

From: [KAREN ARENSDORF](#)
To: samirshahinmd@gmail.com
Cc: [Mark Leyman](#); [Linda M. Robb](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: I object to the Sand Dune Park bike and pedestrian path proposal
Date: Friday, March 15, 2024 3:32:40 PM

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That's good Samir. I wrote a similar letter.
Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 15, 2024, at 3:06 PM, Samir Shahin <samirshahinmd@gmail.com> wrote:

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Sincerely,

Samir Shahin
568 30th Street
Manhattan Beach

From: [Jonathan Benassaya](#)
To: [Linda M. Robb](#); [Mark Leyman](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: I object to the Sand Dune Park bike and pedestrian path proposal
Date: Monday, March 18, 2024 10:31:44 AM

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Dear Commission members,

I would like to echo Samir's objection. We are Samir's neighbors. We are a family of 6 and my 2 youngest boys spend their afternoons at the green patch playing soccer. Adding the cement path will create a hazard for them and for the pedestrians. Like many other kids, our boys love to play and run around. When we play soccer, we usually install the net in front of the fence so that when they shoot, worst case scenario the ball goes above the fence and we just have to walk around to grab it. If there was a cement path, we will have two choices: either we keep the same setup and the pedestrians and cyclists will have to walk around kids playing defeating the purpose of the path or we change the orientation of the net which in my mind is a non starter as the ball could now go on the streets. Additionally, I do not understand what is the objective of adding this path in the first place, which problem are you trying to solve? This area is used as the extended backyard for families and cyclists already use it as do pedestrians without a cement path.

If you really wanted to add a path, then I would advise looking at the other side of the fence and do it there so that you do not touch the actual surface of the green patch, which is not that big compared to the number of families living in this neighborhood.

Best

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Jonathan Benassaya

On March 15, 2024 at 3:06:26 PM, Samir Shahin (samirshahinmd@gmail.com) wrote:

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Please remember that all input gathered will be discussed at an upcoming Parks and Recreation Commission meeting, and ultimately City Council.

Richard

On Mar 28, 2024, at 11:16 AM, Bo Dean <bodean@tdmi-us.com> wrote:

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Dear Sirs,

My name is "Bo" Dean and I live at 594 31st st . I have lived here on 31st st for many years (since 1979) and have really enjoyed SAND DUNE park and its Greenness thru the years. I have loved the very Quaint natural feeling of The ParkSo Much untouched Nature yet so close to the Beach makes for a very very beautiful unique Park.

Thru the years I have played with Many KIDS at that Playground and understand that Upgrading some of the equipment Could be a good thing but I do not want to see the GREENNESS of the Park changed ---AND I am firmly AGAINST Paving a portion of the Grassy strip between 31st st and 29th st. and adding LIGHTS. That would Completely Change the Ambiance of the Lovely quaint Natural park that I so Love !!

A paved Path thru the Grassy Strip would also greatly INTERFERE with Young Kids and Family s throwing footballs and baseball And little kids playing Soccer ect. In the open field. -----ALSO a Paved way thru the Grassy area would ENCOURAGE E BIKERS to cut thru that area and As we all know-----many of these E BIKERS speed much to Fast everywhere they go !!.....I ride my regular bike often and Cross that Grassy area all the time...NEVER any problem !

A PAVED path and LIGHTS would completely Change the natural feeling of the Grassy area at SAND DUNE PARK-forever ----and NOT FOR THE BETTER.

As a 40 plus year Resident of 594 31st st --North Manhattan beach—I

URGE the P&R dept of manhattan beach to NOT PAVE and LIGHT that special Grassy AREA.

Myself and all of my neighbors that I have spoken to Agree -----we Love that Grassy area the way it is currently.

Thank you,

“ Bo” Dean
310 901 8106

“Bo” Dean

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From: [Mark Leyman](#)
To: [Mark Osterkamp](#)
Subject: Feedback On Sand Dune Park Improvements
Date: Monday, March 25, 2024 2:51:54 PM

Hello Mr. Osterkamp,

The specific width has not been determined at this time. The pathway option was added as a design consideration that was shared by other residents in the area to gather community input.

As mentioned below, all input gathered will be discussed at an upcoming Parks and Recreation Commission meeting, and ultimately City Council.

Again, feel free to reach out to me directly if you have any comments or questions.

Thank you,

Mark

BCC: City Council

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-----Original Message-----

From: Mark Osterkamp [<mailto:mark.osterkamp@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, March 25, 2024 11:40 AM
To: Mark Leyman <mleyman@manhattanbeach.gov>
Cc: List - City Council <CityCouncil@manhattanbeach.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Feedback On Sand Dune Park Improvements

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Thanks. What about the proposed width?

> On Mar 25, 2024, at 10:43 AM, Mark Leyman <mleyman@manhattanbeach.gov> wrote:

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> Good Morning, Mr. Osterkamp.

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> Thank you for your email. I apologize that you did not receive an email response.

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> We did receive your comments, which will be forwarded to the Parks and Recreation Commission, and ultimately City Council for consideration. Your feedback helps us to understand the community's needs and priorities, which is

essential as we work to improve Sand Dune Park.

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> Please reach out to me if you have any additional comments or questions.

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> Best regards,

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> Mark Leyman

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Mark Osterkamp [<mailto:mark.osterkamp@gmail.com>]

> Sent: Monday, March 25, 2024 10:17 AM

> To: Mark Leyman <mleyman@manhattanbeach.gov>; List - City Council <CityCouncil@manhattanbeach.gov>

> Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Feedback On Sand Dune Park Improvements

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> Hello all. Just a quick follow up. I never received a response regarding the proposed width, so I wanted to make sure the email below was received.

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> Thanks.

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> Mark

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>> On Mar 15, 2024, at 8:32 AM, Mark Osterkamp <mark.osterkamp@gmail.com> wrote:

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>> Hi Mark. Thanks again for your continued efforts as it relates to Sand Dune Park. I heard from a neighbor that the city is contemplating incorporating a paved walkway through the greenbelt of the park, and I wanted to share my thoughts on this with the hopes that this will be reconsidered.

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>> My family lives on the 500 block of 31st street near the park. We, many of our neighbors both with kids young and older, as well as neighbors from surrounding streets (and cities) use that greenbelt extensively whether for walks, soccer, baseball, lacrosse or just relaxing. The addition of a lighted pathway would significantly reduce the area for such and other activities. Sand Dune Park is the only open park in neighborhood, and cutting down the size of the space any further in order to create a walkway to get from one side of the park to the other just doesn't seem to make sense.

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>> Regarding the lighting, that sounds like a recipe for disaster. If the sports activities were to continue at the park, it's only a matter of time that someone will hit one or more light posts given the reduced width of the green space. If a path were to happen, would it be wide enough for walkers and bikers in both directions, and what is the proposed width of the pathway including the lights?

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>> In closing, we ask that you reconsider paving through one of the few open spaces in the area, save the added

expense, and apply the budget savings to a more beneficial cause. The greenbelt is widely used, and I am sure a majority of the residents and non-residents alike would like to continue to use it as is.

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>> Thanks.

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>> Mark

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From: [Paula Schirch](#)
To: samirshahinmd@gmail.com
Cc: [Mark Leyman](#); [Linda M. Robb](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: I object to the Sand Dune Park bike and pedestrian path proposal
Date: Friday, March 15, 2024 3:19:35 PM

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Hello Commission members,

I would like to reiterate Dr. Shahin's request to not move forward with a cement path across the grass area next to the sand dune park. I live at 570 30th street and have 3 daughters ages 11, 8 and 4. We use that grassy area every weekend to play and run around. I agree it will pose a risk to our young kids to pay attention to bikes, electric bikes, skate boards, etc. The street is full with young kids, under age 6 that use this area to play on a daily basis.

Sincerely,

Paula Schirch, MD
(310)9233166

Sent from my iPhone

On 15 Mar 2024, at 15:06, Samir Shahin <samirshahinmd@gmail.com> wrote:

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To: [Mark Leyman](#); [Linda M. Robb](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] I object to the Sand Dune Park bike and pedestrian path proposal
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