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Communication from the Public

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Also to APHA Committee of City Council Hearings concerning 10-0773 re: doc 0220-04635-0000

12/13/2010

Dear Mr, Santana and Honorable Councilmembers,

Mr. Santana's status report of November 22, 2010 is accompanied by two attachments. Attachment two (and all of its predecessors) includes completely incorrect information for the Barnsdall Art Center (BAC). That specific building was built by Frank Lloyd Wright and had been the home of the Barnsdall Art Center programs from 1946 until a massive park remodel from 1999-2003 closed the park. Since 1999 it has been unoccupied. In 2003, when the Park reopened, the programs of the BAC were joined with the programs of the Junior Art Center (JAC) in the one set of buildings called the JAC. Please correct the attachment by removing the BAC entry and adding the BAC programs to the JAC part of the exhibit.

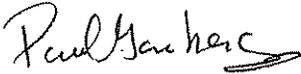
I have also attached an exhibit of actual costs obtained by me, when I served as CAO of BACSAC from Len Applebaum, Chief Accounting Officer of the Department of General Services under the Public Records Act. As shown the cost of 24 hour security (rounded) is \$500,000 year for 24 hour security at Barnsdall Park, Under massive austerity, the coverage might be reduced by 60%, however, it would not be fair to make the programs absorb 100% of that cost, when the park also serves the needs of tourists and the entirety of public uses far more than the limited scope of the programs offered. In addition, saddling a prospective private partner with 100% of the City's costs with no study of what the City's requirements actually are to preserve the world class architecture that is there is unfair and unworkable.

In the case of custodial services, this service is mainly for the restrooms that serve the public at the entire 11 acre park and likewise only a small portion of the approximately \$130,000/year could be fairly charged to a private partner. For these reasons we ask the CAO and the Council Committee to postpone action on moving this matter forward until realistic corrections are made to the attachments and also to the policy, so adopted.

I believe now, and have believed strongly from the beginning of this budget crisis that the private sector ought to contribute to the health of the art education programs for residents of this great City. It is, however, easy for City Administrators to overestimate the potential size and scope of those contributions and thereby doom these ventures to failure. This is a plea to keep it real.

Paul Gamberg

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul Gamberg". The signature is written in black ink and includes a stylized flourish at the end of the name.

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**DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES
BUILDING SERVICES FOR CULTURAL AFFAIRS FACILITIES**

Facility	Total Sq Footage	GSD RESPONSE			What is the facility's security need? EX – 24 hr or Part time	Does this facility have any security?	If so, what type of security is provided? EX – 24 hr or Part time
		Cost for General Bldg Maintenance	Cost for Custodial	Cost for Security			
Barnsdall Art Center 4800 Hollywood Blvd. 90027 Bldg. No. 19004A South District Central City NSA Istiharoh Glasgow (323) 644-6275 646-6389 fax (323) 644-6277 cadbac@earthlink.net	9,105	\$392,530	GSD Funding: \$22,350 – 5 days per week	GSD Funding: \$497,494	Building is Closed	Yes - GSD	24 hours
Gallery Theatre 4800 Hollywood Blvd. 90027 Bldg. No. 19004 South District, Central City NSA Anisa Hamden(323) 644-6272 fax 323.644.6271 bgt_director@sbcglobal.net	Part of the Municipal Art Gallery	See Barnsdall Art Center.	See Municipal Art Gallery	See Barnsdall Art Center.	24 hours	Yes - GSD	24 hours
Hollyhock House 4800 Hollywood Blvd. 90027 Bldg. No. 19004B South District, / Central City NSA Sara Cannon (323) 644-6279 fax 323.644.6271 met_scannon@sbcglobal.net	7,870	See Barnsdall Art Center.	GSD Funding: \$12,600 - 5 days per week	See Barnsdall Art Center.	24 hours	Yes - GSD	24 hours
Junior Arts Center 4800 Hollywood Blvd. 90027 Bldg. No. 19004C South District, / Central City NSA Istiharoh Glasgow (323) 644-6275 646-6389 fax 323.644.6277 cadbac@earthlink.net	18,328	See Barnsdall Art Center.	GSD Funding: \$45,000 – 5 days per week	See Barnsdall Art Center.	24 hours	Yes - GSD	24 hours
Municipal Art Gallery 4800 Hollywood Blvd. 90027 Bldg. No. 19004 South District, /Central City NSAMark Greenfield/Scott Canty (323) 644-6269 fax 323.644.6271 bat_mark@sbcglobal.net	20,639	See Barnsdall Art Center.	GSD Funding: \$50,650 – 5 days per week	See Barnsdall Art Center.	24 hours	Yes - GSD	24 hours

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