

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

**Regular Board Meeting  
Agenda  
Cypress Park & Recreation Center  
2630 Pepper Avenue, 90065  
August 13, 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.

**1. Call to Order**

[7:10 call to order](#)

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1.1. Roll Call

[Bryan, Ash, Carmen, Mayra, Teresa, Dolores](#)

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1.2. 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



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*In order to run a respectful, efficient, and constructive neighborhood council meeting, please adhere to the following guidelines:*

1. *Meeting attendee comments about **non-agenda items or personal commentary** are permitted during the general "Public Comments" section of the meeting. There is a one-minute time limit. The Board Chair may allow a longer comment at their discretion. General feedback for the Board related to its policies/decisions is encouraged during this time as well.*
2. *Meeting attendee comments about **specific agenda items** are encouraged during the "Public Comments" period of the specific agenda item being discussed. Comments unrelated to the agenda item are not allowed during commenting periods of individual agenda items but may be made during general public comments.*
3. *Meeting attendees are not permitted to offer personal commentary outside of the general or specific agenda item "Public Comment" periods.*
4. *Compliance to these procedures is expected. At the Board Chair's discretion, three warnings will be offered for non-compliance. Upon a fourth occurrence of non-adherence to these meeting standards, the Board Chair may ask an attendee to leave the meeting. If necessary, the meeting will be stopped entirely until the non-compliant attendee can be escorted from the premises.*



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## 2. **Comments from Public Officials**

### 2.1 Public Safety

- LAFD
  - Battalion Chief Hardaway: super hot & getting hotter, so HYDRATE soon and early
  - FD had a couple of small brush fires, Montecito Heights and Monterey Hills
  - September is fire season start
  - Earthquakes! 4.5 but the big one is coming
  - Fire Dept goes into earthquake mode - everyone goes to a safe area and check overpasses, schools, etc
  - Plan to be self-sufficient
  - Example of Northridge earthquake - damage to stations, some of the trucks couldn't get out
  - LAFD.org brush fires and earthquakes
  - 213-485-6272 Station 2
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2.2	Elena Chavez, Field Deputy for Councilmember Eunisses Hernandez . Not present
2.3	Alfredo Rodriguez, Northeast Area Representative from Office of Mayor Karen Bass . Not present
2.4	Erica Gatica Doughty, Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate, . Department of Neighborhood Empowerment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GCPNC + 7 other NCs</li> <li>• Will connect with office of CD1 to expedite the transportation study</li> <li>• Nightingale and Aragon outreach to try to set up a meeting that are some outreach avenues, because we have some board vacancies and a youth seat</li> <li>• New general manager held an east area listening tour; importance of 2024 insights and perceptions survey to give her a sense of how to make NC system better</li> <li>• Congress of Neighborhoods event - we can still contribute funds (sat sept 28)</li> <li>• City Clerk's office has sent out rollover budget</li> </ul>
2.5	Carlos Arce, Field Representative CA 52 <sup>nd</sup> State Assemblymember Wendy Carrillo . Not Present
2.6	100-Acre Partnership . <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Miguel Paredes (Lee Andrews Group) - thank you, information on the website</li> <li>• Environmental review phase and starting formal design phase</li> <li>• Bowtie - Kelsey Jessup - urban conservation project director - Bowtie wetland demonstration project - TNC staff turnover - The Better World Group to support with engagement and outreach; hiring construction contractors and manager and construction monitors (resources and mitigation during construction process); 1st step with construction team is transportation and health and safety plan - will share the plans for when and what routes, draft info available next month - plans will be in English and Spanish</li> <li>• Event moved September 7 - Anahuak Youth Soccer Group - free tacos - sharing resources</li> <li>• Miguel - extended review period mitigated negative declaration - G2 - maintenance on a weekly basis, equity strategy will be shared by city this summer, Rio de Los Angeles fields, construction underway and should be done summer 25, TY community and wildlife grant - did not get funded</li> <li>• Susan Roche: Sound wall? Kelsey: Temporary sound wall may be built on Bowtie around construction to mitigate sound to protect species</li> </ul>
2.7	Other Public Officials . <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• none</li> </ul>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Public Comments</b>
3.1	Comments from the Board, stakeholders, and the public on non-agenda items within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction. <b>Limited to one (1) minute per speaker.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Susan Roche - Divine Savior tried to put me in jail; jury trial not guilty</li> </ul>

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- Jennifer - Softball issue - Baseball until the age of 18 but softball is only offered to girls until the age of 16 - extending softball to the age of 18 would be good for the neighborhood

Mike responds - interest wanes and there are problems trying to bring our kids to other parks - and things happen and fights happen at other parks; we try to steer away from areas with a history of gangs that make engaging with sports is dangerous; we are directed to be cautious to have older kids play with other parks

Jennifer - players should have the opportunity to play against harder teams

Mike - my job is to make sure that situations are safe; girls divisions have to be put on every flyer; problem is people not signing up in big numbers

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#### **4. Community Outreach Discussion**

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

Carmen ✓

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- 4.2 The Mayor's Crisis Response Team (CRT) is looking for volunteer. This program was established in 1998 to assist the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) and the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) during critical incidents. CRT is committed to providing resources and support on scene to survivors of crime and crisis in the City of Los Angeles.

CRT Volunteer Requirements:

Attend an interview session.

Complete a live scan.

Attend a 9-week 62-hour CRT Training Academy

Respond to critical incidents by providing immediate on-scene crisis intervention.

Commit to 1 year of volunteering and 36 on-call hours per month.

Must be 21 years of age to join our team

Carmen ✓

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- 4.3 Updates on community outreach promotional items

Mayra - promotional items ready - bags and stickers in the back!

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#### **5. Chair and Vice Chair Report**

- 5.1 Discussion and Possible Action: Community Outreach
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#### **6. Treasurer's Report**

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- 6.1 Review and approve May 2024 and June 2024 Monthly Expenditure Reports [add July 2024 MEr](#)  
Motion to approve: Ash K  
2nd: Carmen  
Unanimous - passes
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**7. Consent Calendar**

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- 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 June

Ash K motion to approve  
Carmen 2nd  
Yes: Bryan, Ash, Mayra, Teresa, Carmen  
Abstain: Dolores  
Motion passes

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**8. Action Items**

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- 8.1 Discussion and Action: Approve the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year Budget and Administrative Packet for the GCPNC. This includes roles such as second, signer, alternative signer, and card holders. It also includes approval of standing office charges such as interpretation, storage, and minute taker services.

Ash introduces fiscal year admin budget. Asks about being second signer. Dolores nominates herself. Ash asks about an alternate signer. Mayra volunteers. First bank holder is Ash. Second bank card holder; Dolores nominates herself.

Ash put together a sample budget. We have \$32K; probably another 10K rolled over. \$3300 for storage. \$2400 minutes and live interpretation (see budget for further details). Grand total 12K for office. Outreach 3K misc. 6K budgeted for Cypress Rec. 3K for election budget. 8K for NPGs. We can put the rolled over 10K toward NPGs or community improvement projects.

Ash asks for input. Dolores asks about contributing to Neighborhood Congress. Ash suggests pulling funds from Outreach. Mayra asks about election advertising expenses. Ash says this is about allocating large pools of money for the budget, but things can be shuffled around later. Ash talks about election advertising things from years past.

Erica talks about NCs teaming up for events to advertise elections. Canvassing.

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Ash says this doesn't lock us into anything. Just sets us up for the upcoming year.

Carmen motions to approve the budget. Dolores seconds.

Bryan Yes. Ash Yes, Mayra yes. Teresa yes. Dolores yes. Carmen yes.

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8.2 Discussion and Action: Invite and appoint new board member to the board.

Carmen: let us know if you are interested and we'll be here next month

8.3. Discussion and Possible Action: \$6000 for co-sponsoring events with the Cypress Park Rec Center including Halloween, Winter and Spring Holiday events. Budget to include decorations, bounce house rentals, small giveaway items and kid craft supplies.

Michael - director at Cypress Park - have always helped us out a whole bunch , Halloween, Winter and Spring events, inflation - things have gone up a lot in price, 2 new coordinators Jacqueline and Ann Elisa

Anne Elisa - oversees sports, summer night lights and summer nights -

Halloween, not possible without NC, helps us enhance little giveaways like baggies, tattoos, moon bounces, detailed with decorations

Jacqueline - egg prices, Christmas event, big portion of money for gifts for the community and food

Teresa - IS the money that you use only come from the NC or you get money from other orgs

Michael: the city provides money, warriors for peace, most of our events are CD1, NC and Warriors for Peace

Dolores - theme?

Michael - last year was Scooby Doo, we'll make a decision soon; Delilah does our IG stuff

Carmen - motion to co-sponsor events for \$6000 w Cypress Park Rec

Ash - 2nds

Public Comment - Halloween is really fun!

Yes - Bryan, Ash, Carmen, Mayra, Teresa, Dolores

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8.4. Discussion and Possible Action: Neighborhood Purpose Grant for up to \$5000 for Friends of the LA River river clean up on October 5, 2024.

Moved to September

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8.5. Discuss and Possible Action: Neighborhood Purpose Grant for up to \$3,250 for Frogtown Artwalk on October 15, 2024. Revised to 9/21 for the event

Michellene - Exec Director of Frogtown Arts Collective, Frogtown Art Walk sponsor, 2022 we had one and NC funded  
14th artwalk 18 years, 2008, first Artwalk in 2006  
Every other year  
7-8K before 4-5K after pandemic  
30-40 spaces all along a mile of Frogtown, any kind of space, front porch, gym, bar, each space will host an artist - artist membership so artists can exhibit  
Spoken word lounge and music performances  
Performances on the TY bridge, like to activate the Zypotec dancers from Cypress Park, community booths, GCPNC invited to have a booth  
Anyone can come and activate

**September 21, 2024**

Website - get involved for volunteers, actively calling for volunteers  
Kids stuff - workshops, (everything is free but food and drinks), demonstrations, Frame Monster always comes and rolls out a workshop  
evartscollective.com

Starts at Fletcher between riverside and ripple, try to have people on the bike path as much as possible, and ask people not to bring their cars, goes through Marsh park, all the way to the Taylor Yark bridge, down Blake  
Mayra: have you asked for \$ from other NCs?  
Michellene - \$3K asking from Elysian Valley NC  
Teresa: what are you using the money for?  
Michellene: Security for Taylor Yard Bridge team; XipeTotec Dancers, art instructors and supplies; food for 30 people (Tierra Caliente last time) making purchases for these things from our side of the river  
Bryan: Advertising on this side of the river  
Michellene - Went to businesses to put up flyers on this side of the river

Bryan - motion to approve  
Carmen - 2nd the motion

Public Comment - Susan - this is not on our side of the river, this is a hipster event, natives can't afford it, bringing in newbies who can afford expensive stuff

Yes: Bryan, Ash, Mayra, Dolores, Carmen  
Abstain: Teresa

Motion passes

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8.6. Follow up on Discussion and Possible Action: Request for action to address Community concerns regarding sidewalk repairs on Ave 28 caused vehicle collisions. Discuss and vote on a draft letter.

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8.7.	<p>Discussion and Possible Action: Request for action to address Community concerns regarding additional speed reduction measures, including speed bumps and additional stop signs on Ave 28 and Ave 26.</p> <p>Ave 26 concern - repaved Ave 26 took down some no parking signs from 7-9am which kept big wheelers from parking, why haven't signs gone back up, want to have the parking restrictions back after the repair, there during rush hour traffic</p> <p>Ash to continue to email Elena &amp; post on website</p> <p>Anthea - people driving on our streets to drive; a lot of people are impacted and care a lot</p>
8.8.	<p>Discussion and Presentation: Dustan Batton to present/discuss opposition to Metro's attempt to place billboards all over LA including adjacent to the Bowtie Parcel. Will share information on the billboards impacts on people and wildlife, as well as broad concerns.</p> <p>Bryan: Kelsey brought to our attention, Dustan (not present) advocating for less billboards in the city</p> <p>Review the bullet list of reasons why the money will not</p>
8.9.	<p>Discussion and Possible Action: Request for action to submit a letter in support of the opposition for the Metro billboard placements.</p> <p>Bryan motions to oppose billboards</p> <p>Dolores seconds</p> <p>Public Comment - Susan - in favor of going against billboards</p> <p>Yes - Bryan, Ash, Mayra, Teresa, Dolores, Carman</p>
<b>9.</b>	<p><b>New Business and ideas for future meeting</b></p> <p>Dolores - sidewalk obstruction outside of Shin's pizza place</p> <p>Susan - noise problem at church</p> <p>Erica - items from Susan sent to Carmen and Bryan</p>
<b>10.</b>	<p><b>Committee Updates/Reports</b></p>
<b>10.</b>	<p><b>Upcoming Meetings and Events:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Governing Board Meeting: Second Tuesday next month, 7:00PM</li> </ul>
<b>11.</b>	<p><b>Adjournment</b></p> <p><b>8:45PM</b></p>



