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Sent: Tuesday, May 30, 2017 9:41 AM

To: Mayor Justin Massey; Mayor Pro Tem Jeff Duclos; Councilmember Carolyn Petty; Councilmember Hany Fangary; Councilmember Stacey Armato; Sergio Gonzalez

Cc: Kelly Orta; Elaine Doerfling

Subject: Decomposed Granite path to the Greenbelt

Dear Mayor Massey, Council and City Manager Gonzales,

I run the Strand almost daily- a quick 30-minute run from 6th street to the end of Hermosa/ Manhattan Beach border and back. I've been running this path since 2001 at all hours of the day. In the last year, the number of electric bikes, motorized skateboards and street bikes going 15-20 miles an hour+ have increase ten-fold and there is no policing. Red lights on the commercial section of the Strand can be flashing and bikes whiz by- and it's not tourists but rather locals who know that the laws aren't going to be enforced. It's easy to disobey the rules because no one is holding offenders accountable. This behavior is making the Strand unsafe for residents and visitors alike.

That is why I am extremely disappointed that the city is considering adding a decomposed granite path to the Greenbelt. The Greenbelt is a treasure and adding a "roadway" will certainly destroy the safe oasis that many residents seek in order to escape the urban overcrowding of Hermosa. The city now wants to "pave paradise and put up a parking lot". A joint 4 hour Parks & Rec/ Public Works meeting was held a few years ago (before my time) and residents were adamant in keeping the Greenbelt intact. I am going to ask Kelly Orta to pull the transcripts from that meeting to forward to you. With a majority of residents against changing the Greenbelt, why is the city moving forward with this project? Why no outreach to ask the residents what they want and if this is how they want their tax money spent.

I understand the goal is to make the Greenbelt more accessible. However, how does the city propose to keep bikes off the path and keep the Greenbelt safe from residents out on a stroll? The same staff who currently isn't enforcing Strand rules? With the new pavement walkers, joggers, strollers and pets now will now have to dodge bikes on the Greenbelt. Keep Hermosa Hermosa.... Right?

Respectfully,

Maureen Ferguson Lewis

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From: MaryLou Cahir [<mailto:marylou.cahir@yahoo.com>]

Sent: Tuesday, May 30, 2017 10:16 AM

To: City Clerk <cityclerk@hermosabch.org>

Subject: Totally against decomposed granite on greenbelt

As a concerned Hermosa Beach citizen I am totally against installing decomposed granite on the greenbelt. Before any decomposed granite is installed I request a study to see what impact granite would have on water erosion, tree damage, and maintenance cost for it's upkeep.

I want a place where I can run with my dog without fear of cyclists or strollers.

MaryLou Cahir
2028 Hillcrest Drive

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Susan Moore [<mailto:sujomoo@gmail.com>]

Sent: Tuesday, May 30, 2017 10:31 AM

To: Councilmember Hany Fangary; Councilmember Carolyn Petty; Councilmember Stacey Armato;
Mayor Pro Tem Jeff Duclos; Mayor Justin Massey; City Clerk

Subject: Greenbelt

Council members:

I urge you to leave our city's greenbelt the way it is. There is no reason to install granite. The greenbelt is the only place in our city that can be enjoyed by walkers free of worry about speeding cyclists, skaters and other vehicle riders. It is a beautiful, natural place where our citizens can walk safely and peacefully. Additionally, there is no need for such a large expenditure to do something that will not benefit our city or its inhabitants. We have plenty of roadway and a wonderful bike path. There is no reason at all to add another paved area.

Do not change the greenbelt.

Thank you,
Susan Moore
Hermosa Beach Resident

From: Pam T <pamtatr@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 30, 2017 12:32 PM
Subject: Community Concerns

May 30, 2017

For your consideration, I am addressing several topics of concern:

Decomposed Granite Path proposed to be installed on Greenbelt

If you are strongly considering \$280k to install decomposed granite throughout our greenbelt, shouldn't this been put up for public discussion? Is it really an expense we need right now given the costs of so many other projects?

Solar Panels and Community Center Roof

There was a general assessment of the community center several years ago. Perhaps we should quite wasting money on additional reports and just get bids to repair or replace the roof? Solar Panels are a 20-25 year commitment. I hate to see your decision rushed because you want them installed before June 30. At some point, the Community Center will need updating. What happens to that new roof and solar panels? Let's not forget, if "City Carbon Neutrality" is approved, these plans will change and costs will sky-rocket.

Zero Net Energy bathrooms

Has the City Council lost its mind? You approved \$1,085,000 for 2 new and 2 remodeled bathrooms. Why is the cost so high? How much would standard bathrooms that meet state energy standards cost? This is one of the problems with the resolution that the **City** must be "**Carbon Neutral**". I urge you to rethink this **PLAN** and not be dictated by "**City Carbon Neutrality**". It leads us away from considering other options like standard toilets. If approved, "**Carbon Neutrality**" will end up affecting every vote the City Council makes. This comes at a great expense. The money could and should be used for other infrastructure projects like roads, sewers and schools to name a few.

California has some of the strictest laws regarding the environment. Total "Carbon Neutrality" is too extreme for the residents of Hermosa Beach and you have now shown it is too extreme for the City. While saving the planet is a great concept, the real problem still exists..."over population" is what will kill the world. All the savings in the world won't help if you do not control growth. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Pam Tatreau

Hermosa Beach

From: Pam T [<mailto:pamtatr@gmail.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, May 31, 2017 10:05 AM

To: Mayor Justin Massey; duclos@hermosabch.org; Councilmember Stacey Armato; Councilmember Carolyn Petty; Councilmember Hany Fangary; City Clerk; Sergio Gonzalez

Subject: Decomposed Granite Path

My husband raised a few valid points about the proposed "Decomposed Granite Path".

1. The mulch that is used now helps to prevent weeds from growing. Decomposed Granite is the perfect bedding for weeds to take hold.
2. The "Decomposed Granite" will eventually sink into the ground and then what do we do?

I am guessing that the "Decomposed Granite" is more expensive than the current mulch that is being used. I feel the money is better used for other community projects. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Pam Tatreau

Hermosa Beach

From: Megan [<mailto:mgayer@gmail.com>]

Sent: Thursday, June 1, 2017 11:35 AM

To: Mayor Justin Massey <jmassey@hermosabch.org>; Mayor Pro Tem Jeff Duclos <jduclos@hermosabch.org>; Councilmember Carolyn Petty <cpetty@hermosabch.org>; Councilmember Hany Fangary <hfangary@hermosabch.org>; Councilmember Stacey Armato <sarmato@hermosabch.org>; Sergio Gonzalez <sgonzalez@hermosabch.org>

Subject: Keep the greenbelt GREEN

Please please please don't ruin the greenbelt. It is wonderful the way it is!!! The only "nature path" we have for peaceful walks. It's the only soft surface for jogging that doesn't kill your knees or back. It's the one calm place you can go for a stroll and not have to worry about getting run over by a bike or fear my child will be knocked down by a skateboarder. Please leave it alone. It's natural, beautiful, loved and does not need to be ruined with decomposed granite.

Megan Schultz

From: Cheryl [<mailto:cherylemail@yahoo.com>]

Sent: Saturday, June 03, 2017 6:37 PM

To: Mayor Justin Massey; Mayor Pro Tem Jeff Duclos; Councilmember Stacey Armato; Councilmember Carolyn Petty; Councilmember Hany Fangary

Cc: Elaine Doerfling

Subject: Proposed plan for our Grreenbelt - please include as supplemental for June 15 agenda

Dear Council members,

I am writing regarding the proposed "decomposed granite path" on our lovely Greenbelt.

My family loves the Greenbelt as it is. This is truly a gem of open space in the beach cities. It gives the feeling of being in nature rather than a city.

Please reconsider this proposed change. If we want to improve access so wheelchairs and strollers can travel more easily, let's put it towards improving our sidewalks. Our family is absolutely opposed to changing the character of our Greenbelt by adding this hardscape.

Thank you,

Cheryl & Brad Kahnamoui
221 Valley Drive

From: Warren Barr [<mailto:wbarrod@gmail.com>]

Sent: Sunday, June 04, 2017 4:06 PM

To: Councilmember Carolyn Petty <cpetty@hermosabch.org>; Councilmember Hany Fangary <hfangary@hermosabch.org>; Mayor Pro Tem Jeff Duclos <jduclos@hermosabch.org>; Mayor Justin Massey <jmassey@hermosabch.org>; Councilmember Stacey Armato <sarmato@hermosabch.org>; City Clerk <cityclerk@hermosabch.org>

Subject: Green belt

I understand the council is considering decomposed granite for the green belt. Personally I prefer the more natural wood chips. If you have a compelling reason for moving forward with decomposed granite, please limit it to a 3 foot wide path on one side so those of us who prefer a less sterile environment won't be disenfranchised--It'll be cheaper too!

Sincerely,

Warren Barr

From: A. Gronbach [<mailto:amgronbach@gmail.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 3:50 PM

To: City Clerk <cityclerk@hermosabch.org>

Subject: REMOVING THE GREEN BELT

I CANNOT BELIEVE HOW HYPOCRITICAL HERMOSA BEACH'S CITY COUNCIL IS IN ADVOCATING GETTING RID OF THE LAST BASTION OF NATURE IN HERMOSA BEACH FOR THE WALKERS AND JOGGERS TO ENJOY WHEN THEY PAVE THE GREEN BELT. CAN'T WE HAVE ONE PLACE OF PEACE AND QUIET TO ENJOY NATURE INSTEAD OF DODGING BICYCLES, SKATE BOARDS, ETC? HOW CAN YOU JUSTIFY THAT THIS WOULD MAKE OUR CITY GREENER?

WHAT'S NEXT -- PAVING THE SAND ON THE BEACH OUT TO THE WATER?

ADELE GRONBACH
42 - 18TH STREET.
HERMOSA