

# CITY OF LOS ANGELES

CALIFORNIA



## GOVERNING BOARD

CARMEN MORALES  
CHAIR

BRYAN KRAMER  
VICE-CHAIR

ASH KRAMER  
TREASURER

TERESA ROMAN  
DOLORES BERNAL

BRENDA WONG  
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## GREATER CYPRESS PARK NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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### GREATER CYPRESS PARK NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL GOVERNING BOARD MEETING Tuesday, July 11, 2023 – 7:00 PM In Person Meeting

### DRAFT MINUTES

Board Members	Roll Call
Ash Kramer	Present
Bryan Kramer	Present
Carmen Morales	Present
Dolores Bernal	Absent
Teresa Roman	Absent
Brenda Wong	Absent
Mayra Duque	Present

#### 1. Call to Order

- 1.1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by **Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate Erica Gatica**. Erica Gatica called the roll. Seven (7) board members were present at roll call: Ash Kramer, Bryan Kramer, Carmen Morales, Dolores Bernal, Teresa Roman, Brenda Wong, Mayra Duque . Quorum (5) was met.

#### 2. Special Orders

- 2.1. Installation of newly-elected Board of Directors (Oath of Office) **Erica Gatica, Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate** welcomed new Board members: **Carmen Morales, Dolores Bernal, and Brenda Wong**. Thanked and recognized exiting Board members: **Romana Barajas, Rebecca Trozky-Sirr, Javier Lopez, and Teresa Roman**.
- 2.2 **Mayra Duque** from the audience mentioned she would like to be part of the board. **Ash**

**Kramer** motioned to appoint **Mayra Duque** to the board, **Bryan Kramer** seconded.

**Roll Call; Ash Kramer:**

**ASH KRAMER-YES, BRYAN KRAMER-YES, BRENDA WONG-YES, DOLORES BERNAL-YES, CARMEN MORALES-YES. 5 -YES. MOTION APPROVED.**

### **2.3 Vote to assign Board offices: Chair, Vice Chair, and Treasurer.**

**Ash Kramer** explained the 3 different positions: Chair, Vice Chair and Treasurer; The chair is subject to control and power of the board. Presides over all meetings. Vice Chair does the duties of the Chair if absent and the treasurer administers all funds. **Ash Kramer** mentioned she had been treasurer for 7 years; happy to hand off but fine remaining as treasurer but a Chair is needed.

**Bryan Kramer** mentioned he was happy to be interim chair.

**Ash Kramer** nominated herself as treasurer. **Bryan Kramer** seconded.

No discussion. No Public Comment.

**Bryan Kramer; Roll Call:**

**ASH KRAMER-YES, BRYAN KRAMER-YES, BRENDA WONG-YES, DOLORES BERNAL-YES, CARMEN MORALES-YES, MAYRA DUQUE – 6-YES. ASH KRAMER AS TREASURER APPROVED.**

**Carmen Morales** nominates herself as Chair; **Ash Kramer** seconded.

No discussion. No Public Comment.

**Ash Kramer; Roll Call:**

**ASH KRAMER-YES, BRYAN KRAMER-YES, BRENDA WONG-YES, DOLORES BERNAL-YES, CARMEN MORALES-YES, MAYRA DUQUE-YES. 6-YES. CARMEN MORALES AS CHAIR APPROVED.**

**Bryan Kramer** nominates himself Vice Chair; **Carmen Morales** seconded.

No discussion. No Public Comment.

**Ash Kramer; Roll Call:**

**ASH KRAMER-YES, BRYAN KRAMER-YES, BRENDA WONG-YES, DOLORES BERNAL-YES, CARMEN MORALES-YES, MAYRA DUQUE-YES. 6-YES. BRYAN KRAMER AS VICE CHAIR APPROVED.**

**Bryan Kramer** takes over meeting at 7:15 PM

### **2.4 Appointment of Financial Officers of the Board; Ash Kramer** nominates herself as Card Holder; **Carmen Morales** seconded.

No discussion. No Public Comment.

**Ash Kramer; Roll Call:**

**ASH KRAMER-YES, BRYAN KRAMER-YES, BRENDA WONG-YES, DOLORES BERNAL-YES, CARMEN MORALES-YES, MAYRA DUQUE-YES. 6-YES. ASH KRAMER AS CARD HOLDER APPROVED.**

**Brenda Wong** nominates herself as 2<sup>nd</sup> Card Holder; **Ash Kramer** seconded.

No discussion. No Public Comment.

**Ash Kramer; Roll Call:**

**ASH KRAMER-YES, BRYAN KRAMER-YES, BRENDA WONG-YES, DOLORES BERNAL-YES, CARMEN MORALES-YES, MAYRA DUQUE-YES. 6-YES. BRENDA WONG AS 2ND CARD HOLDER APPROVED.**

**Brenda Wong** nominates herself as Signer; **Ash Kramer** seconded.

No discussion. No Public Comment.

**Ash Kramer**; Roll Call:

**ASH KRAMER-YES, BRYAN KRAMER-YES, BRENDA WONG-YES, DOLORES BERNAL-YES, CARMEN MORALES-YES, MAYRA DUQUE-YES. 6-YES. BRENDA WONG AS SIGNER APPROVED.**

**Dolores Carmen** nominates herself as an Alternate; **Ash Kramer** seconded.

No discussion. No Public Comment.

**Ash Kramer**; Roll Call:

**ASH KRAMER-YES, BRYAN KRAMER-YES, BRENDA WONG-YES, DOLORES BERNAL-YES, CARMEN MORALES-YES, MAYRA DUQUE-YES. 6- YES. DOLORES CARMEN AS SIGNER APPROVED.**

**2.5 Community Impact of the Board**; **Bryan Kramer** mentioned this person submits board's feelings on Agenda items; gets placed into council file.

**Ash Kramer** nominates all 4 members; **Carmen Morales** nominates **Bryan Kramer**; **Bryan Kramer** seconded.

No discussion. No Public Comment.

**Ash Kramer**; Roll Call:

**ASH KRAMER-YES, BRYAN KRAMER-YES, BRENDA WONG-YES, DOLORES BERNAL-YES, CARMEN MORALES-YES, MAYRA DUQUE-YES. 6-YES. BRYAN KRAMER AS COMMUNITY IMPACT ON THE BOARD APPROVED.**

## **2.6 Community Creation**

--7:22 PM **TERESA ROMAN** enters the meeting. ---

--Meeting Returns to **2.2** to seat **TERESA ROMAN**--

No discussion. No Public Comment.

**Ash Kramer**; Roll Call:

**ASH KRAMER-YES, BRYAN KRAMER-YES, BRENDA WONG-YES, DOLORES BERNAL-YES, CARMEN MORALES-YES, MAYRA DUQUE-YES. 6-YES. TERESA ROMAN STRONGLY SUPPORTED TO BE RE-SEATED.**

## **3.0 Comments from Public Officials**

**3.1 Firefighter Chief Battalion 22**; Stay safe during the hot weather; hydrate, keep pet hydrated. Look for local water sites; also we are hiring.

**3.2 City Council Representative, Jorge Plascencia**, introduced himself; help facilitate and liaison; mentioned being able to get the 20 trashcans with the help of **Bryan Kramer**. Currently helping with Summer Night Lights; mentioned Cypress Library perks and benefits.

## **Public Comment 1-**

**3.3 Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate Erica Gatica**, mentioned that new members should have received training materials; must be complete to vote on everything.

**3.4 100 Acre Partnership-** There will be an event August 5 at Rio de Los Angeles State Park; **Sarai Jimenez** mentioned Native Plant Workshops with Seed LA. Soil testing samplings being done; studying soil toxicity levels; council will be notified when report is ready.

**3.5 Carlos Arce** Representative for Wendy Carrillo; nonprofit town hall to be held June 9<sup>th</sup>; upcoming events: backpack giveaway, tree planting events. Also working on a Mental Health Awareness event on October 10 at Occidental College. Mentioned they have had 14 bills crossed over to the Senate; plus budget bills.

## **Public Comment 1-**

**Bryan Kramer** mentioned they cannot vote on funding this evening.

4.1 Non Agenda; Public Comment

## **Public Comment 1-**

**5.0 Presentation; Arroyo Fest 2023.** First time since 2003. The event will be from 7am-11am. The 110 freeway will be closed to car and open to the public to walk, bike, eat and drink. They are also looking for volunteers. If groups can gather 5 volunteers they will be given a booth.

Ash Kramer asked if you are not part of a group or volunteer can you get a booth. Presenters mentioned a booth can be purchased for \$75.

**5.2 (Presenter Absent)**

**6. Agenda Item (None)**

**7. Treasurer's Report;** Ash Kramer mentioned it would be helpful if new board members would do their financial training ASAP. Will give members a week or so to catch up. Mentioned they have \$3200 to spend.

**Bryan Kramer** asked if any money rolls over.

**Ash Kramer** was not sure how much was left. Mentioned as an example the fund for interpretation, that the board pays for 3-5 months and then gets reimbursed. Also mentioned the Veteran's check was stolen and deposited by nefarious types and that they were working on dealing with the fraud.

**8. Consent Calendar**

**8.1 Ash Kramer** mentioned that any non controversial item will be on but if we want to make changes that's fine. **Ash Kramer** motioned to approve; **Carmen Morales** seconded.

**Ash Kramer;** Roll Call:

**ASH KRAMER-YES, BRYAN KRAMER-YES, BRENDA WONG-YES, DOLORES BERNAL-YES, CARMEN MORALES-YES, MAYRA DUQUE-YES. TERESA ROMAN-YES. 7-YES. MOTION APPROVED.**

**9. Action Items**

**9.1 Skipped**

**9.2 Teresa Hillery; Congress of Neighborhoods.** There are 99 neighborhood councils. Each year councils get together for a conference. This year it will be on Saturday September 23 from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM, it will be entitled “New Era: Re-imagining Leadership.”

**Bryan Kramer** mentioned any voting will be tabled until next month.

**9.4 Susan Rocha** (Public Comment) Consideration of removing the words “except churches” from the law LAMPC Chapter 11 Article 5 Section 115.02b. Churches should not have special privileges.

**Bryan Kramer** said we represent the community; this is not in our power to change. **Carmen Morales** mentioned we cannot support this because it changes legal authority; and we cannot do that. **Bryan Kramer** motions to not send this letter. **Carmen Morales** seconded.

Erica Gatica mentioned there should be board discussion, then talk to the community and then a vote.

**No Public Comment.**

**Ash Kramer Yes on Motion to Not Send Letter; Roll Call:**

**ASH KRAMER-YES, BRYAN KRAMER-YES, BRENDA WONG-YES, DOLORES BERNAL-YES, CARMEN MORALES-YES, MAYRA DUQUE-YES. TERESA ROMAN-YES. 7-YES. MOTION APPROVED.**

**9.5** Vote to send a letter by **Susan Rocha** to City Attorney. **Bryan Kramer** motions not to send letter, **Ash Kramer** seconded.

Board Discussion; **Ash Kramer** said there is a difference between not guilty and innocent.

**Bryan Kramer** my own ignorance on this matter precludes me from voting in favor.

**No Public Comment.**

**Ash Kramer Yes on Motion to Not Send Letter; Roll Call:**

**ASH KRAMER-YES, BRYAN KRAMER-YES, BRENDA WONG-YES, DOLORES BERNAL-YES, CARMEN MORALES-YES, MAYRA DUQUE-YES. TERESA ROMAN-YES. 7-YES. MOTION APPROVED.**

**9.6 Sarai Jimenez of the Nature Conservancy** working on a 3 acre project; bringing dirty storm water, cleaning and filtering it, will flow to the project wetlands. Mentioned they are requesting a support letter from the board for 4 million dollars in funding for a \$10 million dollar project.

**Bryan Kramer** motioned to write the letter; **Ash Kramer** seconded it.

**Board Discussion**

**Teresa Roman** mentioned she did not support the letter because of displacement issues.

**Sarai Jimenez** mentioned they were working with a group that would address displacement and gentrification issues. I know that you won’t gain our trust right away but I would like to work with you, she mentioned.

**Public Comment 1-**

**Public Comment 2-**

**Ash Kramer Yes on Motion to write letter; Roll Call:**

**ASH KRAMER-YES, BRYAN KRAMER-YES, BRENDA WONG-YES, DOLORES BERNAL-ABSTAIN, CARMEN MORALES-ABSTAIN, MAYRA DUQUE-YES. TERESA ROMAN-ABSTAIN**

**4 YES, 3 ABSTAIN. MOTIONS PASSES. THE LETTER WILL BE SENT.**

**9.7 Bryan Kramer** gave an update on the new trashcans. 19 of 20 trashcans were approved basically on every intersection.

**Public Comment 1-**

**10. New Business and ideas for future meetings;** **Bryan Kramer** asked **Carmen Morales** if she would like to do the agenda. **Carmen Morales** responded that she'd like to see one agenda done first. **Ash Kramer** mentioned she would send her a draft.

**Ash Kramer** mentioned the meetings will continue with a start time of 7PM.

**10. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned by **Bryan Kramer** at 8:46 PM.