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## GREATER CYPRESS PARK NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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## GREATER CYPRESS PARK NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, January 9, 2024 – 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.

**Erica Gatica mentioned the work continuing with regards to Cypress Avenue sidewalk 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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 52<sup>nd</sup> 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 faze 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 mentioned their project including 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 said they have examples of possibilities; they said they understand the community's lack of trust when groups ask for their opinions and then never come back to the community but in order to apply for a grant surveys have to be done; in the end sometimes grants are received and sometimes they are not.**

**Public Comment 4-**

**Representative mentioned they are working on logistics in the area; encouraged community to go and look at the space and that it is open to the public.**

**Teresa Roman asked who would be in charge of the space?**

**Representative said they want the community to be involved but the property would be maintained by MRCA -Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.**

**Public Comment 5-**

**Public Comment 6-**

**Public Comment 7-**

#### **4.0 Community Outreach Discussion**

##### **4.1 Representative not Present.**

**No Public Comment.**

#### **5.0 Chair and Vice Chair Report**

##### **5.1 Discussion and Possible Action: Community Outreach**

**Dolores Bernal mentioned outreach had approved money for Rio de Los Angeles; also mentioned the bags and stations for the dogs seemed to be approved.**

**Mayra Duque suggested making signs for the NC to be placed on park benches and alongside busses; mentioned the cost was around \$45 per poster; 5 posters would be sufficient; proposing to plan something for earth day but that it takes 2 months to get the posters done.**

#### **6.0 Treasurer's Report**

**Carmen Morales Calendared to the next meeting.**

#### **7.0 Consent Calendar**

##### **7.1 Delores Bernal motions to approve the minutes; Carmen Morales seconded**

**Carmen Morales Roll Call;**

**Bryan Kramer Yes, Carmen Morales Yes, Dolores Bernal Yes, Brenda Wong Yes, Teresa Roman Yes and Mayra Duque Yes. Minutes approved.**

#### **8.0 Action Items**

##### **8.1 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 LPI, Leading Pedestrian Intervals, for Future and Cypress streets.**

**Mentioned that she walked down 5 intersections and that 3 had no LPI's and 2 had LPI's but that they were too brief in duration. Suggested to ask for Future street between Figueroa and Division that the entire stretch get new LPI's and for the existing ones to get updated.**

**Public Comment 1-**

**Brenda Wong mentioned that some streets need a 10 LPI and some need between 3-5 seconds.**

**Public Comment 2-**

**8.2 Follow up discussion on submitting a letter to Councilmember Hernandez to request a comprehensive overhaul of Cypress Park Avenue that prioritizes pedestrian accessibility and safety.**

**Bryan Kramer mentioned this matter maybe brought to a halt until we know who our new representative is. He mentioned he would like a new public discussion.**

**Erica Gatica mentioned the board did not have to put this issue on hold; mentioned they could still reach out to see who the point is or contact; she mentioned she would be happy to reach out to see who else they could talk to.**

**Carmen Morales mentioned this item was on a temporary hold.**

**8.4 Discussion and Possible Action to file a (Community Impact Statement (CIS) or board resolution) to authorize the preparation of a letter for requesting additional funds at the next fiscal year.**

**Carmen Morales mentioned proposals due in April for additional funds.**

**Erica Gatica said neighborhood councils can send a letter with regards to additional funds.**

**Bryan Kramer asked if they could vote on submitting the letter.**

**Erica Gatica mentioned the letter can be written but it would be best if a draft was prepared.**

**Carmen Morales suggested having a discussion and that by next month the board will have drafted a letter.**

**Erica Gatica said the amounts can change, that board input can not only affect the dollar amount, it can also affect other departments.**

**Carmen Morales mentioned that the actual action with a proposed draft needed for the impact statement.**

**9.0 New Business and ideas for future meeting.**

**Mayra Duque mentioned the use of posters that could be tied to an event should be placed on the agenda.**

**Public Comment 1-**

**Carmen Morales mentioned they needed to review which requests we turned down for budgeting reasons so it can be seen what we funded and what we could not.**

**Public Comment 2-**

**10.0 Committee Update/Reports**

**11.0 The meeting was adjourned by Carmen Morales at 8:06 pm.**