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GREATER CYPRESS PARK NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, September 13, 2022 – 7:00 P.M.
Online/Telephonic Meeting via Zoom # 868 4239 6909



DRAFT MINUTES

Board Members	Roll Call
Romana Barajas	Present
Mack Hill	Present
Ash Kramer	Absent
Bryan Kramer	Present
Javier Lopez	Present
Lizette Montes	Present
Teresa Roman	Present
Rebecca Trotzky-Sirr	Present

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, Romana Barajas. The minutes taker, Mr. Starr, called the roll. Seven (7) board members were present at roll call: Ms. Barajas, Mack Hill, Bryan Kramer, Javier Lopez, Lizette Montes (Vice-Chair), Teresa Roman, and Rebecca Trotzky-Sirr. Quorum (5) was met. Ash Kramer was absent. Simultaneous Spanish-English interpretation was provided. Supporting documents were available at <https://cypressparknc.com/9-13-gcpnc-governing-board-meeting/>.
- 1.2. Ms. Barajas provided instructions on making public comment and accessing interpretation features. She acknowledged that Cypress Park sits on land formerly inhabited by the Tongva people.

2. **Comments from Public Officials**

There were none.

3. **100 Acre Partnership Update**

Sarai Jimenez, TNC; Joey Legaspi, Lee Andrews Group, Inc.; Miguel Paredes, Lee Andrews Group, Inc.; Brian Baldauf, MRCA

Miguel Paredes (mparedes@leeandrewsgroup.com), Senior Outreach Specialist, Lee Andrews Group provided an update. *See Appendix.*

Paredes said a November meeting would incorporate responses to the community survey that had been circulated from August 13 to September 12.

Ms. Barajas highlighted concerns about flooding, noting that in 2018, heavy rains found the water level of the LA River reaching the adjacent walkway.

Brian Baldauf (MRCA) (info@100acrepartnership.org) claimed “our project can do no harm to LA River or to flooding.” Through integrated planning and the LA River Ecosystem Restoration (LA RER) project, which was focused on habitat restoration over a nine-mile stretch, structural changes would minimize flooding.

Sarai Jimenez announced upcoming meetings in September and October which would be held in Spanish and translated into English. She said the project would allow more water to be held “onsite” during flood events.

4. Public Comments

Guadalupe (Instituto de Educación Popular del Sur de California (IDEPSCA) - <https://idepsca.org/>) discussed an NPG request. She said the IDEPSCA assists workers facing issues such as wage theft. She was attending in place of Alberto Rivas, who had represented that group in the past.

Nancy Zuniga was also with IDEPSCA. She said she managed the workers’ health program, and she highlighted that the domestic work industry was not covered by existing health and safety standards, including those related to COVID.

5. Chair and Vice Chair Report

This section was taken up at 8:01 p.m. after Section 2.

5.1. Update on member eligibility to vote.

Ms. Roman was ineligible to vote on financial matters. There was a discussion of ongoing obstacles, specifically that trainings were not offered in Spanish. Ms. Barajas asked if someone would be able to sit with Ms. Roman and provide translation so that she might complete her trainings. She suggested the board could write a letter requesting the trainings be made available in Spanish.

5.2. Discussion and Possible Action: Introduce nominees and vote to fill the vacant seat on the board.

Mr. Kramer said there had been no new applicants for board vacancies.

6. Land Use and Housing/Homelessness Committee Action Items

6.1. "Presentation on Transitional Housing - Ricardo Flores – CD 1"

Mr. Flores was not present. Mr. Kramer said the Bureau of Engineering and CD1 staffers Jose [Rodriguez] and Ricardo [Flores] had addressed the committee the night before regarding housing being erected at the Figueroa Ave. roundabout.

Kramer read notes from the meeting: construction would last through January 2023. The service provider would be installed by the end of February 2023. It was the first manufactured community of its kind. Each of 32 “adaptable” units would house four people, though a 3-person cap might be implemented in favor of preferred bed configurations. There would be a pet “relief” area onsite and laundry facilities. There would be staff 24 hours a day. There was to be a “multipurpose room.” The facility was ADA accessible. CD1 believed there was no cause for concern over increased foot traffic by people experiencing homelessness near the project.

7. Neighborhood Purpose Grant Committee Updates

7.1. The Elysian Valley Arts Collective for \$5000 – Grant will be used for the annual Frogtown Artwalk scheduled for 10/15/22

Micheline Cherie said she was Executive Director for the Elysian Valley Arts Collective, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit operating in Elysian Valley, AKA “Frogtown.” Its goal was to catalyze and

galvanize the community through free classes, low-cost or free events, and other programs for the Elysian Valley and nearby communities. They work with LAUSD to provide arts education, she said. The last in-person event had been in 2018, when 6,000 people had attended. The 2022 event would extend from Fletcher and Riverside all the way to the Taylor Yard Bridge, where the group had held an “Illuminate the Night” event in April 2022 to celebrate the opening of the bridge, which had included the participation of CD13 and of Cypress Park businesses.

Mr. Hill noted that Golden Poppy Market, Bike Oven, and Frame Monster were participating at the Artwalk event. Hill reviewed the budget as per the NPG application.

Ms. Roman said the event was a good idea but that it required support from communities on the west bank of the river. She was concerned that Cypress Park residents would have transportation challenges or would not know how to access the event by the bridge.

Cherie told Ms. Montes that the event had received grants from the Department of Cultural Affairs, the NEA, and SoCal Gas in the past.

Mr. Kramer said the 2018 event was really cool and he suggested the Cypress Park community should come to learn about the bridge. He said providing some sort of “down payment” would be a way to encourage the Cypress Park “arts community” to see what was possible.

Mr. Lopez said he had not heard about the event. Ms. Barajas said placing flyers at the park would be wise.

Ms. Cherie mentioned that Tierra Caliente Restaurant, located in Cypress Park, was under consideration to be the catering vendor for staff and volunteers.

Ms. Roman suggested that Salvamex and Genesis restaurants should be invited to join and “be there with their businesses.”

Mr. Hill moved that the GCPNC will provide an NPG to Elysian Valley Arts Collective in the amount of \$3,000 with the notion that Tierra Caliente provides catering to the staff and volunteers of the Art Walk. Mr. Kramer seconded.

There was no public comment.

The motion passed with five (5) yeses (Hill, B. Kramer, Lopez, Montes, Barajas) and zero (0) noes. Ms. Roman was ineligible, and Ms. Kramer and Ms. Trotzky-Sirr were absent.

Ms. Trotzky-Sirr was now determined to be absent from the meeting. There were six (6) board members still in attendance.

8. Treasurer’s Report

1. Approval of the August 2022 Monthly Expenditure Report

This item was postponed to the next meeting without objection.

9. Consent Calendar

• Approve May, June and July Regular Minutes

Mr. Starr, the minutes writer, said May, June, and July 2022 minutes had already been approved, and August 2022 had been submitted just prior to the board meeting, but had not been made available to board members. It was agreed to review the August minutes in October.

10. Action Items

10.1. Discussion and Possible Action: Consider a Community Impact Statement for Council File 22-0978, Office of Unarmed Response and Safety / Establishment (Blumenfield – De Leon – Martinez – O’Farrell – Price – Rodriguez - Raman): Motion instructs the City Administrative Officer, with the assistance of the Chief Legislative Analyst, and all necessary Departments to report to Council with

recommendations to create an Office of Unarmed Response and Safety to be established under an appropriately defined department.

The item was postponed to October without objection.

10.2. Discussion and Possible Action: GCPNC Halloween Event Participation at Rio de Los Angeles State Park: Monday October 31st 4-8 pm

At this time (8:25 p.m.), Mr. Hill left the meeting. A quorum of five (5) remained.

1. Consider whether to attend and table the event.
2. Consider spending up to \$500 on promotional items to distribute at the event.

Mr. Kramer moved to attend and table the event and to spend up to \$500 on promotional items to distribute at the event. **Ms. Montes** seconded.

In discussion, Mr. Kramer said he would volunteer at the event.

The motion passed with four (4) in favor (Kramer, Lopez, Montes, Barajas). Ms. Roman was ineligible, and three (3) were absent (Hill, A. Kramer, Trotzky-Sirr).

11. New Business and ideas for future meetings

It was agreed to add an item to the October agenda regarding ADA at “the park.”

11.1. Discuss on GCPNC Social Media Channel Guidelines (2019): Reviewing and/or amending the guidelines for what can be posted and possibly enhancing social media channels.

This was not taken up.

11.2. Discuss old media accounts and how to re-establish them or other accounts to increase awareness of the NC and community events and resources.

This was not taken up.

12. Upcoming Meetings and Events

- Governing Board Meeting: Tuesday, October 11, 2022 at 7:00 PM
- Land Use and Housing/Homelessness Committee: Monday, October 3, 2022 at 6:00PM

13. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m. without objection.

Respectfully submitted by Conrad Starr.

Appendix

LARER Project	Agency	September 2022
<p>Paseo del Rio Community Engagement</p>	<p>MRCA</p>	<p>The 100 Acre Partnership would like to thank you for the opportunity to present this month's update.</p> <p>Last month we hosted our first community event at Rio de Los Angeles State Park on Saturday, August 13th. Nearly 200 members of our community were in attendance. It was a great opportunity to meet many of you, share with you information on the Paseo del Río at Taylor Yard project and receive your feedback. Please stay tuned as we will be releasing information on our next community workshop in the next several weeks.</p> <p>Part of our Community Engagement has included soliciting community feedback on the Paseo del Río at Taylor Yard Project. We opened our Community Questionnaire on August 13 and kept it open until Monday, September 12. The feedback provided in the Questionnaire will be key towards the progress of the Project. The survey was promoted via our website, social media, newsletter, email and through in-person engagement throughout the Community.</p> <p>We invite you to keep in touch and up to date via our social media and website. There you will be able to learn about future events and progress on the Project.</p>
<p>Paseo del Rio Bowtie Design</p>	<p>State Parks</p>	
<p>Paseo del Rio G2 Design</p>	<p>City</p>	<p>Pre-design is ongoing. The first community workshop on 8/13 was a success. Continuing outreach to complete questionnaires.</p>
<p>TNC Demonstration Project</p>	<p>State Parks & TNC</p>	
<p>Prop O Water Quality Project</p>	<p>City</p>	<p>(see above)</p>
<p>Bowtie (non-PdR, non-TNC)</p>	<p>State Parks</p>	
<p>G2 (non-PdR, non-WQ)</p>	<p>City</p>	<p>No update</p>

Equity Strategy	City	We are finalizing the project agreement and setting up team. Public engagement will begin in the fall.
Rio de Los Angeles State Park	State Parks	
Rio de Los Angeles State Park Fields	City	The project is in the design stage. The project team may host a public meeting in September to review the final design.
Misc Community Engagement	MRCA	
Misc Community Engagement	State Parks & TNC	
Misc Community Engagement	City	
LARER Project		The City and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers are continuing to meet to develop an agreement for the future work along the entire 11-mile project area.
UC Riverside Phyto & Myco Research Project at G2	City	UCR provided 6-month update with some data obtained. Watering has increase to 3 times a week. Research estimated to conclude May of 2023

Neighborhood Council Meetings

Atwater Village – September 8th

Cypress Park – September 13th

Elysian Valley – September 14th

Glassell Park – September 20th