, want to avoid confrontation, it just seems unwise to issue a permit that will likely result in all of the above mentioned violations.

The issuance of a permit for this group makes it impossible to refuse permits for other large groups in the future. This completely reverses the past council stand regarding permits for large groups in this park.

I think we have to go back to the earlier justifications that the council found to reject the idea of using this park for permitted large gatherings.

Sincerely,

Loren McClanathan

2700 Manhattan Ave

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Ann McClanathan <annmclanathan@me.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 15, 2023 3:12 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Juneteenth party proposal

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I have lived in my home on 27th street adjacent to Bruce's Beach Park since 1981. I am strongly opposed to allowing a Juneteenth celebration in the park this year. It was decided for very good reasons that this park is not appropriate for large gatherings. I have witnessed the negative impact of such gatherings in the past....loud music, excessive drinking of alcohol, overflowing trash bins and garbage left in the park, but most concerning, the illegal parking which would impede the progress of any emergency vehicle. Despite all of these actions being deemed illegal in the park, the police choose not to enforce them . I was told by the police when I called with complaints that their goal was simply "containment".

Given that the police are intimidated by the potential of escalation of these large gatherings, why would you allow them? You will establish a precedent which will make it impossible to deny the next group that wants to gather.

Please uphold the ruling that pocket parks are not appropriate for large gatherings.

Thank you for your consideration

Ann McClanathan
2700 Manhattan Ave, M B

Sent from my iPad

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Ellen <ekane52@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 15, 2023 2:38 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Events held in Bruce's Beach Park

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Subject: Events held in Bruce's Beach Park

Dear City Council,

It was voted on and approved that Bruce's Beach Park is not suitable for large events. There are no facilities to support a large group. Please do not support, let alone sponsor, Juneteenth or any other holiday, i.e. St. Patrick's Day, Cinco de Mayo.

Thank you!

Respectfully,

Ellen Kane

Manhattan Ave

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Frances Chape <franceschape@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 15, 2023 1:18 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] No to large events at Bruce's beach

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Definitely no to large events at Bruce's Beach. Keep with the original program.

Sent from my iPad

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Steve Natole <steve.natole@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 15, 2023 1:14 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] No Large Events At Bruce's Beach

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I am opposed to large events at Bruce's Beach. It's already a parking, trash and noise challenge. Then space cannot accommodate large crowds. There are other parks and spaces in the area that would be more than acceptable, Bruce's Beach is not one of them.

Thank you,
Steve Natole
30th Place Resident
Manhattan

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Bruce Moe
Sent: Saturday, April 15, 2023 12:40 PM
To: Lyn Fisher
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Fw: Juneteenth at. Bruce's Beach

BCC:CC

Hi Lyn,

Thanks for your feedback. Council will discuss it on Tuesday night.

Sponsoring means that the City would pay for the event.

Thanks,

Bruce

From: Lyn Fisher <fisher6188@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, April 14, 2023 11:09 PM
To: List - City Council <CityCouncil@manhattanbeach.gov>; Bruce Moe <bmoe@manhattanbeach.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fw: Juneteenth at. Bruce's Beach

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And, BTW, what does sponsored mean? Allowed or paid for?

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From: "Lyn Fisher" <fisher6188@aol.com>
To: "citycouncil@citymb.info" <citycouncil@citymb.info>, "Bruce Moe" <bmoe@citymb.info>
Cc:

Sent: Fri, Apr 14, 2023 at 10:59 PM

Subject: Juneteenth at. Bruce's Beach

Are you all mad? I live a few blocks from there and I remember last year. Loud music, parking issues, alcohol. I had a dinner party to attend last year at that time and I was afraid to leave my home to go.

Please don't allow it.

Lyn Fisher

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From: William Arledge <wdarledge@aol.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 15, 2023 11:59 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce Beach

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There have recently been significant major amends made surrounding Bruce Beach including return of property and a formal apology from our City for its actions a hundred years ago which should bring some closure for all parties including the City of Manhattan Beach.

Please do not somehow connect these actions to the start a City sponsored annual celebration in a relatively small park in a residential area marking the end of slavery in the United States. The Park with its new Historical Plaque is obviously open to any Individuals who wish to visit it at any time.

William Arledge
50 year resident

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: ben@doublegun.com
Sent: Saturday, April 15, 2023 11:42 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's Beach

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It is undesirable to have events at Bruce's Beach. Its counter to the desires of the residents. You should try to make that as low a profile site as possible.

Thanks

Dr. Ben Loving

Dr. Loving

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Ellie Heffernan <esh7@verizon.net>
Sent: Saturday, April 15, 2023 11:36 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Events at Parks

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Subject: Events at Parks

Hello MB council members

THANKS FOR HEARING US WHO VOTED YOU IN. THEREFORE,

WE STRONGLY VOTE **NOT TO HAVE PUBLIC OR PRIVATE EVENTS AT OUR PARKS.**
AS RESIDENTS AND **TAX PAYING** ONES WE DESERVE TO HAVE OUR SAY COUNT IN
WHAT OUR CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS CAN OFFER AS OUR REPRESENTATIVES--- THAT BEING YOU, COUNCIL
MEMBERS.

OUR ONCE PEACEFUL INCLUSIVE CITY OF ALL PEOPLE HAS BEEN TORN APART FAR TOO LONG
BY RADICALS BEGINNING WITH BRUCE'S BEACH WHO ARE OPPORTUNISTS AND GREEDY FOR
FAST MONEY. YOU SEE HOW IT GOES - CAVE IN FOR ONE POINT AND THE GRAB AND RUN NEVER STOPS.

OUR PARKS, YES, OUR PARKS, ARE FOR OUR FAMILIES FOR RELAXATION AND ENJOYMENT NOT FOR
ABUSIVEMENT TO OUR **TAX PAYING** RESIDENT NEIGHBORS OF THE PARKS.

THE CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS SHOULD NOT FAVOR ONE SKIN COLOR OVER ANOTHER ABOUT
EVENTS OR ANYTHING ELSE.

PLEASE RECALL THAT THE LAST CHIEF OF POLICE STOOD BY WHILE THE GANG AT BRUCE'S BEACH HAD A
HELL OF A TIME AND RUINED THE NEIGHBORS OF THE PARK'S PROPERTY AND PEACE AND FEW
RECOVERED.

ESH

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Michael Vermesh <mvermeshus@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 15, 2023 11:26 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Large events at Bruce Park

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I am a resident of Manhattan Beach and I object to large events at Bruce Park

Michael Vermesh, M.D.
President

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Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: deborah parks <sunnyflyer66@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 15, 2023 10:58 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] No to large events

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Hello. Please register my concern about large events being held at Bruce's Beach in the future. We are already dealing with so much more traffic downtown all the time, noise levels increasing and large gatherings bringing trouble (Dockweiler beach and El Porto Lot). Please help us hold onto some sense of peace, quiet and a safe neighborhood where we don't have to worry about large crowds and excess noise. There are only so many small, safe, wonderful things about our city left.

We need our City Council to be brave enough to speak for our residents and try to uphold our wishes.

Thank You,

Deborah Parks

609 Marine Avenue

Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Tim Thomas <trthomas@verizon.net>
Sent: Saturday, April 15, 2023 9:09 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Juneteenth Event at Bruce's Beach Park?

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Council,

Some organization I've never heard of sent an email today about the above subject to be considered at your April 18 meeting. How they obtained my email is a mystery to me, but I digress.

We live in the 300 block of 28th. We have been there forty seven years. Because there are still some under built properties below us, we can see the south side of the park from our kitchen windows. That means that we, and our neighbors, will hear amplified sound emanating from any such event. The acoustics profile associated with the upslope above Highland guarantees that will occur. So, should the Council decide to move forward with this proposal, please DO NOT allow amplified sound at the event. And please be sure that Parking Enforcement is available to remedy immediately any code violations that may occur in the surrounding streets. I am in my late 70s now, and several of my neighbors are older. We never know when we will need help, only that we will.

My personal view is that such an event is just virtue signaling. The County has paid the Bruce Family, and put up their plaque. The City has now redone its plaque, and authorized some nice landscaping to accompany same. The City has apologized.

But others may differ.

Tim Thomas

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: LARRY LEVINE <manbchstud@aol.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 15, 2023 8:47 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Juneteenth

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As a nearby resident, I am not in favor of the city hosting a Juneteenth celebration at Bruce's Beach Park for all the reasons Staff has mentioned. (Noise, parking, etc.). Although I support the meaning behind the celebration, it should not be hosted in a residential area. I believe it would be better suited for a larger venue such as Polliwog Park.

Regards

Larry Levine

Sent from my iPhone7, which is probably why things are misspelled.

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Gary Neumeier <gary.n4646@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 15, 2023 7:36 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bruce's beach

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I think it is inappropriate to have large events at Bruce's Beach

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Jerry McPherson <jmcpherson13@verizon.net>
Sent: Saturday, April 15, 2023 7:32 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] No Large Events @ neighborhood parks including Bruce's Beach

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Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Lyn Fisher <fisher6188@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, April 14, 2023 11:09 PM
To: List - City Council; Bruce Moe
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fw: Juneteenth at. Bruce's Beach

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And, BTW, what does sponsored mean? Allowed or paid for?

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From: "Lyn Fisher" <fisher6188@aol.com>
To: "citycouncil@citymb.info" <citycouncil@citymb.info>, "Bruce Moe" <bmoe@citymb.info>
Sent: Fri, Apr 14, 2023 at 10:59 PM
Subject: Juneteenth at. Bruce's Beach

Are you all mad? I live a few blocks from there and I remember last year. Loud music, parking issues, alcohol. I had a dinner party to attend last year at that time and I was afraid to leave my home to go.

Please don't allow it.

Lyn Fisher

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Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Lyn Fisher <fisher6188@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, April 14, 2023 11:00 PM
To: List - City Council; Bruce Moe
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Juneteenth at. Bruce's Beach

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Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Nicole Brozost <nicolebrozost@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 14, 2023 5:17 PM
To: List - City Council; City Clerk
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Juneteenth Celebration at Bruce's Beach

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Dear Mayor Montgomery and City Councilmembers,

I am writing to you in support of the City sponsoring a Juneteenth Celebration at Bruce's Beach. I have heard great things about how it was done in 2021, and would love to be able to attend it this year. As we know, Bruce's Beach has cultural and historical significance for Manhattan Beach, and I feel it is important that we honor that with a City-sponsored event.

I am sure it could be done in a way that would be respectful of surrounding residents, with plans in place to ease any parking or traffic concerns. Manhattan Beach is able to handle many other well attended events each year. It would be wonderful to make Juneteenth a meaningful cultural tradition that the City and our residents can support and enjoy.

Thank you,
Nicole Brozost
MB Resident

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Diana Skaar <dianaskaar@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 14, 2023 1:16 PM
To: List - City Council; City Clerk
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for a City-sponsored Juneteenth Celebration

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Dear Mayor Montgomery and City Councilmembers,

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.

It is great to hear that Staff has heard from several community groups regarding their interest in participating in a Juneteenth celebration. I have the utmost confidence in our City Staff to come up with an event plan and guidelines that can be respectful of surrounding residents, with well-thought plans to ease any parking or traffic concerns. We host many wonderful events in MB without issues. Let's make Juneteenth a beautiful cultural tradition that the City can get behind.

Thank you,
Diana Skaar
MB Resident and Parent

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: TERRY WATSON <slaysman@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 13, 2023 7:41 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] City Sponsored Juneteenth Celebration? NO!

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No reason to do this! Bruce's Beach is a resolved issued. The family got their land back, then sold it back to LA County.

No need to pander to a special interest group. Didn't the CC vote last year to not have special events at Bruce's Beach?

Terry Watson