

**5/21/20 AGENDA, ITEM 1 - CONSIDERATION OF MODIFICATION OF EMERGENCY ORDER  
SUPPLEMENTAL EMAIL SUBMITTED BY JON NEUHAUS TO THE CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE  
ON 5/21/20 AT 2:55 P.M.**

**From:** JondNeuhausgmail <jondneuhaus@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 21, 2020 2:55 PM  
**To:** Ann Yang <anny@hermosabeach.gov>  
**Cc:** Mayor Mary Campbell <mcampbell@hermosabeach.gov>; Suja Lowenthal <suja@hermosabeach.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Tonight's meeting

Hi my name is Jon Neuhaus. I am not sure if I will be able to attend this evening's City Council meeting yet I wish to share my thoughts for respectful consideration. I suspect I may not be the only one to share these comments. I share them respectfully to the Mayor and the City Council.

I respectfully request that Hermosa Beach residents be able to stand, sit, lie down, and play on the dry sand.

I am not sure nor aware of any medical study that supports the contention that standing or lying (alone) on \*dry\* sand, out in the sun and/or exercising in the warmth - where respiratory viruses are less prone survive - is less beneficial/riskier to one's health, especially when compared to standing on wet sand or remaining quarantined inside.

My respectful request respects social distancing, while allowing for family units to remain together.

I am supportive of restrictions to keep our beach from overcrowding, especially during the holiday weekend(s). This can be accomplished by restricting parking availability from those outside Hermosa Beach, as I have noticed recently to be the case by limiting (at least some) local parking lots to those with residential parking passes.

Thank you

Jon  
25 year Hermosa Resident

**PS. In a separate session**

I welcome the opportunity to revisit my proposal for limited access to Hermosa Residents and their dogs to Hermosa's beach, in a controlled, limited, licensed and supervised fashion. I recopy in my email with the Mayor, below.

I ask for/invite consideration in the weeks ahead. I would be glad to speak with a designated member of the Mayor's office and, if necessary a member or members the council who would consider my proposal.

I copy in the email trail of my correspondence, below.

Thank you

### **April 11 Proposal:**

Hi Mayor Campbell, I hope that this note finds you and those close to you safe and well. Thank you and the members of our city's public servants for their extra efforts during these challenging times. Like I am sure you do as well, I look forward to when we can enjoy the many reasons why we choose to live in Hermosa: the people, the shops, the beach, the strand, and more.

Meanwhile, I am following-up on an idea that I sent under separate cover (by FB Messenger). I thought of re-sharing it here, for the City's consideration, at the appropriate time.

By way of brief reference, I am a 25+ year resident of Hermosa Beach, the last 7 of which I have been a dog owner. (If you have seen a golden lab carrying a rose on walks... that's Stan the Man.)

For the past 7 years, I have come to believe that we are missing something that could be a source of revenue, jobs, and an outlet for among our most friendly residents, our pups.

I respectfully suggest/propose a limited program that would allow residents who are dog owners to have limited, supervised, licensed access to a small portion of the beach. I welcome discussion and input. To begin the conversation, I suggest a program that would involve the following details:

- Licensing is required and available only to Hermosa Beach residents. The annual cost could be \$250 (or whatever the Council deems appropriate);
- Funds could be used in part to hire supervision/staff who could confirm those who visit are licensed. This would confirm that only those who access the area are Hermosa residents.
- Further, those who are supervisors could confirm that residents are appropriately monitoring and cleaning up after their dogs each visit.
- Failure to effort/clean up would result in a fine.
- Repeated offenses could result in suspension of the license for the remainder of the year.
- Licensing would need to be renewed each year.
- A coned-off section, perhaps '2-lifeguard stations long;'
- This would be in an area that is considered least populated by beachgoers;
- Dogs would be allowed to run off-leash in this area but would need to be closely supervised by their owners;
- Access would be limited to the following hours: Sunrise to -10am; 5pm - Sundown;

I have been a man-year visitor of Rosie's Dog Beach. It is unsupervised, large, and a place that has many dog owners and dogs who are, in the vast scheme, well-behaved and well-looked after. I am not proposing such a 'dog beach.' My proposal is far more limited: it is only for Hermosa residents; those who have a license; who show continued care for their dogs, and, appropriately take advantage of the opportunity during the limited time allowed.

This would be a gift not only dog owners but our wonderful animals, for their physical and mental health. As one who also sponsors the training of service dogs each year, I can speak at great lengths how

important such outlets can be, and how such gift and care can in return add to our own lives and interaction.

Hermosa is a 'dog-friendly' town, wonderfully so. I respectfully ask to add a small, limited, yet wonderful addition for Hermosa's (best) residents.

Thank you,

Jon

**Response:**

On Apr 12, 2020, at 11:19 PM, Mayor Mary Campbell <[mcampbell@hermosabeach.gov](mailto:mcampbell@hermosabeach.gov)> wrote:

Good Morning, Jon - Thank you for your message and thoughtful suggestions.

This has actually come up before, as well as other ideas about a possible dog park. There is definitely a group of people in town who would like to pursue this as a possibility. I do not know if it has even been seriously considered, however. Let me try to find out if there is any information of the right contact person for you to potentially connect with.

Thanks again, and I hope you are staying well!

My best,  
Mary

**My response to the response:**

On Apr 13, 2020, at 6:14 AM, JondNeuhausgmail <[jondneuhaus@gmail.com](mailto:jondneuhaus@gmail.com)> wrote:

Thank you - I appreciate the timely response.

Glad to hear that there is some discussion. As you might expect, especially given how we live near the beach and the specificity of my proposal: a dog park off the beach isn't the ask. I hope it will be thoughtfully considered.

Thank you again.