



**CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH PUBLIC WORKS**

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**RE: Polliwog Park Canada Geese Sanitation Strategy Community Meeting – April 21st**

**Attendance:**

**Staff:** Erick Lee, Sean Roberts, Ernest Area, Bobby Dobson, Chris O'Brien, Mark Leyman, Salvador Buenrostro

**Consultant:** Robert Hamilton

**MBUSD:** Facilities Superintendent

**Community Members:** 15 people

The meeting started promptly at 5:30 PM.

- Director Lee narrated a presentation detailing the existing sanitation problems caused by the Canada geese and possible solutions to the problem.

**Resident Questions & Comments:**

- Bubbler at pond – only one is working, there used to be three. Are there plans to repair/replace the ones not working? (City will look into this matter)
- City should reference the California International Bird Rescue for other ideas.
- The geese sleep in El Segundo then come over to Polliwog Park.
- People who feed the geese should be given big tickets (fines) for doing so.
- City should partner with school district to educate kids to not feed the geese and why.
- Fencing solution is good idea but concerned about small kids.
- If hazing is implemented, geese will come back.
- Can we have geese removed and relocated? (No, geese are protected species)
- What (geese)population control measures can be taken? (Adding the eggs could be implemented)
- What about the ducks?
- What are the cost estimates of implementing mitigation measures? (We do not have budget allowance yet; we are getting your ideas and feedback tonight. Currently City is spending \$3000/month to clean up fecal matter)
- City should purchase pooper scooper equipment and have Merchants run it a couple of times per week. It will also reduce fecal matter run-off into pond.
- Geese also live at the golf course and Manhattan Village.
- Does the quality of water affect the birds? (No – per Robert Hamilton)
- Comment about not liking the idea of high fines or tickets for feeding the birds and recommends education instead.

- Once a week pressure washing is not enough to keep the area clean.
- Whose idea was it to have a playground next to a sewer?
- Are the “Do not feed” signs in Spanish? (No, but signs should be easy to understand)
- Could these community meetings start at 6 PM instead of 5:30 PM?

The meeting concludes at 6:30PM.