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GREATER GRIFFITH PARK NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL  
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**GOVERNING BOARD MEETING**

**APPROVED MINUTES**

August 16, 2011 – 7:00 p.m.  
Los Feliz Community Police Center  
1965 N. Hillhurst Ave. (2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Citibank)  
Los Angeles, CA 90027



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1. Call to Order. Roll Call.

Present: Mauceri, McCarthy, Benz, Ostrow, Masi, Ferris, Bae, Robbins, Desai, laderosa

Excused: Mendoza-Price, Mahli, O'Grady, Demmers, Kornberg

Non-excused absences: Khanjian (late), De Ocampo (late), VanKeueren Campbell

2. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items.

No public comments

3. Reports From Government Officials

Mary Rodriguez from Tom LaBonge's Office

Thanks Ron Ostrow for speaking at City Council this morning

Partnership with People Assisting the Homeless (PATH) – do outreach in the Los Feliz area. North Hillhurst and Vermont Triangle are main areas of concern. Meetings coming up – will email President Ostrow. Metro and hospital brings people to area. Pat Smith (landscape designer or Vermont Triangle) will do clean up of Vermont Triangle soon. Estimate 40 people are homeless on Vermont from Sunset to Franklin.

Fatality – motorcyclist killed at Rowena and Los Feliz. Could make it right turn only and/or no left turn more than just 3 – 7.

DWP River supply project still in our area until 2014. There was a sinkhole issue – problem caught and fixed- but they are keeping an eye on it.

July 19<sup>th</sup> – Research meeting - Traveltown event – 5 PM to 8:30 PM – issues: signage for Griffith Park. Meeting on this issue in 3 weeks time. President Ostrow says a member of our PROSE committee may have attended (Young) and Councilmember Mauceri attended beginning of meeting.

Marshall High track is open for community use. 6 – 8 AM, 6 – 8 PM open to public in July and August except when filming occurs there.

President Ostrow brought up that 1031 Productions was invited to speak at meetings, but not responded yet.

Menz asks question that Los Feliz BID is looking at other landscapers for the Vermont Triangle to clean it up.

Bae asks question about what to do with Homeless – Rodriguez says goal is to house them. They don't always want housing, though, and the first outreach almost never works.

McCarthy asks if there is a number PATH would want from GGPNC (money-wise) and Rodriguez says there is nothing yet.

Ferris asks two questions: 1) Can you please schedule LaBonge events NOT during GGPNC meetings. 2) Is the LADWP behind schedule on River Supply Project?

Rodriguez: Yes.

Rodriguez responds to Robbins question and says trees at Vermont Triangle may be diseased. Also, we may be looking at \$3,000 for maintenance.

-Greg Hernandez – Communications Director and Field Rep – Assemblyman's Mike Gatto's office.

Introducing himself. Leaving brochures from office. Plan on coming to October meeting of GGPNC.

De Ocampo arrives.

#### 4. Presentation about Night Out – Michael Russell

Koreatown NC (Wilshire Center BID) – promoting a get-together at a different location each month. Only item on agenda is for neighbors to talk. Last event they had was 200 people. No cost or low cost. Credits this event for getting funding for 2 separate parks and for power against developers. Also, credits event for allowing open communications to Police and lowers crime. [youtube.com/wcbid](https://www.youtube.com/wcbid).

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Khanjian arrives.

#### 5. Executive Committee Reports

##### a. President

Secretary position has been vacated. No one volunteers. President Ostrow comments we may have to hire someone. Masi declares he is for hiring a Secretary. Mauceri says minutes won't get done well for several months with outside people. Bae asks what they do and Mauceri answers they do a lot. Robbins comments it takes people out of what we are talking about- again, promoting outside help. Masi says he records his committee meeting and takes minutes later, possibly 10 – 20 hours writing appropriate minutes.

Executive Committee report from last meeting – President Ostrow apologizes for wrong year on a previous agenda. Also, please put correct phone number on all agendas: 213.973.9758. And other correct info and double-check all dates.

Shakespeare Event – Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup> for GGPNC. Someone has to make a speech.

Meeting at Vermont Triangle – Los Feliz BID did not file paperwork in time, but city still will not release any money to them.

City Council meeting – President Ostrow attended

Mauceri makes a motion to move up 6 e). Bae seconds. No objections.

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## 6. Committee Reports

### e. Sports And Recreation

ii. Issuance of official position letter requesting Council District 4 and the L.A. Department of Recreation & Parks to re-evaluate and revoke new tennis court usage fees at Vermont Tennis Facility in Griffith Park.

Mauceri makes a motion to make a letter to send to Councilmember LaBonge, CC Vicki Israel, et. al to re-evaluate and revoke tennis court usage fees at Vermont Tennis Facility in Griffith Park. Says Park made decision with no public comment to increase fees during peak hours.

Tal Vigderson – charge fees 8 – 12 and 3 – 5. \$5 an hour per court. No public input. Courts never packed.

John Griffith – agree with Tal. Community has been split apart. Go to different courts- not as good courts. Says he's been fee'd to death in this world.

Dan Blackburn – been playing at Vermont Tennis Courts since 1972. Some people can't afford the fees. It tears apart an amazing community and drives people away. He doesn't think this is what Colonel Griffith had in mind

Richard Oxford – not just about the money, it's also about meeting people. As a businessman, he knows the city needs money, but there is no money there.

Isabelle Oxford – surviving Cancer patient – doctor said she needed exercise and now she cannot go.

Robbins asks Mauceri who was the rat who started this business- Mauceri says no response yet. Mauceri says Tom LaBonge could make a phone call to someone at Parks and Rec to change it.

Ferris comments this is standard fee. Mauceri says not uniform that all tennis facilities raised fees.

Desai – watch for typos.

No objection, letter will be sent.

De Ocampo leaves.

Return to previous agenda order

5. Executive Committee

b. Treasurer – Approval of 2011-12 Budget

Bae motions to pass budget. Christina seconds.

\$56,250 was requested and then the committee made cuts to \$40,500.

Ferris – has committee thought about a time deadline to get your funds? Bae – no, but an efficiency plan has been discussed. Ferris adds more, but Ostrow says Ferris should bring it up at next Budget meeting. Ferris clears up what budget is to make clear for everyone.

Nyla Arslanian – Public Comment - Chair of Culture & Events Committee. Their budget is different than they submitted. It is based on specific amounts, not a made up number. Please look at everything that comes forth, not just what is in budget.

Menz questions the \$13 in postage.

Desai questions the low number in outreach. Bae answers that other committees will take on much of those costs.

Khanjian comments this budget needs to be approved every time. Also, initial approved budget of 2010 looked very different than final expenditures. This is just an allocation. Also, unless you have all your paperwork, nothing will be approved.

Robbins – is there money for Secretary?

McCarthy – where is paperwork to fill out? President Ostrow says it is in the binder he gave everyone.

Ostrow – is this from every committee chair? Bae: Yes, but no City Services

DISCUSSION:

Mauceri – budget is fluid.

Ostrow – while budget is fluid, nobody should be looking at this and think these numbers do not matter.

AMENDMENT: move \$3,500 from Special Projects to: \$1,500 to Operations Emergency Fund, \$1,000 to Outreach, \$1,000 to Culture & Events.

Masi – AMENDMENT to AMENDMENT: Move \$1,000 from Culture & Events and leave in Separate projects. Bae Seconds.

Bae says we should just approve original budget.

Desai – we should approve AMENDMENT to AMENDMENT

Khanjian – don't worry, committees don't always spend all their money

Ferris – No action can happen until next meeting on spending the Operations Emergency fund?

Menz – backs Masi's AMENDMENT to AMENDMENT

Ostrow – agrees with Desai. Outreach needs more money. Last year Culture & Events spent \$16,000. We should give them an extra \$1,000. Opposes Masi's amendment to amendment. While there is flexibility, this should be what we are doing.

Nelson – To Desai's point, Outreach is highest expenditure in budget this year.

Khanjian - the city may do part of the election this year. Bae is relying on past Treasurer's experience.

Mauceri – was ready to accept budget as is. Everything we do is Outreach. "Past history is a guide post, not a hitching post" – Gene Autry.

Khanjian – 3 past Treasurer's at budget & finance committee meeting. Agrees with Masi's Amendment to Amendment.

Vote on Amendment to Amendment – Bae objects.

FAVOR: Mauceri, Masi, Robbins, Desai, Khanjian, Iaderosa, Menz, McCarthy

OPPOSED: Ferris, Bae

ABSTAIN: Ostrow

Vote on Budget with Amendment – Bae objects

FAVOR: Mauceri, Masi, Robbins, Desai, Khanjian, Iaderosa, Menz, McCarthy, Ferris, Ostrow

OPPOSED: Bae

Budget approved with amendment to change Special Projects to \$1,000, adding line for Operations Emergency Fund: \$1,500, adding \$1,000 to Outreach

## 6. Committee Reports:

### a. Culture And Events Committee Report

i. Motion: Approve funding in the amount of \$2,500.00 to the East Hollywood ArtCycle (Fiscal Receiver: Hollywood Arts Council)

Nyla – this area has highest percentage of art consumers. Silent Theater people looking for new home. Amy Hopkins requested a King after school program – committee passed off to Executive committee. Continually have monthly meetings.

Jen Moran – PUBLIC COMMENT – Co-Producer of ArtCycle. Volunteer. Labor of Love. They go to galleries in Los Feliz often and will use Los Feliz Art Supply store.

David Bell – Husband of Jen – pulling together of Arts community and Cycling community. Open up street to neighborhood for one day. People go on bike rides to galleries. Opportunity for outreach. This money would be used for the Children's

program- buying materials at Blue Rooster. Maybe money could come from different areas in budget.

Nyla – money goes to Hollywood Arts Council because East Hollywood ArtCycle is not a 501(c) 3

Ferris – what is expected attendance? David: last year was 7,000 people, hoping for more.

Menz – outside vendor doing this? No, all volunteers- some money in this budget may not actually happen.

McCarthy – what is the signage options? Whatever signs we have and whatever participation is needed. McCarthy – what does the money go for? Children's programming is performances and art supplies for kids and other is for general art supplies.

Bae – what are you doing for Outreach? Press releases. LA Times and LA Weekly are hopefully doing articles. Plenty of other outreach.

Ostrow – please know that the money may not be disbursed for 3 months.

DISCUSSION:

Ferris – do not discuss how these people should do their job.

Robbins – thought this was a Los Feliz event anyways. Support it.

Menz – in favor of it. Should trust the committee.

Mauceri – we should delineate between Culture & Events and Outreach. Silver Lake Jubilee was not good Outreach. Like this idea as a Culture & Events.

McCarthy – please go there to support and outreach if this passes

Desai – all for it. Should be Culture & Events

Masi – supports it, but will be out of town

laderosa - great event. She can do outreach

Ostrow – please know that we need to do this as Outreach and go there OR just cut the check and step away. Thinks this will pass, but has qualms about how much money this is for Culture & Events.

Ferris – AMENDMENT – cut funding by \$750 dollars. Menz seconds.

Robbins – thinks they should just give them the money they asked for. Thinks Culture & Events may get money at end of year. Objects to Amendment.

OBJECTION to Amendment:

Abstaining: Khanjian, Mauceri, Menz, Ostrow  
FAVOR to Amend: Ferris  
OPPOSED: Masi, Desai, Robbins, Iaderosa, McCarthy, Bae

Mauceri – moves to AMEND to reduce by \$500 to \$2,000. Desai seconds. Mauceri thinks it is a good number- we need money for Shakespeare.

OBJECTION to Amendment

Abstaining:

FAVOR: Mauceri, Desai, Ferris, Khanjian, Iaderosa, Ostrow

OPPOSED: Masi, Robbins, Menz, Bae, McCarthy

AMENDMENT PASSED

OBJECTION to AMENDED

FAVOR: Mauceri, Desai, Ferris, Khanjian, Iaderosa, Ostrow, McCarthy, Robbins, Masi, Bae, Menz

PASSED - \$2,000

b. Outreach Committee Report (McCarthy)

i. MOTION to seat a District A Candidate at October Meeting and schedule the conduct of outreach. Second by Masi.

Mauceri – AMEND to seat someone in September. Masi seconds.

Ostrow objects to Amendment

Discussion to move to September. Robbins, Mauceri, Masi, Menz in favor. Ostrow thinks it is not proper to move this quickly.

AMENDMENT PASSES:

Motion to Seat District A person in September.

AMENDMENT by Ostrow – Mauceri seconds.

Motion to Seat District A person in September and Outreach will set a date that the applications must be returned by and will do whatever is necessary to make sure sufficient outreach is done for the appointment.

MOTION PASSES.

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c. Public Safety Committee Report (Iadorosa)

Graduated a Cert class. About 30 people per class.

Saturday October 22<sup>nd</sup> – Earthquake drill –

Coordinating a radio communications session on Sunday September 18<sup>th</sup> – emergency preparedness.

East Hollywood Public Safety and LAPD to do a seminar on gang issues

Coordinating with LA Survival group – Animal Cert class. Must have Cert 1 certification to participate.

Mauceri asks about signs for Citibank. Iaderosa says Police still use that. Ostrow says no. Mauceri adds Police signs add confusion to public

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Bob Burke – Vermont Ave. issues – Vermont Rockwell – got off to bad start- but they have changed their ways. They are putting in soundproof roof in back patio. Approved by Building and Safety. Changed parking requirements. - - There was a recent incident where a bus pulled up and went to The Dresden. Stopped on Kingswell. A local resident got agitated and there was an occurrence that happened- nothing to do with Vermont Rockwell.

David Bell – President of East Hollywood NC – one issue is illegal marijuana clinics. Gang owned. City Council, LAPD, DEA, FBI won't do anything about it. A Zoning Administrator could be the way to go about getting rid of it. Go to the landlord and say tenant is a 'nuisance'.

d. PZHP Committee Report (Masi)  
Overview of web site

Background information of Committee members on web site

Committee receiving an unusually large number of complaints which Masi believes results from sale of spirits at certain restaurants and party buses moving through our neighborhood. Not uncommon for 4 party buses to be in Los Feliz on any Saturday.

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e. Sports And Recreation Committee (Mauceri)  
i. Update on current project status.

Had to twist DONE's arm to get a check out for previous expenditures – for King Middle School gym

Committee met and did a budget and other issues

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iii. Issuance of official position letter requesting Council District 4 and the L.A. Department of Recreation & Parks ensure the batting cage facility at Pote Field in Griffith Park remain fully available to the public at large after renovations are completed.

MOTION by Mauceri to send letter. Ferris seconds.

Discussion on who to CC/who made this decision  
CONSENSUS. Letter to be sent.

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f. Budget and Finance Committee

i. Motion: purchase \$2500 of equipment for Mt. Hollywood Congregational Church to come out of Special Projects  
Withdrawn

7. Board Retreat/Training

Ostrow presents – we may need to do a training session. This is a question of whether we want to do it now or not. We are being strongly urged to have one.

Masi – do we have what we are going to get trained in? Ostrow – Brown Act, procedures, etc. Masi – having everyone not know the Brown Act causes problems in meetings.

Menz – are there other options other than hiring someone? Ostrow – DONE or City Attorney's office could do it.

Khanjian – DONE has seminars already, are they going to have one of these? Are we doing this out of fear?

Masi – I believe it is a good idea. I think we should hire someone or see if someone volunteers to tell us how to interpret the Brown Act. We should be self-sufficient

Mauceri – this sounds like bad management training that was brought about by grievances and they have no merit whatsoever and we shouldn't react to them. We should just wait for the City and if they want to foot the bill, they can.

Ferris – when the City wants to do it, fine- let them make it a rule and we will follow it at that point.

Robbins – the Brown Act is not the only thing we are subject to. The Los Angeles City Act is also something we are beholden to. Even though that is stricter, I do not want to pay for any sort of training.

Ostrow – hiring someone was just an option. We have a lawyer- it is the City Attorney. Others volunteering to help us would be great. Ostrow will tell City Attorney we are not interested in paying to hire someone.

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8. Approval of Past Meeting Minutes

May 17<sup>th</sup> Minutes – MOTION to approve – Bae. Benz seconds.

CORRECTIONS – supplement about public comment – passed out by Ostrow.

Barbara – CORRECTION – She is – managing Director of Symphony in the Glen and determines where they go for money and will not come to GGPNC -section 6, District C

CORRECTION - #2 – Marian  
CORRECTIONS PASSED, Robbins abstains

June 21<sup>st</sup> Minutes – MOTION to approve – Bae, seconds Benz.  
CORRECTIONS – supplement provided by Ostrow about public comment

Ferris – CORRECTION - President’s report – item E – Ferris’ comment – we should be addressing our remarks to the City Council  
CORRECTIONS PASSED, Desai abstains

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9. Other Comments and Announcements.

Ferris – EEK! At The Greek – event on Sunday October 30<sup>th</sup> – mighty fine music.

Mauceri – Sunday August 21<sup>st</sup> – Shakespeare in the Park event at Griffith Park. There will be bottle service.

Bae – asks Ferris about sponsorship of EEK! At The Greek. Says she cannot answer.

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10. Adjourn

Bae motions to adjourn. Desai seconds.