Sheila Cobian

From: Beryl Lewis <berylita97@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 20, 2020 7:42 PM
To: City Clerk; Council Internet Email
Subject: Re-opening Carlsbad

Dear Carlsbad City Council Members,

As much as I love going to the beach and running on the Calavera Lake trail, I think it is too soon to re-open the city. There hasn't been sufficient testing, tracking, or isolation of cases at the national, state, and local levels to the point of being safe to re-open parks, trails, and beaches. As hard as it is to live in such a beautiful place and not be able to enjoy all the outdoor activities our city has to offer, people in other parts of the country such as Florida that have re-opened their public spaces such as beaches have been overwhelmed by crowds - the very thing we need to avoid. It's hard for everyone to feel like their freedom to go wherever they want especially when there is the uncertainty of when measures will be lifted. We are all in this together and must do everything we can to flatten the curve and not overburden the health system. Until there is more widespread testing, there is a significant decrease in the number of cases per day, epidemiologists and other public health experts say that it's safe to re-open public spaces with social distancing guidelines in place, and there is a plan to contain new cases to mitigate a second surge of the COVID-19 virus, parks, beaches, and trails should stay closed.

I would like this letter to be read into the record of tomorrow's meeting.

Thank you,
Beryl Lewis

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Hello,

I would like the following to be read into the record at Tuesday’s meeting:

Dear City Council Members,

As a life long member of the Carlsbad community, I would like to urge you to continue to keep the stay at home order in place. I understand why people are frustrated by the order, but this frustration is not a reason to end the order prematurely. California has been able to flatten the curve and keep our death rate low because of our early and continued action. Carlsbad has been fortunate to not have any deaths up to this point, but I fear that would change if this order ends too soon.

I miss being able to enjoy our parks, beaches, and trails as much as anybody, and would love to be able to return to normal, but I know that giving into these impulses would be selfish. My father is 67 years old and has had lung issues in the past. If he were to contract COVID-19, he may not survive. His life, and the lives of other seniors and the immunocompromised, are more important than my enjoyment. We may all be getting restless, but this is a small sacrifice we have to make for the greater good.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I hope that you do what is best for our community and continue to follow the governors stay at home order.

Sincerely,

Elva O’Neill

Carlsbad, CA

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Yes, I would like my comments read into the record.

My name is Jason Fetter and I am one of the residents at 645 Grand Ave. I want to know, why the camera system on Roosevelt at the parking lot with the port-a-john was removed about a month ago? And why there is such a reduced police presence? The camera went up last Oct./Nov. and the homeless and vagrants who use the port-a-john to do/sell drugs and probably other indecent acts subsided. I have seen multiple people (men & women) use the port-a-john at once. And I have seen people occupy it for hours at a time and multiple times within several hours. After the camera system went up, I did not have to call the police anymore. Now that the camera is down, they are all back and even more of them. They congregate on Roosevelt all day. On the benches, in front of the businesses between the two parking lots (where they also squat because no one is working currently), in the alley at the tree between my residence and Chase bank. Individuals who I haven’t seen come around the area since the camera system went up are now back around. They make multiple trips day and night, in and out of the port-a-john. There is an RV that parks in the alley next to the dumpsters next to the Chase bank parking lot. Along with an old tan diesel Mercedes. I have seen one particular individual the most and he approached the Mercedes last week and made some sort of exchange. two weekends ago, I watched a female use the port-a-john for the third time in several hours and the individual male I just spoke about approached the port-a-john and took something from her from under the door. I have videos of it on my phone. Three weeks ago I had to tell one of the homeless to leave our property. He was at our back gate either trying to come in or urinating. Mind you, the port-a-john is only twenty yards away and he passed it to come to our property. It is only a matter of time until they begin trespassing on the property again, as they previously have done. Two days ago, an employee or someone associated with Cold Beer & Cheese Burgers kicked out two transients/homeless that were squatting in the outside seating area of the establishment. It is a shame to see this going on here type of activity so blatantly accepted here. Especially since there was a recent election to elect someone who should not be in the position and so far has not done anything except attempt to promote herself. No to homeless hotels and parking lots. No to 4, 5, 6 story buildings that will ruin this city’s appeal. And No to the recently elected district 1 council woman.

Jason Fetter

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Thank you for your continued community engagement.

To ensure the public is fully informed, it is critical to provide adequate context for case related data that is reported. The “Total (covid-19) Case” metric is helpful. However, I recommend including an “Active (covid-19) Case” metric in the City Manager’s Daily Update. Reporting “Active Cases” in addition to “Total Cases” will provide the context we need to properly interpret the data reported.

I appreciate the opportunity to comment, and thank you all so very much for your service to our community.

Stay Safe. Stay Healthy.

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Dear Clerk:

This comment is not related to an agenda item but is for the general public comments. Thank you for reading this for me.

Lucile Lynch

PUBLIC COMMENT FOR APRIL 21 MEETING

Dear Carlsbad Council Members,

I hope you and your families and loved ones are healthy and safely sheltered.

I am commenting today because I wanted to share with you some positive Carlsbad news regarding Beacons, Inc., the relatively new nonprofit I spoke to you about several weeks ago.

Beacons, Inc. is located on 6150 Yarrow Drive, just south of Palomar Airport and was opened just over a year ago to provide post secondary vocational training to individuals with disabilities. Thanks to businesses such as the National Foundation for Autism Research, Qualcomm and the Callaway Golf foundation, as well as the Carlsbad Cultural Arts Foundation, it has made great strides with its programming.

The vocational workshops train the trainees in customer services skills, office skills and entrepreneurial skills. The workshops are resulting in an average improvement in knowledge and skill improvement of an unprecedented 200%+ percent, which is critical to help combat the historical 86% unemployment and poverty rates for these individuals. I invite each of you to see what this powerhouse in your background is doing by visiting BeaconsNorthCounty.com.

In just over a year, Beacons had to expand its space, nearly doubling in size. And, within 3 days of the Governor’s March 20th shelter-in-place order, Beacons successfully launched virtual workshops 3 hours a day 4 days a week to make sure vocational instruction continued without interruption for adults like my son. Beacons also launched online virtual training through our Tailored Day services as well so that each of its active clients had prompt access to individualized instruction.

But these feats are but part of why Beacons has been so successful. Part of its success depends on the willingness of businesses to work with Beacons after the workshops end and welcome the trained jobseekers at actual business sites so that they can further development of their skills through the state’s paid internship program.

Beacons often struggles getting employers to embrace its workers even though the paid internship program pays for the trainee’s job coach, workers comp and the trainee’s salaries. However, I would like to bring to your attention the tireless efforts of Paul Ho and his team to work with Beacons to identify opportunities within the City of Carlsbad. He, John, Carolyn, Debbie and other gave the trainees a wonderful tour and the collaboration resulted in a paid internship for data entry.
Unfortunately the internship was scheduled to start the week before the COVID-19 shut downs and has not yet started, but the time and effort by all were very appreciated. Beacons looks forward to continuing this community partnership and I wanted important to do a shout out for Paul Ho and all the others who generously gave their time to support the Workforce development efforts of Beacons before too much time passed.

Thank you.

Lucile Lynch
Board of Directors of
Beacons, Inc.
VP and Chair of Beacons Pathfinder Program

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Dear Councilmembers,

I have a comment I would like to submit for tomorrow night’s council meeting (4/21).

My comment is in regard to re-opening our public spaces. Our city parks, trails, and beach have been closed due to the coronavirus pandemic. All of the reasons that these spaces were closed in the first place, including low overall levels of testing, truly devastating outcomes in some as-yet undetermined percentage of people, low availability of PPE, and asymptomatic and pre-symptomatic transmission of the virus, are still issues today as much as they were the day these public spaces were closed.

Furthermore, these spaces were closed in part due to overcrowding. People have already demonstrated that they were not able to safely enjoy these spaces while simultaneously adhering to the social distancing that is necessary to keep from infecting those around us.

Opening these spaces is antithetical to what we’re trying to achieve, as a community, a city, a county—a country. It will not allow for any economic improvement for any resident or business. It is merely a measure to increase choices for recreation. An increase in cases as a result of reopening these spaces endangers healthcare workers and our whole community, for no really compelling reason. We need to keep working to keep the curve flattened, caring for everyone in our community, and staying home!

Sincerely,

Nikki Faddick
Carlsbad Resident

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-------- Original message --------
From: astokols <astokols@sbcglobal.net>
Date: 4/21/20 7:40 AM (GMT-08:00)
To: clerk@carlsbadca.gov
Subject: Limited opening of public spaces

Is there a team working on how public spaces such as Park and beaches can be open with a safety plan in place?

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Please read this message at the City Council meeting tonight.

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Dr. Maria Greenwald

Begin forwarded message:

From: Maria Greenwald <greenwald.maria@gmail.com>
Subject: Keep us safe
Date: April 21, 2020 at 11:53:36 AM PDT
To: clerk@carlsbadca.gov

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Dr. Maria Greenwald

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