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GREATER CYPRESS PARK NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, February 9, 2021 – 7:00 P.M.
Online/Telephonic Meeting via Zoom # 868 4239 6909



DRAFT MINUTES

Board Members	Roll Call
Romana Barajas	Present
Clint Birdsong	Present
Ash Kramer	Present
Bryan Kramer	Present
Lizette Montes	Present
Chloe Rivas	Present
Jennifer Rodriguez	Present
Teresa Roman	Present
Alexia Teran	absent

1. Call to Order

- 1.1. The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Greater Cypress Park Neighborhood Council (GCPNC) Chair, Clint Birdsong. The minutes taker, Mr. Starr, called the roll. Eight (8) board members were present at roll call: Romana Barajas (Vice-Chair), Mr. Birdsong, Ash Kramer (Treasurer), Bryan Kramer, Lizette Montes, Chloe Rivas, Jennifer Rodriguez, and Teresa Roman. Quorum (5) was met. Alexia Teran was absent. Spanish-English interpretation was provided.
- 1.2. Mr. Birdsong welcomed the assembled group and provided instructions on making public comment and accessing interpretation features. He acknowledged that Cypress Park sits on land formerly inhabited by the Tongva people.

2. Comments from Public Officials

2.1. Update from LA Bureau of Engineering on the Taylor Yard Pedestrian Bridge

[This item was taken up after 2.2. due to technical issues.]

Nur Malhis (nur.malhis@lacity.org | 213-485-4737) said he was a project manager and engineer with the Bureau of Engineering (BOE). He gave a status update on the Taylor Yard pedestrian bridge, which he described as a multimodal bridge for bike and pedestrian use and for emergency vehicles in the event of a river rescue. The 400-foot long, 18-foot wide, steel truss bridge with stainless steel

tension rods for stability, scheduled for a 2021 completion, would be accessible by bike ramps from both sides and would feature a nose-shaped pier in the middle.

Connecting Cypress Park and Elysian Valley, it would also facilitate access to the LA River Greenway Trail and the current 32-mile bike path. It would be accessible from San Fernando Road by Kerr Road.

Mr. Malhis shared a presentation over Zoom with photographs showing progress, aerial photographs and renderings, and design drawings.

LED lights on top of each of the bays would provide sufficient nighttime illumination for cyclists and pedestrians without negatively affecting riparian wildlife.

A restricted stairway would give LAFD access for rescue operations.

The Southern California Regional Rail Authority would install a gate separating the bike ramp on the G2 parcel side from the "tail track," used to transfer locomotives needing repair. Protocols would require a flagger whenever the gate was open and the track was in use. The tail track would eventually be relocated.

The scope included no changes to current access points on Riverdale Ave., Harwood St., Gatewood St., Fernleaf St., Duvall St. and others.

Kerr Rd. would be a Class 3 Bike Route with sharrows. The 2035 Master Plan projected a Class 2 Bike Lane, but an exact timetable for installation was yet to be determined.

A 20-foot crosswalk with a stop sign and a flashing beacon would be installed on the north side of the Metro facility for cyclists and pedestrians. He noted most users of Kerr Road were associated with the Metrolink/Southern California Regional Rail Authority (SCRRA) facility.

Responding to Ms. Barajas' question, Mr. Malhis said the guardrail would prevent children from falling off the bridge, but there were no special measures to prevent adults from willfully throwing themselves off, though the bridge floor was only 29 feet above the soft-bottom river.

Ms. Barajas expressed concern over possible injuries or death from cyclists trying to "beat the train" and asked if the gate could be designed without gaps. Malhis said he would share her concerns with SCRRA, who would install the gate.

Ms. Roman was concerned about graffiti and nighttime safety, and she asked if a guard would be present. Mr. Malhis said graffiti abatement would be handled by Maintenance Dept. vendors, who would paint it over.

To Ms. Rodriguez' question, Mr. Malhis noted locomotives being moved for service would travel at a maximum of 2 miles per hour and would be accompanied by flaggers in orange vests.

Ms. Montes said neighborhood street parking would be taken up by visitors wishing to access Elysian Valley from the Cypress Park side. Malhis said they would work with State Parks and other departments to accommodate additional parking, though it was not within the scope of the contract with BOE, which was limited to the construction of the bridge.

Anthea Cicchino Raymond asked about interruptions to the 2021 kayaking season, but Malhis said the work would be primarily along the banks and the river should be "open" before the summer. He was unaware of any finalized plans to connect the project to the Paseo del Rio project, though multiple connections were the eventual goal.

Steven Appleton asked about ecological restoration and any effects of the bridge on water flow, being that it extended deeper into the aquifer than anticipated. Malhis said the plan was to restore the topography to how it was prior to construction of the bridge. The center pier did not have much effect on the hydrology or flow of the river according to hydraulic analysis, which said there was no "hydraulic jump" or increase in turbidity. He reiterated that the BOE would restore the river to "the way it was before," which was a provision within their agreement with other agencies. To further questions, Malhis said they were attempting to address problems such as individuals hanging from the bridge to take selfies or breaking the gate to gain access, noting it was challenging. Enforcement had led to limited improvements.

Carrie Sutkin implored Malhis to present to the Elysian Valley Neighborhood Council. She expressed concerns over the possibility of people sleeping in the LAFD stairway, graffiti and maintenance concerns, and renderings that misrepresented the “touch down” in Kerr Yard. She wanted to know how pedestrians would walk to the Cypress Park Branch Library, to the post office, and to the grocery store. Malhis agreed to attend their next meeting.

Mr. Birdsong announced that Mr. Malhis’ presentation was now available for download at <http://cypressparknc.com/february/>.

2.2. Ricardo Flores, Senior Field Deputy for Councilmember Cedillo (CD1) addressed the group.

[This item was taken up after 1.2.]

Mr. Flores said more than 100 COVID-19 “warning signs” had been placed throughout the district, which had nearly 50,000 positive cases. Census tracts in Northeast Los Angeles had some of the highest case numbers. He would give “a couple signs” to GCPNC. CD1 held mobile giveaways of fresh produce the previous week in Highland Park and in Cypress Park, partnering with community groups.

He said the office was working on tenant rights materials in multiple languages, and he would update the NC when they were complete.

Mr. Kramer said restrictions in the parking of RVs aimed at criminal actors were negatively affecting people living in their RVs. Flores said there were safe parking lots in the district, including one in Glassell Park, and another in Westlake. They had a list of locations that accommodated RVs, and they were looking for additional possible locations.

To Ms. Sutkin, Mr. Birdsong stated that the GCPNC did not record its meetings.

2.3. Octaviano Rios, Empowerment Advocate, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE)

[This item was taken up after 2.1.]

Mr. Rios explained he had been five years at the department and 15 with the city, having worked for a former Mayor and for a Council Member. He was replacing Jose Galdamez as GCPNC’s Empowerment Advocate; further shuffling of department staff was possible.

Mr. Rios listed important dates related to the GCPNC election (see https://clerk.lacity.org/sites/g/files/wph606/f/Region_8_Election_Timeline.pdf).

The Office of the City Clerk and DONE would host candidate information sessions at 9am on February 27th and March 13th.

He said one or two board members had expired trainings, and he offered assistance with Cornerstone.

There was a February 23rd funding training at 10am; and an NPG workshop aimed at nonprofits on February 18th at 10am. He reminded the board to review its Monthly Profiles. Each NC was asked to appoint an individual to the regional grievance panel list. The Draft Digital Media Policy would be discussed by the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners on February 22nd at 1 p.m.

The Congress of Neighborhoods was scheduled for a virtual event on September 25th.

DONE provided training in Robert’s Rules of Order to each board member. The board also had its own account for the Canva graphic design tool, with access to templates created by DONE.

Rios announced that the Bureau of Engineering was one of his favorite divisions in Public Works and were good partners.

He invited the Board to share any opinions by email regarding proposed changes to the swearing-in date for the 2021-23 GCPNC Board.

3. Public Comments

3.1. Sarai Jimenez said she was External Affairs Coordinator for the Nature Conservancy. She expressed appreciation for suggestions and concerns and said in the coming weeks she would share information with the community in English and Spanish.

- 3.2. Hugo Garcia said he was Director of Community Engagement for the Bowtie Parcel Project and that he was with Clockshop. He would reach out to Ms. Barajas to arrange a brief presentation as part of the community engagement effort set to launch the following month.
- 3.3. Chris Johnson said he was with the Bureau of Engineering, and the Implementation and Feasibility Report for Taylor Yard/G2 Parcel would be released the following week with a video guide and a questionnaire. The comment period would end on April 2nd. The 22-page executive summary would be available in Spanish. He directed the community to visit <https://tayloryardriverprojects.lacity.org/>.
- 3.4. Bryan Baldauf (info@100acrepartnership.org) said he represented the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) and the “100 Acre Partnership,” and he would participate in all NC meetings. At the time he had no update other than that the community engagement request for proposals (RFP) had closed the Friday before. He wished to share information at NC meetings and other community events, noting there was a “digital divide” when virtual meetings were the only type allowed. Regarding Ms. Raymond’s question from earlier in the meeting, he said the many teams in the projects were very coordinated and in constant communication.
- 3.5. Juan Corral suggested the 100 Acre Partnership and the “bridge component” give a joint presentation on their own, to figure out how the projects overlapped, without “piggybacking” on NC meetings. He expressed concern about site contamination, the storm drain, the impact to the community, 5- to 10-year implications, and how the projects would interact.

4. **Chairperson’s Report**

4.1. Update on member eligibility to vote.

Nothing was announced. *[Mr. Birdsong previously noted all board members were current with their trainings.]*

5. **Land Use and Housing/Homelessness Committee Updates**

5.1. Discussion and Possible Action: Fill vacant seat - quick introduction of interested stakeholders & vote

Ms. Kramer invited the two candidates to introduce themselves and describe their qualifications; then, the board would ask questions; then, the public would have an opportunity to make comments; and finally the board would take a roll-call vote on the candidates.

Alexis Djivre was as resident of Mt. Washington and a stakeholder in Greater Cypress Park per the official boundaries. She was active on the Mt. Washington Homeowners Alliance land use committee. She said she was a trial lawyer by profession, had lived in the area since 2009, and was born and raised in Silverlake. Safety issues were her primary concern; including with regards to land use decisions that could affect the safety of residents and children.

Jamie Arnau said she was a resident of Cypress Park, having been born in the City and having grown up in Echo Park and Koreatown. She received her undergraduate degree in global studies with minors in Spanish and political science from UCLA, and she had a degree in urban planning. For a decade, she worked as a digital marketer for historic restaurants and bars. She supported LGBT, minority, and female business owners with website design, and she volunteered with a Filipino organization. A cyclist, she was inspired by Safer Streets actions.

Ms. Arnau was excited to volunteer for land use and participate in discussions around Taylor Yard. She would utilize her event planning and project management skills to promote equity. Food and housing insecurity, and a lack of access to green space had inspired her to get more involved, in order to help build healthy, vibrant, and inclusive spaces. She was interested in public access and improvements to parks, especially for the elderly; and in “15-minute neighborhoods.”

Mr. Kramer asked the candidates how they would address the issue of homelessness in Cypress Park. Ms. Arnau said she had worked with local businesses to provide some of their resources to help with transitional housing for the homeless community.

Ms. Djivre said she had been very active around with Abode, an organization which provided job training and housing for low-income individuals, and she would love to get them involved. She

believed a lot of money being spent in LA was not being spent where it needed to be, about which she would be vocal as an advocate. She was interested in exploring the feasibility of prefabricated, foldable housing, which she understood could cost as little as \$3,000 per unit.

Ms. Barajas asked regarding their knowledge of the Bowtie, G1, and G2 parcels and the pedestrian bridge. Both candidates were interested in learning more. Ms. Djivre had interest in the LA River walkways, which she used.

There was no public comment.

Ms. Arnau was elected to the Land Use and Housing/Homelessness Committee with 7 votes (Birdsong, A. Kramer, B. Kramer, Montes, Rivas, Rodriguez, Roman); Ms. Djivre received 1 vote (Barajas).

- 5.2. The CMF Noise and Vibration Study Draft Technical Report will be published in the coming weeks for public review and comment. Access to the draft report will be available on metrocmfstudy.com

Ms. Kramer noted the above.

- 5.3. This committee is preparing a Community Impact Statement on a city council motion to research redesigning the rules around the Transit Oriented Communities ordinance (TOC). If you have comments about the TOC, we would like to hear them. Please email comments to: ash.gcpnc@gmail.com or attend our March 2nd meeting.

Ms. Kramer noted the above.

6. Treasurer's Report

- Approval of the January 2021 Monthly Expenditure Reports

Mr. Kramer moved to approve as above. **Ms. Montes** seconded. There was no board discussion or public comment. The motion carried with all 7 eligible members in favor. Ms. Rivas was ineligible, and Ms. Teran was absent.

- Update on current state of funding

Ms. Kramer stated that \$1,890 remained in the NPG budget, and she made suggestions regarding reallocations from other budget categories, noting the GCPNC election might not go forward due to a lack of competitive races. Mr. Birdsong said in such a case, a special meeting could be called to reallocate the election budget.

- Moving budgeted funds from certain accounts to NPG funds

Ms. Kramer moved to reallocate \$1,000 from Community Improvement Projects, \$300 from Office Supplies, \$310 from Digital Promotion, and \$1,000 from Other Outreach, for a total of \$2,610, to the Neighborhood Purposes Grants budget. **Mr. Birdsong** seconded.

There was clarification for Ms. Roman of how the GCPNC had already provided for helping individuals needing to submit a paper ballot application via US mail.

The motion carried with all 7 eligible members in favor. Ms. Rivas was ineligible, and Ms. Teran was absent.

7. Consent Calendar

- Approve January Regular Meeting Minutes

Mr. Birdsong said Item 7 would not be taken up due to draft minutes not having been included in the posted documents. It would be carried over to a future agenda.

8. Action Items

- 8.1. Discussion and Possible Action: COVID-19 Vaccine Updates

- Vaccinations are available for LA County residents age 65 and older. Residents with disabilities or without computer access can call 833-540-0473 between 8:00 am and 8:30 pm 7 days a week for assistance with appointments.

Mr. Birdsong noted the above.

- Presentation from the GPIA Regarding COVID-19 Vaccine Equity

Helene Schpak of the Glassell Park Improvement Association presented a letter, which she described as a “clarion call” regarding the disparity in access to the COVID-19 vaccines, which was negatively affecting communities of color and the poor, who were disproportionately suffering higher infection and death rates; and who were challenged in transportation, language, and internet access.

Mr. Birdsong moved that the GCPNC sign on to the statement as written. Ms. Kramer seconded.

Ms. Barajas suggested the letter that a CVS store and a Walgreens store were available in the community as potential vaccine sites.

Ms. Schpak said CD1 had discussed having a mobile unit, which was better for targeting communities with access issues.

Ricardo Flores verbally confirmed that CD1 was targeting those locations as well as mobile vaccine vehicles, which he hoped to be deployed to Cypress Park. Mr. Birdsong advised him to work with Ms. Roman and Ms. Barajas; and the general board could advise on the best ways to get through to the neighborhood. Mr. Flores said he would email the board.

After Mr. Birdsong read the letter, and there was no public comment, **the motion carried with all 8 board members in favor. Ms. Teran was absent.**

8.2. Discussion and Possible Action: Review requests for Neighborhood Purpose Grants

Ms. Kramer explained that each applicant organization would briefly present, then the board would ask questions, then a motion would be made, after which the floor would be opened for public comment, and finally a vote would be taken.

1. IDEPSCA Cypress Park Community Job Center for up to \$1,500: Additional food for existing food distribution (\$1,300) and brooms and cleaning supplies needed because of break-ins during COVID closures (\$200)

Ms. Kramer noted the IDEPSCA application had been withdrawn.

2. Los Angeles River State Park Partners for up to \$5,000: to support the launch of a farmer’s market at LA State Historic Park with staff time and permit and facility fees.

Elizabeth Pezza, Jenny Aleman-Zometa, and Elizabeth Bowman delivered a presentation with slides, which were shared over Zoom.

Los Angeles River State Park Partners was a nonprofit supporting state parks, including those in the district. A certified farmers’ market was scheduled to open later in 2021 adjacent to the Chinatown Metro Station, which, although outside Cypress Park, was intended to serve its community with “healthy eating,” “sustainable living,” and “cultural heritage,” and which was easily accessible by bike, bikeshare, bus, train, or car, with private and public parking options.

Produce at the market would be “relevant” to Asian and Latinx cuisine.

Organization partners had operated such markets for 30 years in Atwater, Hollywood, and others. An NPG would be an investment in the community’s health and wellbeing. The market would be accessibly from a digital platform, with options for affordable delivery to Cypress Park.

The website was <https://www.lariverfarmersmarket.org/>.

Ms. Montes said the site was outside Cypress Park and a 40-minute walk from its center. She suggested a future market could be on San Fernando [Road]. This was not the best use of the NC's money when held up to local community groups' applications, she said.

Ms. Barajas agreed and said prices would be too high for low-income residents from Cypress Park., and she said parking would not be free. Ms. Roman agreed. She suggested instead investing in community gardens for families, who could then share.

Ms. Pezza highlighted they were seeking community partners including area businesses to provide grocery pickup sites and were coordinating one at Rio de Los Angeles State Park. Their chief concern was affordability, and SNAP and WIC were accepted as payments.

Ms. Montes said remote pickup would not be viable for those unable to place orders online.

3. Manos Que Sobreviven for up to \$5,000: Día Del Niño event at Cypress Park Recreation Center.

Alberto Galvan and Oscar Gaytan presented. Mr. Gaytan said the 2020 Día del Niño event had not taken place due to COVID-19. The budget for this event was \$10,000, which would pay for 500 Happy Meals and 500 toys, tents, piñatas, a DJ, clowns, and balloons, and for which they were requesting \$5,000 grants from GCPNC and from Glassell Park NC.

There were concerns about permits, which had not yet been approved. If the traditional location, Cypress Park Recreation Center, was not available, they would hold the event at Washington Irving Middle School in Glassell Park.

Ms. Barajas was supportive of the idea but had concerns about the GCPNC budget and Health Department restrictions. Mr. Gaytan clarified that the event would be "drive through."

Ms. Roman had concerns around safety and whether those without access to cars could take part.

Ms. Kramer asked if they could return once a location had been approved. Ms. Montez asked them to show how many Cypress Park residents had attended the holiday event, and she suggested the grant might be adjusted according to the percentage of participants from the area.

Ms. Barajas suggested Divine Savior as a location.

Mr. Flores clarified that the City was not allowing any large gatherings whatsoever, but he would work with the applicants regarding a drive-through event.

4. Youth Film Productions for up to \$5,000: Provide students with tools for filming, video editing and production.

The applicant was not present at the meeting. No presentation was made.

5. Breaking Through Barriers to Success (fiscal sponsor for Unidos por NELA) for up to \$5,000: Día del Niño event

Erika Miramon agreed to send the application. For their drive-through event, they were requesting \$5,000, including \$3,000 for food, \$1,000 for crafts materials, \$500 for clowns and other entertainment, \$300 for a DJ, and \$200 for decorations. They were making requests of other organizations as well.

The event would be held on April 24th. It was noted that the Manos que Sobreviven event would be April 30th. It was also possible the dates would be switched.

Ms. Roman noted restrictions regarding food distribution and asked what would be served. Ms. Miramon said the River Center had been confirmed and prepared food from Subway Restaurants was under consideration.

There were questions about walk-up guests and how entertainment and children would be managed, as well as the risk of multiple families traveling in the same vehicle. Ms. Miramon said the event would accommodate walk-up guests and those coming by car, and entertainment would be provided during toy distribution. They would require a stage to keep a safe distance.

Ms. Montes asked if the two events could be combined.

6. El Rio de Los Angeles Veterans Collaborative for up to \$2,000: Memorial Day Ceremony at El Rio de Los Angeles State Park.

Bob Ramirez said he was the Chairman of El Rio Veterans. He said their activities were classified as cultural events so COVID-19 restrictions were at times different from other community events. They had held a small ceremony for the opening of their memorial, the only memorial in a California State Park outside of Sacramento, which they carried out with permission from the City and State. The proposed event would honor deceased veterans from the Northeast community. They had yet to request permission to hold the event, whose goal was to increase knowledge of democracy and flags.

Robert Acosta also presented. He said that during the building of the monument, they had reached out to the Tongva people, who sent their representative to the groundbreaking. A first responders' memorial was planned at the same location. He said GCPNC had provided seed money "a few years back." Mr. Ramirez anticipated that the permit would be granted, but it was possible the general public would not be able to attend, based on health restrictions.

Ms. Roman suggested waiting to see the "authorization."

Ms. Barajas moved that the applications from Youth Film Production and Los Angeles River State Park Partners be excluded from further consideration. **Ms. Montes** seconded. After limited discussion, **Ms. Barajas** withdrew her motion without opposition.

Ms. Montes moved to not fund Los Angeles River State Park Partners. **Ms. Barajas** seconded. The motion carried with all 7 eligible members in favor. Ms. Rivas was ineligible, and Ms. Teran was absent.

Mr. Birdsong moved to postpone consideration of the remaining NPG applications to the regular March meeting. Those items were postponed without objection.

8.3. Discussion and Possible Action: Community Impact Statements

Mr. Birdsong said the Elections Committee had met two weeks prior. Candidate filing was open.

[This item was taken up after 7.1 at 9:03 p.m.]

8.3.1. Submit CIS FOR Council File 21-0031 (<https://bit.ly/39LuHnR>)

CARE+ Cleanups / COVID-19 Crisis / Homeless Encampments / Centers for Disease Control (CDC) Guidelines

Land Use and Housing/Homelessness Committee recommends the board support the motion by submitting a CIS indicating we are FOR the motion.

Mr. Kramer said he volunteered with SELAH Neighborhood Homeless Coalition and was aware of people's tents and other personal items being thrown away by City cleanup crews, which "breaks the trust we want to build with them to get them into housing." Councilmembers Raman and Bonin put together an alternative route to deal with cleanups. LA Sanitation would perform cleanups next to encampments, accompanied by community ambassadors instead of by LAPD; and some unhoused individuals would be paid to keep encampments clean. He spoke in favor of supporting the CIS as above. Ms. Barajas said announcements should be made to affected encampments one week prior to any cleanup. Ms. Montes suggested adding a request that the Land Use and Housing/Homelessness Committee be included on the announcement so its members might "work as a middleman."

Mr. Kramer moved to file a CIS in support of CF 21-0031 as above, with additional language that the Land Use and Housing/Homelessness Committee and the Neighborhood Council would be suggested as ambassadors. **Mr. Birdsong** seconded. There was no additional discussion.

[By this time (10:26 p.m.), Ms. Rodriguez had left the meeting.]

The motion carried with all members present voting in favor. Ms. Rodriguez and Ms. Teran were absent.

8.3.2. Submit CIS FOR Council File CF 16-1472-S7 (<https://bit.ly/2Lh5V5r>)

Mount Washington Hillside Community / Single Family Home Construction / Hillside Construction Regulation (HCR) / Supplemental Use District

Land Use and Housing/Homelessness Committee recommends the board support the motion by submitting a CIS indicating we are FOR this motion to add Mt. Washington and the Cypress Park hillside area as a supplemental use district within the Hillside Construction Regulation to increase public safety by more tightly regulating construction practices.

Ms. Kramer moved the above and provided further explanation. Ms. Rivas seconded; she described quality of life issues related to the parking of vehicles at a residential construction site near her home, such as driveways being blocked, speeding, and cement trucks.

There was discussion regarding the boundaries of the “Hillside Community” referred to by the Council File and what areas of Cypress Park were included. Ms. Schpak said Glassell Park Improvement Association was concerned that they should mention Glassell Park along with Mt. Washington.

Ms. Kramer withdrew the original motion without objection. Ms. Kramer then moved to support as above, if amended by striking out every reference to “Mt. Washington” on its own and replace all with “Mt. Washington / Glassell Park Specific Plan;” furthermore, it should include everything in the Cypress Park neighborhood that is northeast of Cypress Ave., west of Figueroa. Ms. Barajas seconded. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor. Ms. Rodriguez and Ms. Teran were absent.

8.4. Discussion and Possible Action: Appoint Governing Board members to be Data Liaisons and/or Regional Grievance Panelist

Ms. Kramer explained the role. **Mr. Birdsong moved to appoint Ms. Kramer, Ms. Roman, and Ms. Montes as Data Liaisons. Ms. Barajas seconded. The motion carried by unanimous consent.**

8.5. Discussion and Possible Action: 2021 Neighborhood Council Elections Planning

8.5.1. Upcoming dates:

Release of certified list of candidates: February 12, 2021

Last day to register: April 6, 2021

Ballots postmarked by: April 13, 2021

Mr. Birdsong noted the certified list of candidates would determine whether the election would be held; and there could be candidate challenges.

9. New Business and ideas for future meetings

Mr. Kramer requested CIS motions be included in March. A special meeting was discussed for February 11, 2021. Ms. Barajas talked about State AB 387.

10. Upcoming Meetings and Events

- Governing Board Meeting: Tuesday, March 9, 7:00PM
- IDEPSCA Cypress Park Community Job Center at Home Depot has food/meal distributions every Tuesday and every other Thursday at 10 am.
- Land Use and Housing/Homelessness Committee: Tuesday, March 2, 6:00PM

This item was not taken up.

11. Adjournment

Mr. Birdsong adjourned the meeting at 11:00 p.m. without objection.

Respectfully submitted by Conrad Starr.