City Council Regular Meeting - November 21, 2023

Meeting Time: 11-21-23 18:00

eComments Report

Meetings	Meeting Time	Agenda Items	Comments	Support	Oppose	Neutral
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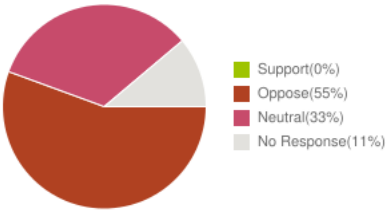

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Agenda Name	Comments	Support	Oppose	Neutral
G. PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 MINUTES PER PERSON)	1	0	0	1
8. 23-0478 Consideration of a Resolution Approving Amendment No. 5 for a Three-Year Extension of the Agreement with Granicus for Civic Engagement Services for a Not-to-Exceed Amount of $566,707 (Information Technology Director Guardado and City Clerk Tamura). ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 23-0157	1	0	1	0
10. 23-0518 Consideration of Adopting Resolution No. 23-0158 to Modify the Storm Drain Measure Ballot Question on Resolution No. 23-0149 (Finance Director Charelian). (Estimated Time: 20 Mins.) ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 23-0158	1	0	0	1
12. 23-0489 Consideration of the Cultural Arts Commission Recommendations for Mural Artwork at the Manhattan Beach Art Center and Police/Fire Locations and Costs, Selection of Final Artwork Design at Manhattan Heights Complex and Disbursement of up to $105,000 from the Public Art Trust Fund (Parks and Recreation Director Leyman). (Estimated Time: 30 Mins.) A) APPROVE ARTISTS, LOCATIONS, AND COST B) DISBURSE FUNDS	5	0	4	0
17. 23-0520 Consideration of a Request by Councilmember Napolitano and Councilmember Howorth to Discuss Objective Development Standards for Housing (City Manager Moe). DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION	1	0	0	1

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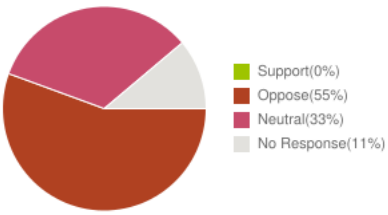

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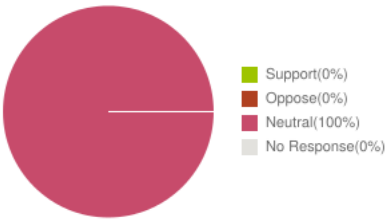

Brandee Keith
Location:
Submitted At: 1:48pm 11-17-23

Nominations are Now Open for the 34th Annual Clean Air Awards

For over three decades, South Coast AQMD has honored those across the region who have helped to improve the air we breathe. In April 2024, we will host the 34th Annual Clean Air Awards Event: Inspiring an Equitable Clean Air Future. These prestigious awards will recognize achievements in the following categories:

S. Roy Wilson Award for Leadership in Government
Robert M. Zweig, M.D., Memorial Award
Dr. William A. Burke Award for Leadership in Environmental Justice
John J. and Ben J. Benoit Award for Innovative Clean Air Technology
Leadership in Air Quality
Youth Leadership in Air Quality

Nominations are Now Open!
Apply online at www.aqmd.gov/clean-air-awards/nominations! Applications accepted until January 19, 2024.

More event details for the 34th Annual Clean Air Awards coming soon!

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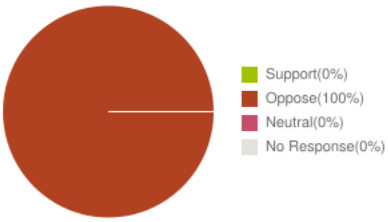

Gary Osterhout
Location:
Submitted At: 5:29pm 11-20-23

This is an incredible expenditure with little cost-effectiveness analysis. Would be helpful to put a few stats or accountability points (or even competitor information). Clearly there is no much activity in respect to this: "Citizen Participation to involve the community in the legislative process and collect civic input via the online tools SpeakUp and eComment." And clearly the aspect of providing Closed Captions for live meetings and transcription for archival purposes" is so poor as to be relatively useless.

Agenda Item: eComments for 10. 23-0518
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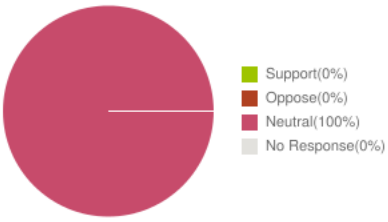

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Location:
Submitted At: 5:43pm 11-20-23

Interesting that most of this staff report is on the impacts to the General Fund, yet the GF isn't mentioned at all in the ballot question. The City's info on this topic has been weak. One would expect a dialog on Prop 2018 and the Prop 13 dodge attempt that prompted this fee. Or that the "increase in costs" over time has been because of huge indirect staff salaries and new programs that was never intended to fund when first created. Put up a website page populated with all related staff reports, and the historical spending components by year (you so shy away from street sweeping). Tell us what you are going to do with the freed-up money. Quit suggesting that this "might" cause a reduction in safety or storm water maintenance--or that one of the first things you would do with less funding is not keep up our parks. Be honest and objective and once again recall that your responsibility is as much to the voters as it is for City Hall Staff.

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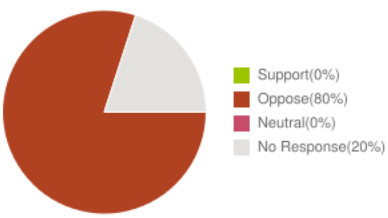

Doug Adam
Location:
Submitted At: 11:48am 11-21-23

I like the Tanaka piece submitted for the MBAC wall, but I think others have a point. The wall is not prominently displayed and I'm not sure how many people will really see this artwork. Very heavy car traffic, but not a lot of people walk by this area I am against a mural on the fire department wall. Just because we have a wall does not mean we have to put a mural on it, and if a mural would be placed there, I think the mural should be more clearly representative of Manhattan Beach.

Timothy Grandier
Location:
Submitted At: 1:03am 11-21-23

A mural at the MBAC wall is a terrible location. The wall is recessed from the street, barely visible, hidden behind trees. Nobody will even see this mural. $20,000 down the drain. Another location should be considered where there is more foot traffic. I object to a mural at the fire department wall. A mural here looks tacky and its proximity to the 9/11 memorial makes me feel uneasy. Moreover, the shark mural is unquestionably the most ridiculous. A great white shark on the side of a fire department wall? How does this make sense? Also, $85,000 for a single mural? City council already agreed to pay $100,000!!!! to an artist to paint some birds on building adjacent to the pier! $100,000 of tax payer dollars for birds. Wow. Surely we can find 3 more locations around Manhattan Beach and pay three artists each $20,000 for murals at more appropriate locations.

Gary Osterhout
Location:
Submitted At: 5:59pm 11-20-23

For the Police/Fire proposal, first you don't need to use the entire wall. Next, whoever suggested an aggressive shark on a police/fire building should be removed from all future processes--might as well put a patrolman's hat on the shark. If you feel you have to choose one of these, I'd go with the safety personnel one, but a much smaller mural. Definitely not palm trees. However, in respect to murals as a whole, I tend to prefer the more low-key examples provided by the company (Urban Land Institute?) that did the downtown consulting and identified this potential in the first place.

Jack Horner
Location:
Submitted At: 11:46pm 11-19-23

I have been an MB resident of Manhattan Beach for 15 years. I happily welcome murals to this city. That said, I am against installing murals at the Manhattan Beach Art Center and the Fire Department wall. The MBAC wall is hidden, obstructed by trees. It is not immediately visible to the public and there is essentially no foot traffic along this area. Allocating $20,000 for this mural is a waste of money. Regarding the Fire Department wall, I am not against placing a mural here, but I do not like any of the proposals and none of them relates to Manhattan Beach in any way. Moreover, most are completely unremarkable and don’t represent $85,000 worth of value. The only proposal that is memorable is the shark, and I am most vehemently against this one. It makes zero sense being here and is out of place. Manhattan Beach is not known for sharks, and we shouldn’t be! Either no mural at this location or find new proposals.

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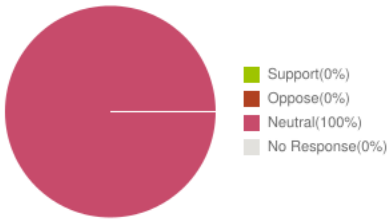

Gary Osterhout
Location:
Submitted At: 6:04pm 11-20-23

I think these "consideration of request" items could be fleshed out a bit more without disturbing the brown act. If these standards are "Development standards for development, including the height of buildings, the number of units allowed per parcel, the distance between buildings and adjacent properties, the amount of open space needed on a site, parking requirements, building design standards, and more," then why not say so and let non-council participants at least have a say in the matter. I believe a brown act principle is that agenda items should be sufficiently detailed such that a member of the public could understand the topic and cogently provide input and feedback.