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**GREATER CYPRESS PARK NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA**



Tuesday October 9, 2018 – 7:30 P.M.  
Cypress Park Recreation Center  
2630 Pepper Ave. Los Angeles, CA 90065  
*Dinner and Spanish translation provided.*  
*Cena y traducción al español proporcionada.*

The public is requested to fill out a “Speaker Card” to address the Board on any item of the agenda prior to the Board taking action on an item. Comments from the public on Agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered. Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the Agenda that is within the Board’s subject matter jurisdiction will be heard during the Public Comment period. Public comment is limited to 2 minutes per speaker, unless waived by the presiding officer of the Board. Agenda is posted for public review at the **Cypress Park Public Library**, 1150 Cypress Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90065 or at [www.cypressparknc.com](http://www.cypressparknc.com). In addition, the members of the public may request and receive copies without undue delay of any documents that are distributed to the Board, unless there is a specific exemption under the Public Records Act that prevents the disclosure of the record. (Govt. Code § 54957.5) In compliance with Government Code section 54957.5, non-exempt writings that are distributed to a majority or all of the board in advance of a meeting may be viewed by contacting the Board or at the scheduled meeting. In addition, if you would like a copy of any record related to an item on the agenda, please contact the Board. As a covered entity under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Los Angeles does not discriminate on the basis of disability and upon request, will provide reasonable accommodation to ensure equal access to its programs, services, and activities. Sign language interpreters, assistive listening devices, or other auxiliary aids and/or services may be provided upon request. To ensure availability of services, please make your request at least 2 business days (48 hours) prior to the meeting you wish to attend by contacting the GCPNC Board at [marcos.gcpnc@gmail.com](mailto:marcos.gcpnc@gmail.com). SI REQUIERE SERVICIOS DE TRADUCCION FAVOR DE NOTIFICAR AL CONCILIO 2 DIAS DE TRABAJO (48 HORAS) ANTES DEL EVENTO. SI NECESITA ASISTENCIA CON ESTA NOTIFICATION POR FAVOR CONTACTENOS A [GCPNC@empowerla.org](mailto:GCPNC@empowerla.org)

***Items may be addressed out of the order listed. Times are for reference and subject to change.***

- 1. Call to Order (1 minute):** Welcome stakeholders present & board member roll call.
- 2. Approval of Minutes (2 minutes):** Motion to approve minutes from prior meetings: July
- 3. Comments from Public Officials (10 minutes):**
  - A. LA City Council District 1 Field Deputy
  - B. Assembly Members 51<sup>st</sup> District
  - C. LAPD
  - D. LAFD
  - E. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (D.O.N.E.)
  - F. Other official agencies (MRCA, etc)
- 4. Public Comments (10 minutes):** Comments from the Board, stakeholders and the public on non-agenda items within the Board’s subject matter jurisdiction. Speaker must complete and sign a speaker card before meeting. Limited to two (2) minutes per speaker.

**5. ELECTIONS - Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (10 min):**  
Presentation on 2019 Neighborhood Council elections.

**6. Chairman's Report (2 minutes)**

**7. Treasurer's Report (5 minutes):**

- A. Review and approve September 2018 Monthly Expenditure Reports
- B. Review of our current budget/actuals

**8. Committee Reports (10 minutes):**

- A. Planning, Land Use, Environmental, Homelessness and Renters Committee (3)  
FORUM: Housing the Homeless in our Community, Thursday October 18, 7PM at the Glassell Park Senior Community Center, 3750 N Verdugo (next to the pool), speakers include Doug Smith of the LA Times.
- B. Outreach/Elections Committee (3)

**9. Neighborhood Purpose Grants - Action Items (30 minutes)**

A Neighborhood Purpose Grant is applied for by a 501 (c) 3 Non-profit organization or an LAUSD public school to request a grant from the Neighborhood Council that will benefit the community or serve a public purpose. Our board will hear presentations from the organization listed below. We have budgeted \$4000 to distribute in Neighborhood Purpose Grants at this meeting but may decide to roll that budget into a future month. The board may ask questions of each organization. After all presentations, the public will have an opportunity to comment on their funding priorities.

**A. Friends of Cypress Park - 2 Neighborhood Purpose Grant Requests.**

- 1. \$3000 - Veterans Day Ceremony at Cypress Park Veterans Memorial Park followed by a luncheon at Rio de Los Angeles State Park. Program includes invocation, color guard, rifle salute, playing of taps, words from local officials. Event is open to all. Grant would support food, decoration, rental equipment, park permit, outreach materials.
- 2. \$1000 - Las Posadas Event to provide the community of Cypress Park and surrounding areas with a cultural experience of Las Posadas and include a Christmas Program with entertainment, food, and toy distribution at the Los Angeles River Center and Gardens. Grant would support food and toys.

**B. Lummis Day Festival - \$1000 to support the annual Lummis Day Festival. Free event that includes music, art, and other activities for families.**

**C. PUBLIC COMMENTS ABOUT THE ABOVE ORGANIZATIONS AND FUNDING REQUESTS**

**10. Action Items (15 minutes):**

**A. Discussion and Possible Action: Letter of Support for Arroyo Hall**

Proposed language to be submitted to Planning Dept: The Greater Cypress Park Neighborhood Council supports the beer and wine application of Arroyo Hall.

**B. Discussion and Possible Action: Reclaim Our Schools LA - Language**

Consider adopting language to support the Reclaim Our Schools LA's value statements when it comes to public education in LA and support of teachers.

**11. New Business & Ideas**

## 12. Upcoming Meetings and Events:

- Board Meeting: November 13,, 7:30PM @ Cypress Park Rec Center
- Planning, Land Use, Environment, Homelessness and Renters Committee Meeting - November 6 @ Rio de Los Angeles, 7:30 PM - contact Ash (ash.gcpnc@gmail.com)
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## 13. Adjournment

**PROCESS FOR RECONSIDERATION:** The Board may reconsider and amend its action on items listed on the agenda if that Reconsideration takes place immediately following the original action or at the next regular meeting. The Board, on either of these two days, is to be scheduled at the next meeting following the original action, then two items shall be placed on the agenda for that meeting (1) A Motion for Reconsideration on the described matter and (2) a proposed action should the motion to reconsider be approved. A motion for reconsideration can only be made by a Board member who has previously voted on the prevailing side of the original action taken. If a motion for reconsideration is not made on the date the action was taken, then a Board member on the prevailing side of the action must submit a memorandum to the Secretary identifying the matter to be reconsidered and a brief description of the reason (s) for requesting reconsideration at the next regular meeting.

2018-2018 Budget and Actuals

Category		Budgeted	Spent	Remaining
<b>Community Improvement Project</b>				
Community Improvement Project	Community Improvement TBD	\$2,000.00		
	<b>CIP Totals</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>
<b>Neighborhood Purpose Grants</b>				
Neighborhood Purpose Grants	August Allocation	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$0.00
	SAFE (Streets are For Everyone)		\$1,000.00	
	Audobon Center at Debs Park		\$500.00	
	Healing Urban Barrios		\$1,500.00	
	Eagle Rock Music Festival		\$1,000.00	
Neighborhood Purpose Grants	October Allocation	\$4,000.00		
Neighborhood Purpose Grants	January Allocation	\$4,000.00		
Neighborhood Purpose Grants	April Allocation	\$4,000.00		
	<b>NPG Totals</b>	<b>\$16,000.00</b>	<b>\$8,000.00</b>	<b>\$8,000.00</b>
<b>General and Operational</b>				
Office	Translation Services (Languages 4 You)	\$4,100.00		
	Translation Equipment Purchase	\$1,000.00	\$938.00	\$62.00
Office	Storage	\$1,500.00		
	July-Nov		\$640.00	
Office	Meeting Copies, etc.	\$240.00		
	July Supplies		\$65.94	
	<b>Office Subtotal</b>	<b>\$6,840.00</b>	<b>\$1,643.94</b>	<b>\$5,196.06</b>
Outreach	Meeting: Food & Drink	\$1,200.00		\$875.14
	July Meeting Dinner		\$108.79	
	August Meeting Dinner		\$99.77	
	September Meeting Dinner		\$116.30	
Outreach	Website	\$100.00		
Outreach	Outreach Budget Events, Purchases, Misc TBD	\$5,125.00		
	National Night Out	\$2,000.00	\$1,962.56	\$37.44
	Community Workshops	\$425.00		\$425.00
	Pop Up Clean Up Supplies	\$1,000.00	\$270.43	\$729.57
	NC Badges	\$160.00	\$153.40	\$6.60
	Co-Sponsor CP Rec Center Events - Halloween, Thanksgiving, Winter, Spring	\$4,000.00		\$4,000.00
	Monthly Support of Burritos for Homeless	\$1,000.00	\$100.08	\$899.92
	Craft Supplies for Latin Jazz Festival	\$150.00	\$126.47	\$23.53
	<b>Outreach Subtotal</b>	<b>\$15,160.00</b>	<b>\$2,937.80</b>	<b>\$12,222.20</b>
Elections	Election Promotion	\$2,000.00		
	<b>Elections</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$42,000.00</b>	<b>\$12,581.74</b>	<b>\$29,418.26</b>

## ***Neighborhood Council – Draft Letter of Support***

On behalf of the [ ] Neighborhood Council (NC), we stand in support of Reclaim Our Schools LA's Give Kids A Chance education platform that promotes the need for investing in teachers, community schools, parents, and most importantly our students within LAUSD. Reclaim Our Schools LA is a coalition of parents, educators, students, and community members working to improve access and advance opportunities in public education for all students, so they thrive in the classroom, in their communities, and beyond.

[ ] is located in Los Angeles. As a neighborhood council we see an unprecedented wave of teacher activism that is sweeping the nation. Parents, teachers, students and the community are fighting for a better future for our students.

We stand with our teachers' union, UTLA, in calling for a real investment in our neighborhood public schools, so that all students have an equal opportunity. Furthermore, [ ] Neighborhood Council support educators raising their voices and people of good conscience forming alliances to make real changes for our public schools.

Below are key community demands that parents, teachers, and public education stakeholders are supporting as part of Reclaim Our Schools LA – Give Kids A Chance platform:

- **Fund Our Schools:** California is the richest state in the nation yet ranks 43 out of 50 among the states in per-pupil funding. LAUSD must fight at the local, state, and national level to increase funding to \$20,000 per student by the year 2020.
- **Reduce Class Size:** Students have a better chance to succeed with smaller classes. LAUSD must stop ignoring the rules that protect students from huge classes sizes.
- **Invest in Community Schools:** LAUSD must invest in the Community Schools model, with increased parent engagement, broadened curriculum, and wrap-around services.
- **Fair Wages Now:** LAUSD must offer teachers a fair wage increase. LA's high cost of living is causing a teacher shortage that hurts students and teachers.
- **Charter School Oversight** LAUSD must regulate charter school growth and charter school co-locations on neighborhood school campuses. An unchecked expansion of charter schools drains millions away from our neighborhood schools.
- **Support Students and Families** Supporting immigrant rights, ending racial profiling in searches, and increasing green space can create a better learning environment for all students.
- **Improve School Safety** LAUSD should fund staffing and school safety plans so that our students have real access to counselors, school psychologists, and nurses.
- **Less Testing and More Teaching** LAUSD must increase educator discretion in testing. Let's limit unnecessary standardized testing that reduces critical instructional time.

As the [ ] Neighborhood Council, we look forward to seeing positive outcomes with the bargaining process as well as the above mentioned implemented in the coming years so that our students succeed, teachers have resources, and parents have the schools LA students deserve.

Thank you.