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

**Regular Board Meeting
MINUTES**

**Cypress Park & Recreation Center
2630 Pepper Avenue, 90065
April 9, 2024
7:00 PM**

Spanish translation provided.

Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the agenda that are within the Board's jurisdiction will be heard during the General Public Comment period. Please note that under the Brown Act, the Board is prevented from acting on a matter that you bring to its attention during the General Public Comment period; however, the issue raised by a member of the public may become the subject of a future Board meeting. Public comment is limited to one minute per speaker, unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the Board.

Items may be addressed out of the order listed.

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| 1. | 7:05 PM Call to Order |
| 1.1. | Roll Call: Present: Carmen Morales, Ash Kramer, Bryan Kramer, Dolores Bernal, Mayra Duque, Teresa Roman |
| 1.2. | Carmen Morales: Welcome stakeholders present, acknowledgment of Gabrielino/Tongva peoples as the traditional land caretakers of Tovaangar (Los Angeles basin, So. Channel Islands), introductions, code of conduct reminder and summary of telephonic meeting procedures |
| 1.3 | Carmen Morales: In order to run a respectful, efficient, and constructive neighborhood council meeting, please adhere to the guidelines in the agenda. |
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2. Comments from Public Officials

2.1. Public Safety:
Battalion Chief Takeshito of LAFD: Emergency Preparedness handouts. Emergency Management Flyer and info regarding insurange – take photos of everything you have now so you can file a claim later. LAFD.ORG – Ready Set Go Program for more infomations

SLO Officer Reyes

April 21 – 5K run 6:30-7am registration at 4730 Crystal Spring Drive to raise funds for cadet programs

Dia del Nino 28th event

Stop signs are now up and the LAPD is monitoring new stop signs

Ave 27 btw Idell & McClure – working on trash requests and also RVs parked next to park have gotten a little out of hand.

Comments to Reyes:

RVs & food stands by 7-11?

- There is an organized system of people monitoring health inspector location

How do we stop all the trash/parking?

- Community issue for CD1

Can we move RVs to a safer area? Ave 27 blocking sidewalk which is an illegal blockage?

- Homeless issue is a big issue and police can only enforce laws, we need a coordinated approach to deal with problems – involve the city council.

2.2. **Elena Chavez, Field Deputy for Councilmember Eunisses Hernandez**

Rec Center Spring Event just happened

April 20 – Opening Day event at rec center

City budget needs our attention; parks get funding cut first

Small businesses are going to be highlighted through council office’s SM – request for small businesses to s/o

LA311 please report graffiti

Text Elena when you email her; email can take a while to get to

Food distributions happening 2 xs a month

Comments:

Same question re: RVs and trash next to park, didn’t do a clean-up like she’d said

Chavez: We did clean up the block. CD1 gets a deep clean team twice a month. CD1 is a huge district. We’re prioritizing this location, but we have extremely limited resources.

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

I cover 8 NCs. NCs amplify the voice of the community

New Mayor rep coming to the NC meeting next month

Youth Seat update – very likely we will get it!

BONC is starting to meet NC service regions, East Area in June – opportunity to meet Bonc

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

One new bill: AB1795 Fair and Open Elections Act – you can’t run for two offices at the same time

April 25th Co-hosting Earth Day event at Echo park – food and booths

2.5. **Joey Lagossi of 100-Acre Partnership**

Sat May 11 – LA River Center 0-12 Free tree giveaway with all the tree organizations!

Pre-Design report of Paseo, G-2 maintenance staff weekly checking locks/security/fences

Q: what's happening with watering at state park? Gets really dry and ugly

A: not part of the 100-Acre partnership but thinks water is turned on

2.6. **Candice Dickens-Russell, President & CEO, Friends of the LA River**

Working to get to know neighbors on NC tour

In role for 2 years, on board for 3 years

Education, sustainability, social justice

FOLAR 1986 formed by Luis McAdams who wanted people to have access to the LA River

The river should be our cooling center

Advocacy Glendale Narrows sediment removal

Earth Day Event – sun 21 Earth Day extravaganza

Q: What is FOLAR doing about carcinogens in the river?

A: We only go in the river when it is safe, which we know from testing but we don't test lead specifically

Q: What about the nesting of endangered bird species?

A: We moved the cleanup to the fall so we don't disrupt it.

Q: Did FOLAR plant the native plants by the bridge?

A: No, but I wish we had!

2.7. Other Public Officials

none

3. Public Comments

A) Marcus Gutierrez – 2003 plaque was stolen at the veteran's memorial on Cypress. Thumbs up for the Rio Veterans group who have taken over programming for veterans in the neighborhood.

B) Susan Roche – falsely accused of a crime, found not guilty, cruel, wants quiet without ringing, beat church in court.

3.1. Comments from the Board, stakeholders, and the public on non-agenda items within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction. **Limited to one (1) minute per speaker.**

4. Community Outreach Discussion

4.1. **Carmen Morales:** Manos Que Sobreviven International Children's Day Event held right here at the Cypress Park Recreation Center

4.2. **Carmen Morales:** Remember to Check out <https://www.laparks.org/reccenter/cypress> for all upcoming sports and classes at the Cypress Park Rec Center

5. Chair and Vice Chair Report

5.1. **Carmen Morales:** Discussion and Possible Action: Community Outreach

- We are pleased to announce that our streets are getting Safer we officially have 3 new All-Way STOP signs going north on Cypress Ave at the corners of Jeffries, Huron, and Gay, additionally, we have 1 new All-Way STOP sign going south on Ave 28 at the corner of Gay

6. Treasurer's Report

6.1. Review and approve March 2024 Monthly Expenditure Reports

Ash Kramer: March MER not available to print at this time. We have \$16,532 remaining in our account. We can rollover \$10K at the end of June to the new fiscal year.

7. Consent Calendar

7.1. Per GCPNC Standing Rules, a single motion approves the following items without board or public comment due to the fact that they were considered at a prior public meeting and/or are uncontroversial. Any Board Member may ask that any item be removed from the consent calendar and voted on separately.

- Approve Meeting Minutes from Regular and Special Board meetings in January and March

Mayra Duque: January Minutes still not right.

Ash: Motion to approve March minutes. Mayra seconds. Unanimous yes. Motion passes.

8. Action Items

8.1. Approve Board Member Brenda Wong’s resignation from the Greater Cypress Park Neighborhood Council Board Effective April 1, 2024.

Camien motions to accept; Ash seconds motion. No discussion. Vote unanimous. Motion passes.

8.2. Discussion and Possible Action: Consider a Neighborhood Purpose Grant for up to \$4539 for Manos Que Sobreviven for a Dia Del Ninos event.

Ash: MQS has submitted a new budget, available on website.

Lenni of MQS: Candyland is this year’s theme. Local schools and vendors. Booths to discuss resources. Children’s Hospital, Queen’s Care, Martial HS, Aragon Elementary all invited.

Susan Roche: where?

Lenni: Rec Center

Carman Morales: Motion to approve the entire amount requested. Bryan: 2nd the motion. No Public Comment. Yes: Carmen, Ash, Bryan, Teresa, Dolores. Abstain: Mayra. Motion passes.

8.3. Discussion and Possible Action: Consider Neighborhood Purpose Grant for up to \$5000 to Community Nature Connection for food during and promotion of nature-guided trips for the community.

Ash reads application.

Mayra motions no. Carmen 2nds. Public Comment: Susan “too much money” Marcus: “who are they?”

Unanimous No vote. Motion to not issue a grant passes.

8.4. Discussion and Possible Action: Consider a Neighborhood Purpose Grant for up to \$1000 for Rio De Los Angeles Veterans Collaborative for a public Memorial Day event.

Art Camarillo: Thank you, you’ve been with us from the start. We need less money these days. We need food for serving 700-900 people + volunteers. PO Box, taxes. \$200 parks permit. Comes to \$1563.

Tom Atkins: Got the application early.

Art: We don’t want to forget the people who didn’t come home.

Ash motions \$1600, Carmen seconds the motion. Public Comment: Marcus “These guys are great” Vote: unanimous yes. Motion for \$1600 NPG passes.

8.5. Discussions and Possible Action: Request for Action to increase the amount of funding provided to neighborhood councils to be sent to CD1 in anticipation of the 24-25 city budget. Discuss and vote on a draft letter.

Carmen: don’t have the draft letter. Needs amount of budget from past years. Erica to connect with City Clerk’s office.

Public Comment: spend every penny to make the argument that you need more.

Carmen tables. Ash seconds. Unanimous tabled to next meeting.

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- 8.6. Discuss appointing a Homelessness Liaison (HL). The HL with the support of Neighborhood Empowerment will foster collaboration and information sharing among other City Departments, agencies and organizations engaged in enhancing government responsiveness to local outreach needs.

Bryan: 5 years ago I did this. It was great, met city folks, met folks who started SELAH.

Walk into this with eyes open. You may meet people to form a coalition.

Carmen: would but no time, open to anyone who wants it.

Erica: opportunity is open to anyone including members of the public. Meet once every 2 months; gauge how to maximize time and what works for you. Networking and panel events.

No volunteers.

Carmen tables. Ash 2nds. Unanimous. Tabled.

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- 8.7. Discuss and Possible Action: Investigating and coordinating with CD1 about street clean up and homeless encampment along Ave 27 based on citizen report by Aude Charles.

Bryan: Avenue 27. It's important people come to this meeting so Elena and CD1 can hear from them. We tend to blame unhoused people for problems that may not be caused by them. We tend to other unhoused people; volunteering teaches you to talk to them and understand their lives. Best to met people where they are and not just in terms of people who make the trash. Other people dump if they see homeless people.

Public Comment 1: Big trash bin near RVs would be helpful. We need to come together and collaborate and it's up to us to try to solve.

CD1/Elena: Clarifying that recommended shipping container be for dumping. [confirmed]

Susan: Promote trash place at Ave 19

Public Comment 2: I live at the trailer park next to Ave 27. 5 children. All that trash is bringing rats and roaches. I'm there and see traffic. I know they're selling drugs. IMO something needs to be done. Manager tried to reach out to the mayor's office, very unsanitary. Anything to help. No parking left. Illegal mechanic working in the middle of the street at night.

PC 3: Safe parking?

Elena: underutilized @ Glassell Park. People are where they are because of community. I hear you.

PC3: I appreciate your being straight with us, but it's a never ending problem. Recently put up 2-hour parking signs, but no enforcement.

Teresa: It's been a problem for a long time. Also seen a mechanic working on gas tank. Very dangerous at night. People who lice there have cards. Construction at night dumping.

Susan: Pink apartment building needs plants.

Elena: It's complicated. Construction workers do make it complicated because if you put up a big bin it can become an illegal dumping site. Promise to commit to this problem. Keep you all updated.

No motions, no action taken.

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- 8.8. Discuss and Possible Action: HHPC—supporting the opposition to RE: Restaurant Beverage Program, Council File Number: 17-0981

Mayra provides letter available on website.

Ash motions to approve the letter. Carmen 2nds. Public Comment: Susan: No one is talking about Shinn's – the tables on the sidewalk have liquor on them.

Vote: unanimous yes. The motion passes.

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- 8.9. Discuss and Possible Action: Request to Terminate Eagle Rock Tentative Tract Map TT-67938 and Zone Change APCE- 2007-5925-ZC, 4875 Onteora Way Mitigated Negative Declaration ENV-2006-9508-MND Council File No. 09-0242-S1

Mayra Motions to approve letter provided. Carmen 2nds. Public Comment: Susan – Can an NC vote on something out of their district. Erica: yes. **Vote: Unanimous yes. Motion passes.**

- 8.10. Discuss and Possible Action: Approve draft letter to Federal, State and City Public agencies to request 100 Acres Partnership, to include, enforce and abide by the US Endangered Species Act and California Endangered Species Act. Include Recover and Conservation Endangered Species Plan on their Plans for Taylor Yard Bowtie G1 and Paseo del Rio at TY G2 projects to avoid any potential impact and take of the species and their natural critical habitat (I took this from the River Alliance agenda. Alejandro said he'd have a letter by this week, if it's not ready I can just about it, so we can vote on it in May's meeting)

Tabled to May for time. Carmen motions to table. Ash 2nds. Unanimous tabled.

- 8.11. Discuss and Possible Action: Allocate funds for Community Outreach \$4,000 (clear bags, draw string bag, water bottles, etc.)

Carmen motions yes. Dolores 2nds. No Public Comment. Unanimous yes vote. Motion passes.

9. New Business and ideas for future meeting

10. Committee Updates/Reports

10. Upcoming Meetings and Events:

- Governing Board Meeting: Second Tuesday next month, 7:00PM

11. Adjournment @ 9:30PM
