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GREATER CYPRESS PARK NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, January 9, 2023 – 7:00 PM

In Person Meeting

DRAFT MINUTES

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

Call to Order

- 1.1. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm. by Chair Carmen Morales. Six (6) board members were present at roll call: Bryan Kramer, Carmen Morales, Dolores Bernal, Teresa Roman, Brenda Wong, and Mayra Duque. Ash Kramer was absent. Quorum (6) was met.

2. Comments from Public Officials

2.1 Public Safety

No Public Safety Officials were present.

2.2 Jorge Plascencia, Field Deputy for Councilmember Eunisses Hernandez.

It was mentioned that Jorge Plascencia is not longer at CD-1; his replacement is yet to be determined.

2.3 Erica Gatica, Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment.

Mentioned the work continuing with regards to Cypress Avenue sidewalks and issues with roots and cement conditions. Suggested three steps the community can do to actively address the problem; 1. Report the location of concern through the 3-11 app. 2. Use the issue of handicapped or disabled citizens as a mean to push the request to fix the sidewalks faster. 3. Recommend that city go 50/50 with owners wherever sidewalks need repairing. Mentioned the January 27th youth conference and thanked the board for promoting it Instagram. Also mentioned the passing of SB411; neighborhood council meetings were able to meet virtually or in hybrid setting.

2.4 Carlos Arce, Field Representative CA 52nd State Assemblymember Wendy Carrillo

Discussed the small business recognition project leading to a May celebration of local small businesses with the highest nominations; encouraged members of the community to reach out to nominate a small business; also mentioned legislation ideas can be submitted online using the submit tab.

2.5 100-Acre Partnership

Miguel Paredes discussed the Access Group and Paseo de Rio scoping process. 2 meetings were held, feedback was solicited via email; a formal design phase will be underway early this year. 18 acres will be turned into a State park and construction will be expected next year; mentioned they had been funded approximately six million dollars.

**2.6 Cheryl Morris representative from North East New Beginnings to discuss project.
Not present.**

3.0 Public Comments

3.1 Mujeres de La Tierra from River Garden Park at the LA River Center plus a soccer field and nature walk. Mujeres de La Tierra is in charge of informing the community on the project of beautifying the community.

Public Comment 1-

Public Comment 2-

Public Comment 3-

**Teresa Roman asked why ask the community what it wants done if it can't get done.
Representative**

4.0 Community Outreach Discussion

4.1 Update the community on ArroyoFest which took place on October 29, 2023. Dolores Bernal reminded people to please share what the NC does; and if the community participated to please share their pics on Instagram.

No Public Comment.

5.0 Chair and Vice Chair Report

5.1 Discussion and Possible Action: Community Outreach

Bryan Kramer said there was no report but was excited for more incoming money.

6.0 Treasurer's Report

6.1 Review September and October 2023 Monthly Expenditure Reports.

Ash Kramer mentioned adding amendment to agenda for November 2023.

Bryan Kramer motioned to approve; Carmen Morales seconded.

No Public Comment

Ash Kramer Roll Call;

Ash Kramer Yes, Bryan Kramer Yes, Carmen Morales Yes, Dolores Bernal Yes, Brenda Wong Yes, Teresa Roman Yes. Motion Passes.

6.2 Update on \$ 4,500 NPG to Manos Que Sobreviven - Thanks Giving Diner where they will provide Turkeys and Food Bags

709 turkeys, chicken, shrimp and pork legs were distributed. 1200 bags of food feeding 798 families. A Certificate of Appreciation plaque was presented to the NC.

7.0 Consent Calendar

7.1 Ash Kramer motions to approve consent calendar; Dolores Carmen seconds.

No Public Comment

Minutes Approved

Ash Kramer Roll Call;

Ash Kramer Yes, Bryan Kramer Yes, Carmen Morales Yes, Dolores Bernal Yes, Brenda Wong Yes, Teresa Roman Yes. Motion Carries. Bryan Kramer asked to take a picture with the presenter from Manos Que Sobreviven and the plaque.

8.0 Action Items

8.1 Paula Gonzalez to Discuss to discuss the opening of a small private school to be located on Ashbury Street.

Paula Gonzalez gave presentation on opening a small private Montessori school. The space would either be used as school and offices or as a school plus residential space.

Dolores Bernal asked about traffic concerns.

Presenters mentioned there was a big driveway that opens to the main street (Cypress).

Ash Kramer mentioned it seemed this would cause a traffic issue.

Presenters mentioned they could bring someone in to direct traffic.

Brenda Wong mentioned this was a very small street.

Ash Kramer asked if the structure was being tore down and presenters believed it would not come to that. Ash Kramer asked if the presenters had spoken with their neighbors.

Teresa Roman asked why would a small private school benefit the community?

Paula Gonzalez mentioned the benefit of one-on-one teaching.

Teresa Roman asked how many families from the community would benefit; were there any offers for them to be part of the school?

Presenters said it would be up to the family.

Bryan Kramer asked if anything would be subsidized?

Presenters said there would be financial aide.

Brenda Wong asked how many slots would be subsidized?

Presenters said 10 percent (4 out of 40 students)

Ash Kramer mentioned the location is technically zoned for commercial.

Presenters said the school would consist of Kindergarten to 5th Grade.

Public Comment 1-

Public Comment 2-

Public Comment 3-

Teresa Roman believed there will be parking issues and advised the presenters to talk to their neighbors.

Public Comment 4-

Public Comment 5-

Ash Kramer thanked the presenters

Dolores Bernal asked if there was a name for the school.

The presenters said there was not.

Teresa Roman asked how many families were living in the location.

The presenters said there were 2; to which Teresa Roman asked how many would be dislocated for their school; the presenters said 1.

8.2 Follow up discussion on submitting a letter to Councilmember Hernandez to request a comprehensive overhaul of Cypress

Bryan Kramer discussed elevating the voices of the community; we do not want it to get filtered through Jorge.

Dolores Bernal said she felt the same way but it's a process, we need to put pressure on Councilmember Hernandez's office; she is there to serve and the sidewalks are a grave situation.

Public Comment 1-

Public Comment 2-

Public Comment 3-

Public Comment 4-

Public Comment 5-

Erica Gatica mentioned that the NC took action to submit the letter; encouraged attendees to call city councilmember in support of their NC.

8.4 Discuss contacting the city regarding the existing pedestrian signal at the intersection of Future Street and Cypress Avenue be reprogrammed to allow a 10-second pedestrian only signal, before cars get the green light in order to ensure the safety of both pedestrians and drivers.

Brenda Wong discussed the dangers of crossing south on Cypress; the pedestrian and car signals go at the same time; many times she mentioned she has almost been hit by cars; proposed adding 10 seconds to the light to get passed at least midway through the street ; adding 10 seconds for pedestrians only. Brenda Wong motioned; Ash Kramer seconded.

Public Comment 1-

Public Comment 2-

Public Comment 3-

Public Comment 4-

Ash Kramer mentioned writing a letter to CD 1 to re-program lights from Figueroa to Division.

Dolores Bernal added that the clicking sound for low vision or blind citizens should also be added to the signals.

Ash Kramer said they would request Future and Cypress add lights on Cypress fixed for pedestrians to cross plus adding the clicking sounds for low vision or blind citizens.

8.5 Manos que Sobreviven up to \$ 5,000 for Neighborhood Purpose Grant .

Presentation given. Mentioned that new families can register.

Carmen Morales asked when Christmas registration would be up and running.

Presenter said it would be determined soon.

Ash Kramer said they had ten thousand dollars for new purpose grants through June and that Manos que Sobreviven were asking for five thousand dollars. Out of twenty seven thousand dollars, ten thousand were earmarked for neighborhood grants.

Bryan Kramer said they need to be conscientious of the funds that they have; asked presenter if they received less than five thousand would they be able to still have a successful event?

Presenter mentioned that almost all families from the Thanksgiving event want to return for the Christmas event.

Ash Kramer asked how much does Glassell Park donate; presenter mentioned they do not donate.

Teresa Roman asked presenter if she had gone to other councils to ask for money and the presenter mentioned they went to Silverlake and Glassell Park but Glassell Park did not donate.

Ash Kramer asked presenter where else did they obtain funding from. It was mentioned that Children's Hospital was a donator.

Teresa Roman asked if Hugo from Glassell Park supported them.

Presenter mentioned yes he had.

Ash Kramer motioned for three thousand dollars.

Public Comment 1-

Public Comment 2-

Public Comment 3-

Public Comment 4-

The presenter mentioned that all people are welcomed to participate.

Ash Kramer Roll Call;

Ash Kramer Yes, Bryan Kramer Yes, Carmen Morales Yes, Dolores Bernal Yes, Brenda Wong Yes, Teresa Roman Yes. Motion Passes. Bryan Kramer mentioned that Glassell Park should chip in more.

8.6 Discussion and Possible Action to file a (Community Impact Statement (CIS) or board resolution) to authorize the use of teleconferencing for Neighborhood Council meetings, including board meetings and committee meetings, in accordance with the rules established by Senate Bill 411 and the subsequent motion passed by the City Council on November 1, 2023.

Ash Kramer discussed whether they wanted all meeting on Zoom or in person or blended.

Erica Gatica mentioned that they still have a Zoom contract set to expire in April.

Ash Kramer mentioned they had agreed not to do hybrid meetings.

Public Comment 1-

Public Comment 2-

Public Comment 3-

Public Comment 4-

Public Comment 5-

Bryan Kramer mentioned they had more attendees before going to Zoom meetings.

Ash Kramer reiterated that people stopped attending in person.

Bryan Kramer added that a one off, one on style would lose momentum.

Teresa Roman also noted that many people do not know how to use computers or Zoom; maybe motivate people to come and explain why it is important.

Ash Kramer mentioned they would craft a community impact statement to take meetings in person/Zoom as it goes.

Public Comment 6-

Ash Kramer motioned for a community impact statement approves use of teleconferencing for Board and Committee meetings at board's discretion. Just want to have the option. Carmen Morales seconded.

Ash Kramer Roll Call;

Ash Kramer Yes, Bryan Kramer Yes, Carmen Morales Yes, Dolores Bernal Yes, Brenda Wong Yes, Teresa Roman Yes. Motion Passes.

10. Committee Updates/Reports

Carmen Morales mentioned the next meeting would be January 9th in person.

The meeting was adjourned by Carmen Morales at 9:02 pm.