

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Kanne Chip <chipkanne@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 16, 2024 8:11 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: No Paved Path on Our Sand Dune Park Grass Field

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A neighbor sent this to me and I thought I would share it with you all. It's a picture of the south lawn today this afternoon. If you zoom in, there are three different groups using the space.

- a group of kids playing football on their own
- a dad playing soccer with his two daughters
- another family having a picnic.

And this is just one moment, I'm sure many others utilized the lawn throughout the day.

As parents we are and will be increasingly challenged to get our kids off screens, get outside and socialize. This park as you see provides space for healthy activities for our neighborhood kids.

It also shows that the park is often used for two games. One on each end, the areas which the path are planned to go directly through.

Sorry for another email, but if you aren't at the park often, I thought this picture captured what you would consistently see.

There is literally not another space like this in the area.



On Sat, Sep 14, 2024 at 11:56 AM Kanne Chip <chipkanne@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi MB City Council,

I am writing to urge you to not put pavement down on our beloved grass at Sand Dune park . The entire neighborhood uses it to picnic, play kick ball, play tag and a variety of other activities with our friends and families. It is not a thoroughfare, it's part of our community and why we love it here. We do not need more concrete, especially in our parks. Coming from somebody who plays kickball, soccer, football, wiffle ball, tag, with my neighbors and their kids in this grass field, there is not enough room for a cement path. You will destroy the park. It will become a path with grass by it. I beg you not to destroy it.

Please REMOVE the bike path from Sand Dune Park improvements laid out in Agenda item #12 of the P&R presentation. Please!

Your Neighbors,

Charles, Nicole, Hunter & Jade Kanne

Home Owners of:

561 33rd Street Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Sunni Won <sunni@sohappy.net>
Sent: Monday, September 16, 2024 6:05 PM
To: List - City Council
Cc: Sunni Won
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Sidewalk Through the Middle of the Greenbelt at Sand Dune park

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Hello Mayor Joe Franklin and Council Members,

We have lived on the corner of Bell and 31st Street for 26 years and have seen families and individuals enjoy the greenbelt for recreation, exercise, and as a peaceful retreat. This open space, along with Sand Dune Park, is home to rare bird species and provides essential habitat for them. Installing a sidewalk in the middle of the greenbelt would not only disturb its natural beauty but also harm this delicate ecosystem.

The greenbelt is not just a space but a hub of community activities. Its simplicity is part of its charm, offering a safe, unstructured space where children learn to play soccer and football and people of all ages relax on the grass. Nannies and parents often have picnics here, allowing toddlers to run around and explore safely. A sidewalk could disrupt these community activities, encouraging skateboarders and e-bikes, creating safety risks, and disrupting the peaceful environment.

I would like you to reconsider this decision and help protect the greenbelt for future generations.

Thank you for your time.

Sunni Won
553 31st Street
310-951-6001

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Bogoyevac, Steve <Steve.Bogoyevac@marcusmillichap.com>
Sent: Monday, September 16, 2024 6:02 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Sand Dune Park Renovation Bike Path

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To whom it may concern;

This email is to express my opposition to the proposed bike path. It appears that the plan has the path running right through the middle of the field along with lighting which essentially makes the field unusable for many of the current uses that so many of us enjoy for our children. I am definitely in favor of a bike/walking path on one side or the other of the field as we walk that route every morning to school and a nice path would be much better than the wet grass in the morning but to build the path right down the middle really takes away from the open space to play. The open space to play for our kids seems to much better utilized than a thoroughfare.

Sincerely, concerned Neighbor at:

598 33rd Street

Steve "Bogie" Bogoyevac

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From: Melissa Graf <mgraf1@mac.com>
Sent: Monday, September 16, 2024 5:33 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Sidewalk Through Greenbelt

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Hello Mayor Joe Franklin and Council Members:

Please DO NOT approve a sidewalk through the middle of the greenbelt near Sand Dune Park. As a resident and homeowner living on the 500 block of 31st Street we are aware of the value of the greenbelt to all who enjoy the peace and greenery it provides.

It's a gathering place for families for sports, picnics, exercise and pets. Having grass in a community is important and putting a sidewalk through it would make it too narrow to use for current activities and potentially ruin the grass/trees.

This park has been a gem of the tree section for decades. Please do not ruin it for current and future individuals and families.

Best,
Melissa Graf
566 31st Stret

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Loralie Ogden <logden456@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 16, 2024 3:25 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Paved bike path in Sand Dune Park

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Greetings,

As someone who lives adjacent to Sand Dune Park, any "upgrades and gentrifications" there only attract more activity in what is meant to be a small neighborhood park. When we finally fenced off the sand dune, we got our neighborhood back (mostly). We have park "rangers" who police the stairs and ramps to keep exerciser traffic down. We have enough problems with e-bikes that we do not need to create another attraction. Importantly to me is the lack of green space on the north end of town. Carving out a bike path reduces it further. Less green space and more attractive nuisance is not a recipe for quiet living.

Bikes can travel one block east on Blanche! Preserve our scarce green space.

I urge you to vote against the bike path in Sand Dune Park green belt..

Loralie Ogden and Dexter Taylor
456 32nd Street

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: KAREN ARENSDORF <mbbarn@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, September 16, 2024 2:25 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Proposed Sidewalk through Sand Dune Greenbelt

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Hello Mayor Joe Franklin and Council Members,

PLEASE DO NOT APPROVE A SIDEWALK THROUGH THE MIDDLE OF THE GREENBELT!

My family and I live 2 houses in from the greenbelt on 30th Street. We have lived there for 19 years and I am in that park almost everyday walking my dog and walked my kids to Grand View Elementary for 11 years. My kids as well as thousands of other kids have used that park to play soccer, volleyball, football and many other sports. People picnic, workout, bird watch, and simply walk, run or bike through that small gem of a park. My neighbors and I cheer on the runners during the Hometown Fair 10k run.

Because of my knowledge of how this park is used, I know that putting in a cement pathway is a terrible, impractical thing to do. This park is small already so why would anyone want to reduce the grass area by adding ugly concrete? Besides being ugly, I can only imagine a child running to catch a football and falling on his/her head on that concrete.

The Sand Dune park greenbelt is perfect the way it is and has been for at least the 19 years I have lived on 30th st.
PLEASE DONT MAKE CHANGES TO OUR BEAUTIFUL PARK!!!

Karen Arensdorf
562 30th St
Manhattan Beach

Sent from my iPhone

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Laurie Patrick <lulu8beach@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 16, 2024 2:02 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Agenda #12: Sand Dune Park changes

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Dear Council members,

We oppose the addition of a cement pathway and pole lighting on the greenbelt adjacent to Sand Dune Park.

There is no good reason to add bicycle traffic through the grassy area. Small children and families use the greenbelt daily & evenings for playing and having picnics. The neighborhood gathers there with small chairs to hold gatherings & potlucks.

This would be quite unsafe, to encourage bike riding, ebikes or skateboards to speed through or do tricks where small children play.

Sincerely,
Laurie and Jay Patrick
584 31st ST

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Jeffery Streader <jeff.streader@goglobalretail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 16, 2024 2:02 PM
To: List - City Council
Cc: Jeffery Streader; Stephanie Streader
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Concerns Regarding San Dune Park Proposal
Attachments: PastedGraphic-6.tiff

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Dear Manhattan Beach City Council,

It has been my pleasure to call Manhattan Beach home since 2008. We are fortunate to be part of such a special and vibrant community.

As residents of the 600 block of 31st Street, my family and I frequently enjoy the space and amenities at San Dune Park. However, I have concerns regarding the recent proposal to modify the park's layout and intended use, particularly in light of the many young families and children who regularly utilize this area.

I respectfully urge the Council to either remove this project from the upcoming Tuesday agenda or reconsider the current proposal in favor of a design that prioritizes safety.

My concern is that the introduction of high-speed vehicle traffic, especially eBikes, could present unnecessary risks and potentially expose the city to liability due to injuries.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Jeffery Streader
659 31st Street
Manhattan Beach

Jeff Streader, Managing Partner
Go Global Retail
Mobile: +1.615.481.6309

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Scott Leslie <scl206@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 15, 2024 10:11 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] South lawn at sand Dune park

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Dear council,

My name is Scott Leslie, I live at 617 31st street. I'm writing regarding the bike path plan for the South Lawn at Sand Dune Park.

My wife and I have 3 kids, ages 7, 3 and 9 months. We love Manhattan beach, the density of it makes it feel magical to us and the kids because they are so close to many of their friends who live nearby. But density and small lot sizes also mean most people don't have any large outdoor spaces for play in their own homes. We chose to live close to that park because we can quickly take our kids to meet their friends to play baseball, soccer, or just run around. We'd love to see a solution that preserves that open space, rather than having a bike path constructed through it.

Thank you so much for your consideration, and happy to answer any questions you may have as a follow up.

Scott Leslie

Sent from my iPhone

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Samir Shahin <samirshahinmd@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 15, 2024 10:11 PM
To: Raj Mehrotra; Mark Leyman; Linda M. Robb
Cc: List - City Council; Shivani Mehrotra
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: PLEASE DO NOT approve bike path/sidewalk through Greenbelt

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Hello, City Council Members:

I would like to applaud Mr. Raj and Ms. Shivani Mehrotra's persuasive letter.

The proposed paving of the Green Belt Park must not happen.

Sincerely,

Samir Shahin
568 30th Street
Manhattan Beach
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To refresh your memory, I wrote the following letter disapproving of the paving plan on March 15, 2024
Hello Commission members,

I live at 568 30th street, our family has been here for 20 years. We are 4 houses up from the grass strip. Last week your Commission entertained a proposal to put in a cement bike or pedestrian path along the west edge of the grass park.

<https://www.thembnews.com/2024/03/12/484062/residents-ponder-sand-dune-park-options>

This small grass park has been used as a play yard and sports practice area for families in the neighborhood. There is no other grassy area around. However there are several concrete paths throughout the city.

Putting a concrete walkway would narrow the already narrow strip, and children aren't good at staying off paths next to play areas, so there is a hazard for bikes to zip through amid children playing and focussed on the ball instead of bike and pedestrian traffic. This would interfere with our quiet enjoyment of the park.

Please do not move forward with putting in a cement path. It would be a hazard for the children who have no other place nearby to play within the neighborhood. We should look to expand grass areas and parks, not pave over them further.

Sincerely,

Samir Shahin
568 30th Street
Manhattan Beach

On Sun, Sep 15, 2024 at 9:03 PM Raj Mehrotra <raj.mehrotra@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Mayor Franklin and Council Members,

I am writing to express my concern regarding the proposed construction of a sidewalk and bike path within the Green Belt area. While I understand the intent to improve accessibility and promote alternative modes of transportation, I believe that such development would have a negative impact on one of the most cherished natural spaces in our community.

The Green Belt is a unique, tranquil space that serves as a refuge for both residents and wildlife. It provides a much-needed break from the urban environment, offering a place for peaceful walks, jogging, and relaxation in a natural setting. The introduction of a paved sidewalk and bike path would not only disrupt this serenity but also result in the loss of green space and negatively affect the ecosystem. Trees, plants, and wildlife that call the Green Belt home could be displaced or damaged during construction and ongoing use. Furthermore, the Green Belt has long been valued for its passive recreational use. It is a space where residents can enjoy nature without the distractions of fast-moving traffic, whether pedestrian or cyclist. The addition of a bike path could create conflicts between different users, potentially compromising the safety of walkers, joggers, and families with children who currently use the space.

Manhattan Beach already has a robust network of sidewalks and bike lanes that cater to the needs of pedestrians and cyclists. There are other, less invasive ways to encourage biking and walking in the community without compromising the integrity of the Green Belt. I urge the council to preserve this cherished green space in its current form and not approve any plans to introduce a sidewalk or bike path through the area. By doing so, you will be protecting an essential part of our city's natural heritage and ensuring that future generations can continue to enjoy its peace and beauty.

Thank you for considering our concerns. I hope the City Council will take into account the value that the Green Belt provides to the community in its current, undeveloped state.

Sincerely,

Raj & Shivani Mehrotra
559 31st ST

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Raj Mehrotra <raj.mehrotra@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 15, 2024 9:03 PM
To: List - City Council
Cc: Shivani Mehrotra
Subject: [EXTERNAL] PLEASE DO NOT approve bike path/sidewalk through Greenbelt

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Sincerely,

Raj & Shivani Mehrotra
559 31st ST

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Lucas Erwin <lucasjerwin@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 15, 2024 8:58 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Bike Path in Sand Dune Park Renovation (Agenda Item #12)

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Dear City Council Members,

My name is Lucas, husband and father of 2 young girls residing at 579 33rd Street. I am writing to express my real concern regarding the planned bike path in the Sand Dune Park Renovation as outlined in Agenda Item #12.

My family and I frequently use the open grass field to walk to school, play soccer, football, and other activities that promote outdoor play and exercise. Adding a paved bike path in this space would significantly reduce the available area for these activities.

There are limited open fields within walking or biking distance for kids to play freely, and the current proposal seems to prioritize a thoroughfare over preserving valuable green space. I believe we need to keep areas like Sand Dune Park as open and accessible as possible for active recreation, rather than adding more concrete.

I urge to you reconsider the placement of the bike path and remove it from the final plan. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Lucas Erwin
579 33rd Street

Sent from Gmail Mobile

Martha Alvarez, MMC

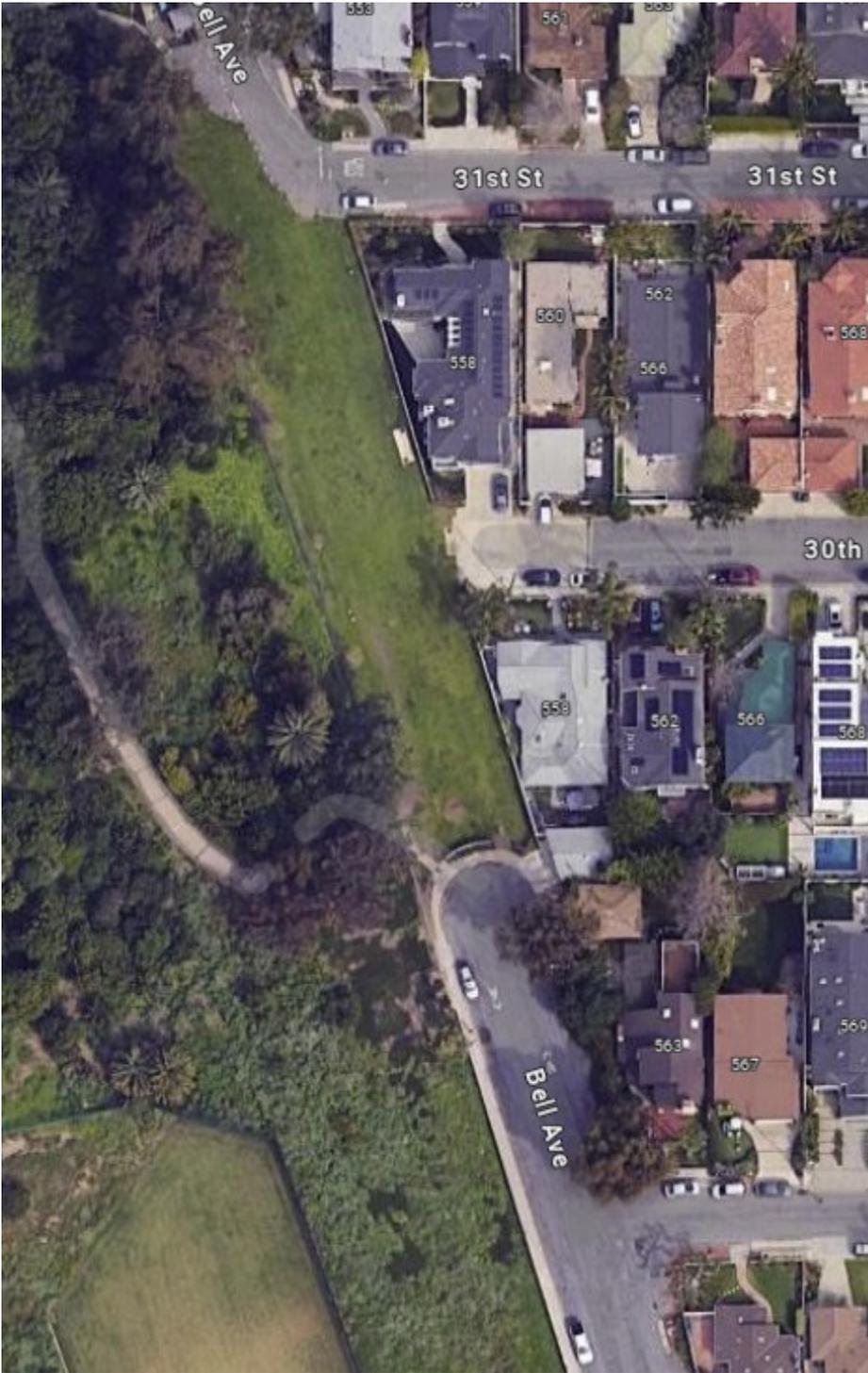
From: Scott Irwin <scottirwin@seefriedproperties.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 15, 2024 8:55 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Sand Dune Park & Grass park at the end of 30th/31st - NO ON BIKE LANE

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Dear Councilmembers:

Thanks again for all you do and donating your time to make our city great!

I'm writing you to plead for you **NOT to put a bike lane** through the grass park at the end of 30th / 31st and Bell Ave. My family and I visit this park regularly and I see so many people enjoying it. Older people with their dogs, families playing sports, picnics, etc. There are no grass areas in this city and the last thing we need is more E bikers blaringly through there. This is a great amenity for the city and there's no need to ruin it. Putting a bike through it will ruin the entire park as people with their young kids will not go there because E BIKERS will go through there at crazy speeds (just like the strand). You might as well just pave the only thing. PLUS, WHAT A WASTE OF CITY FUNDS! PLEASE NO BIKE PATH. THIS LET'S KEEP THIS ONE LITTLE PIECE OF GRASS FOR THE RESIDENCES OF THIS CITY. THANK YOU.



Scott Irwin | **Senior Vice President**

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From: David Hadley <davidfhadley@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 15, 2024 7:59 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Agenda item #12 this Tuesday - #Don'tPaveParadise

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Dear Mayor Franklin and members of City Council,

Agenda item #12 for your meeting this coming Tuesday relates to plans to improve Sand Dune Park.

The one element of the plan that I have a strong opinion on, and which I believe the vast majority of residents near Sand Dune Park share, is that it would be a tragic mistake to add a paved path alongside or through the green belt. It would be a safety hazard for the many kids playing on the green belt, and it would reduce the very small amount of green space currently available in the neighborhood. Please remove the path from any plans that you advance at Tuesday's meeting.

The green belt is a special space, the harm from a paved path would be substantial. Don't pave paradise!

Sincerely,

David Hadley
558 31st Street
28-year resident of the tree section

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David Hadley
davidfhadley@gmail.com

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: David Starke <david@sanddunepictures.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 15, 2024 7:54 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bike path on south lawn at sand dune park

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I am a 30 year resident of this neighborhood, I use the lawn frequently, and see no need to install a bike path there at all. In fact I believe a bike path would ruin the quality of the park and south lawn. Please don't ruin our park.

David Starke
575 33rd Street
Manhattan Beach

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Jeff Di Rado <jeffdirado1@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 15, 2024 6:50 PM
To: List - City Council
Cc: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Sand Dune Bike Path and Park Improvements

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Hello,

I support park improvements at Sand Dune Park but **DO NOT SUPPORT A BIKE PATH.**

We have owned our home at 568 31st Street for 27 years and have had the city propose many different improvements--some of which were not passed. The bike path is not necessary through that strip of the park.

Thank you for your consideration.

*Jeff Di Rado
310-387-4738
568 31st Street*

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Nancy DiRado <nancydirado@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 15, 2024 6:38 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Sand Dune Bike Path and Park Improvements

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Thank you for your consideration.

*Nancy DiRado
310-560-0285
568 31st Street*

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Bryce Tournat <brycetournat@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 15, 2024 6:26 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please no sidewalk through the greenbelt

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Hello Council Members,

My name is Bryce Tournat and I grew up in the tree section in Manhattan Beach. I enjoyed working out, soccer, football, tag and many other sports on the green belt at the bottom of 30th street.

Please do not build a sidewalk through the grass as that would ruin the area for most everyone who uses it in the neighborhood. It would make the grass area too narrow to do any sport, or for kids to play.

Thank you,

Bryce Tournat

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Deborah Phillips <deborah_phillips1949@icloud.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 15, 2024 6:16 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Sand dune Reno plans

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As a 45 year resident of 583 33 rd please stop putting more concrete in this town you are ruining the ambiance of our city.

Sent from my iPhone

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Songul Afacan Yaprak <songulafacan@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 15, 2024 5:58 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] NO on a bike path through Sand Dune Park

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Hello Mayor Joe Franklin and Council Members, Thank you for your service to our community. Your efforts are appreciated.

I live on 562 31st Street and OPPOSE this bikeway path.

We love to play on that grass area, especially weekends. We are playing badminton, frisbee, soccer and even have bike rides without a bike path! These are just couple of examples that I wanted to share, but the most important joy is to see green colors not concrete on our lovely park.

Manhattan Beach is a bike friendly city and you can bike anywhere. Why do we need to spend the money for a waste? Having this concrete pathway will completely kill the magical vibe and atmosphere and I am pretty sure high speed e-bikes will pass by the people, kids and the picnic goers.

It is unwanted by the residents and it will increase the accidents (My daughter broke her wrist on the concrete pavers as an example)

I urge you to remove or cancel this Agenda Item #12 from the next City Council meeting.

Best Regards

Songul Afacan Yaprak

Sent from my iPhone

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Leslie and Michael SMITH <smith579@verizon.net>
Sent: Sunday, September 15, 2024 1:55 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Pavement over Sand Dune Greenbelt

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Dear City Council Members,

We sent this email to you back in March of this year and still feel the same way.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Leslie and Michael Smith
579 31st Street
310-704-7661

> From: Leslie and Michael SMITH <smith579@verizon.net>
> Sent: Sunday, March 24, 2024 6:26 PM
> To: List - City Council
> Subject: [EXTERNAL] Pavement over Sand Dune Greenbelt
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> EXTERNAL EMAIL: Do not click links or open attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.
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> Dear City Council,
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> We have lived on 31st Street in MB for 32 years and have always enjoyed the "Green Belt" at Sand Dune Park. Our kids grew up playing sports there and we now enjoy the green space on our daily walk through the area.
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> Adding a paved pathway and lighting to any part of the green space would negatively impact a large part of our community. Individuals, families and other small groups that arrive on foot or by vehicle have enjoyed the open space substantially "as is" since it was created by the community decades ago. A paved pathway would enable skateboarding and increased e-biker speed. The addition of lights will encourage after dark use and associated noise and other negative consequences. Less is more - please, no paving or lighting. The green belt is a modest sized turf activity area that serves many.
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> Sincerely,
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> Leslie and Michael Smith
> 579 31st Street
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Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Emily Fritz <emjfritz@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 15, 2024 12:29 PM
To: List - City Council
Cc: Ladd Fritz
Subject: [EXTERNAL] NO to bike path through green belt

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Hi there,

Emily and Ladd Fritz here from 569 31st Street. As we understand it, the city is thinking about putting a bike path through the green belt on Bell between 30th and 31st streets. This would be extremely disappointing. Manhattan Beach has an abundance of concrete (and bikes) and not enough grass/green space. Our boys (age 6 and 4) play soccer, baseball and football with their friends on the greenbelt every day and it would be a shame to see a portion of the already undersized patch of grass converted into a speedway for bikes. We strongly urge the city to reconsider.

Our best,
Emily and Ladd Fritz

Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Colleen Stroyke <cmstroyke@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 14, 2024 4:59 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Sidewalk in Sand Dune Park greenbelt - south lawn

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Dear City Councilmembers,

I am opposed to a bike path proposed for the grassy area between 30th and 31st Streets at Sand Dune Park. That area is unique and used for many recreational activities. Concrete in the center is NOT a sound idea.

Sincerely,

Colleen Stroyke
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Manhattan Beach, CA 90266
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Martha Alvarez, MMC

From: Kanne Chip <chipkanne@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 14, 2024 11:56 AM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] No Paved Path on Our Sand Dune Park Grass Field

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Hi MB City Council,

I am writing to urge you to not put pavement down on our beloved grass at Sand Dune park . The entire neighborhood uses it to picnic, play kick ball, play tag and a variety of other activities with our friends and families. It is not a thoroughfare, it's part of our community and why we love it here. We do not need more concrete, especially in our parks. Coming from somebody who plays kickball, soccer, football, wiffle ball, tag, with my neighbors and their kids in this grass field, there is not enough room for a cement path. You will destroy the park. It will become a path with grass by it. I beg you not to destroy it.

Please REMOVE the bike path from Sand Dune Park improvements laid out in Agenda item #12 of the P&R presentation. Please!

Your Neighbors,
Charles, Nicole, Hunter & Jade Kanne
Home Owners of:
561 33rd Street Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

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From: Kelly Irwin <kellykh55@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 13, 2024 7:57 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Sand Dune Park Bike Path

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Dear Mayor and Council Members,

I am a mother of 3 young children who visit the large grass lawn at the end of 30th Street every day! We live at 590 30th Street and one of the main draws of moving to this specific street was and is the large grass lawn for the kids to run around and play sports. The grass lawn is a very special and highly needed area for youth to have open space to play a pick up game of sports and run around with friends.

Placing a sidewalk through the middle of the lawn is unneeded and unwanted. There is simply no need for a paved path through the grass. I've seen bikes and wheelchairs roll through the grass with zero issues.

Our family of 5 is extremely against breaking up this lovely green space! Please consider our thoughts and place valuable city funds elsewhere.

Thank you for your time.

Kelly Irwin and family

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From: Jane Tournat <janetournat@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 13, 2024 4:53 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please no sidewalk through Greenbelt at Sand Dune Park

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Hello Mayor Joe Franklin and Council Members –

PLEASE DO NOT APPROVE A SIDEWALK THROUGH THE MIDDLE OF SAND DUNE GRASS AREA.

As a neighbor who lives on south side of 31st on the 500 block, we are very familiar with the value of the greenbelt to all local and out of town families and kids who recreate there.

It is a gathering place for kids and neighbors for sports, picnics, exercise and pets. Many casual games are played there including football and soccer just to name a few. Local and out of town kids work on baseball, volleyball and soccer skills with their parents. Adults stretch and do some casual fitness there. Parents gather with little ones to roam around and play.

Having this grass is important, and to put a sidewalk through it would make it too narrow and sadly ruin the free open nature of the space. One of the reasons it is so lovely is that there is no concrete. Also, the current diagram showing the sidewalk does not represent where the sidewalk would actually be. With the new trees planted along the fence on the west side of the park, that would put the proposed sidewalk even more in the middle of the open space.

Not sure if this is a consideration, but adding any lights would be problematic for neighbour's and the owls that frequent the trees there. Also, sidewalks invite skateboarders and possibly even bikes which would be dangerous for the toddlers and others that play there.

With such little open grass space in our neighborhood, please keep this as it is. Please use that money for something that is actually beneficial to our lovely town.

Thank you,

Jane Tournat

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From: Paula Grimaud <paulacgrimaud@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 13, 2024 3:07 PM
To: Suzanne Hadley
Cc: List - City Council; David F Hadley
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: NO on a bike path through Sand Dune Park (part of agenda item #12) this Tuesday

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Nicely written Suzanne. Maybe send a copy to the local newspaper as well.

On Fri, Sep 13, 2024 at 2:12 PM <suzannehadley@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Mayor Franklin and members of city council,

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I have lived near Sand Dune Park for nearly 30 years; we raised our family for 20 years literally on the park. Never once did anyone—ever--mention that they wished there were a paved and lighted bike path through the grass.

In fact, over the years, one of the joys of my life has been watching children play on, visit, and grow up on the “south lawn”:

- learning to ride a bike on grass (it’s the best; this important life milestone happens almost every week)
- tossing a football or playing Spikeball with friends after school
- playing a family soccer game on Thanksgiving Day before eating turkey
- picnics with toddlers and grandparents

All of this healthful, life-boosting activity will be reduced with a paved bike path lined with electrified bollards. And little will be gained.

The grassy strip (“south lawn” in the PowerPoint) is a *destination*. The grass is not an obstacle to be navigated while going from point A to point B. The grass IS the destination- -for hundreds of visitors a week. At a time when we want kids outside and off their devices, why would we want to chip away at some of MB’s remaining open, grassy, beautiful play space? We have scores of miles of paved roads for bike riders. (Bike riders are welcome through the park any and all the time anyway. Lack of a paved path doesn’t keep kids from riding through.)

Lastly, a paved bike path would encroach on valuable space for the Hometown Fair 10K, possibly creating a bottle neck. Runners take up the entire width of the grass early in the morning.

The other Sand Dune improvements in Agenda item #12 are fine. If folks want some or all of those, that’s great; if they don’t, that’s okay with me also. **When you vote on Agenda item #12 re Sand Dune Park improvements, please, please remove the bike path.** Please don’t be the council that “paved paradise.”

Sincerely,

Suzanne Hadley

558 31st St.

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From: George Salmas <george.salmas@thefoodlawyers.com>
Sent: Friday, September 13, 2024 2:33 PM
To: List - City Council
Cc: Kathleen Salmas
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please no bike path through Sand Dune Park -- Agenda item #12 this Tuesday

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Dear Mayor Franklin and members of City Council,

Thank you for your good work.

We live on 33rd Street, which is at the bottom of the Sand Dune and at the edge of the greenbelt (aka "south lawn" in the PowerPoint).

The greenbelt is a wonderful peaceful place where people walk and kids play without fear of traffic. Putting a paved and lit bike path there will create a dangerous place where kids racing on battery-powered bikes will encounter toddlers playing on the grass. The bike path will cut a concrete highway through a quiet open area. Nothing is gained and much is lost by paving one of the few pristine, untouched areas in our fair City. Please don't do it.

Please remove the bike path from Agenda item #12 of the sand dune park improvements.

Best regards,
George and Kathleen Salmas

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From: cheryl hoffman <cherylhof@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 13, 2024 1:39 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bike path sand dune park

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Dear Council Members

Please do not go forward with plans for a bike path at sand dune park. This is unnecessary as there is plenty of street bike paths and we must keep our dedicated grass and park regions quiet and clean. We do not need a bike path in these areas Thanks Cheryl Hoffman MD FSIR Resident of 30th street

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From: Bo Dean <bodean@tdmi-us.com>
Sent: Friday, September 13, 2024 1:34 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] sirs

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my name is Bo Dean and I have been a homeowner resident on 31st street near tonsanddune park for 40 years

.....I love that park and while I do support some nice improvements I am strongly AGANIST and BIKE PATH and lights thru the Green belt that so many familys have used to play on for many years.....a paved bike path would just take away that lovely green belt that so many kids play on and open that area up to these crazy unsafe Over use of E BikesI do support most.improvement that are proposed.....but NO Paved bike path PLESASE
thank you

Bo Dean
310 901 8106

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy Note8, an AT&T 5G Evolution capable smartphone

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From: Tolga Yaprak <tolga.yaprak@ty-eng.com>
Sent: Friday, September 13, 2024 1:23 PM
To: List - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] I oppose the bikeway path at the Sand Dune Park area

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I live on 31st Street (a few houses from the green grass area) and OPPOSE this bikeway path.

We have kids and we play over there on that grass park area, I have been playing badminton and frisbee with my daughter and having this concrete pathway will completely kill the vibe and atmosphere and I am pretty sure high speed e-bikes will pass by the people, kids and the picnic goers.

It is unwanted by the residents (including me), and will be waste of money and cause reduction of green space...

I urge you to remove or cancel this Agenda Item #12 from the next City Council meeting.

Regards,

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