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GREATER CYPRESS PARK NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL GOVERNING BOARD MEETING Tuesday, October 8, 2024 – 7:00 PM In Person Meeting

DRAFT MINUTES

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

Call to Order

1.1 **Roll Call.** The meeting was called to order at 7: 15 PM. by Carmen Morales. Five (5) board members were present at roll call: Ash Kramer, Bryan Kramer, Dolores Bernal, Teresa Roman and Carmen Morales. Mayra Duque was absent. Quorum (5) was met.

2. Comments from Public Officials

2.1 Public Safety

Not Present.

2.2 Elena Chavez, Field Deputy for Councilmember Eunisses Hernandez. Ms. Chavez discussed some of the summer activities such as back to school events, backpack giveaways, binders and notebooks; over 300 items given out in Cypress. Ms. Chavez also discussed cleans up on Cypress and the surrounding neighborhood on Arroyo Seco, Marmion Way; mentioned they would be involved with Mujeres de La Tierra event from 6-10 pm on October 22nd. She also mentioned the Pet Wellness Day held on the first Saturday of September at Cypress Park, Halloween events,

restoring the plaque on Cypress Avenue, food distributions and Dodger Stadium activities.

Dolores Bernal asked if the Mujeres de la Tierra event was free?

Ms. Chavez said it was.

Teresa Roman said the new street lamp on Cypress and has greatly improved the area.

Public Comment 1-

Public Comment 2-

Public Comment 3-

Public Comment 4-

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. Mrs. Gatica Doughty mentioned another Youth Empowerment Conference for ages 14-17 will be held. She also mentioned election season was coming up and that voting would be done by mail due to budget cuts; Elections will be held May 6th. Mrs. Gatica Doughty also thanked board members Carmen Morales and Myra Duque for representing Cypress Park at the Congress of Neighborhoods.

2.5 Carlos Arce, Field Representative CA 52nd State Assemblymember Wendy Carrillo
Not present.

2.6 100 Acre Partnership – Miguel Paredes discussed some of the events 100 Acre Partnership had been involved in including youth soccer events, Frogtown art-walk, Friday night campfire at Elysian Park. Furthermore, he mentioned the environmental review phase of the project is ongoing and mentioned maintenance continues on the Rio de Los Angeles State Park fields which should be done by summer 2025. A survey was passed out regarding the bike path along the Paseo del Rio. Mr. Paredes introduced Francis Yang a Nature Conservancy representative; he discussed the Bow Tie project broke ground on the excavation of contaminated soil; discussed using dust monitors and measures used to address noise pollution in the community; construction would be Monday to Friday 7am to 4pm; he informed the community that the health and safety plans as well as the transportation plans were available in English and Spanish.

2.7 Other Public Officials. Not Present.

3.0 Public Comments

Public Comment 1-

Public Comment 2-

4.0 Community Outreach Discussion

4.1-4.4 Carmen Morales reminded attendees to check out the Cypress Park website for upcoming events in the area as well as the Cypress Park Rec Center at laparks.org for upcoming sports and classes; she gave an update on the construction work/progress for the Cypress Park Library's re-opening sometime in November; She reminded the community that October is National Adopt a Shelter dog month and mentioned the special events and pricing at all Los Angeles Animal Services Shelters.

5.0 Chair and Vice Chair Report

No report.

6.0 Treasurer's Report

6.1 Ash Kramer motioned to approve the August 2024 monthly expenditure report; Carmen Morales seconded.

No public comment.

Roll Call:

Bryan Kramer- Yes, Ash Kramer- Yes, Carmen Morales- Yes, Teresa Roman- Yes and Dolores Bernal- Yes. Motion Passes.

7.0 Consent Calendar

7.1 Approving of minutes tabled until next months meeting.

8.0 Action Items

8.1 Discussion and action: Carmen Morales invited the community to join the board and fill the vacant seat.

Ash Kramer invited community and audience member Gladys Ascencio to join the board. Ms. Ascencio mentioned she was interested in helping her community more.

Ash Kramer motioned to appoint Gladys Ascencio to the board; Carmen Morales seconded.

Public Comment 1-

Public Comment 2-

Roll Call:

Bryan Kramer- Yes, Ash Kramer- Yes, Carmen Morales- Yes, Teresa Roman- Yes and Dolores Bernal- Yes. Motion Passes. Gladys Ascencio joined the board at 8:01 PM.

8.2 Presentation by Derek Ryder co-chair of ASNC PLUC of the draft CHIP

Ordinance and possible coordination between northeast NC's on the issue. Not Present.

8.3 Discussion and Possible Action: Request for Action (RFA) to CD1 regarding 1150 N San Fernando Road, a former courthouse facility from the Judicial Council of California, which had been left vacant and was destroyed in a knockdown structure fire on 9/21/24. Ash Kramer motioned to propose a request for action to get an update. Carmen Morales seconded.

Public Comment 1-

Roll Call:

Bryan Kramer- Yes, Ash Kramer- Yes, Carmen Morales- Yes, Teresa Roman- Yes and Dolores Bernal- Yes. Motion Passes.

8.4 Discussion and Possible Action: Consider submitting a CIS letter in opposition to a proposed development at 3505 Pasadena Ave, formerly Welch's Uniform and Laundry, which raises serious environmental and health concerns. Discuss and vote on the draft letter. Michael Hayden of Lincoln Heights Community Coalition explained that hundreds of trucks a day would be passing through the neighborhood, by schools (around 7), Boys and Girls Club, libraries, a community center as well as churches. Mr. Hayden said this was an environmental justice issue. Mr. Hayden thanked the board for considering a community impact statement; mentioned how this would cause generational harm to our neighborhoods; gave out the website saveave35.com.

Public Comment 1-

Public Comment 2-

Public Comment 3-

Ash Kramer asked to whom the letter needed to be addressed.

Carmen Morales motioned to write the letter and have it addressed to CD 1, the Mayor of Los Angeles, Department of Budget Safety and Transportation as well as the Planning Office; Dolores Bernal seconded.

Public Comment 1-

Public Comment 2-

Public Comment 3-

Roll Call:

Bryan Kramer- Yes, Ash Kramer- Yes, Carmen Morales- Yes, Teresa Roman- Yes and Dolores Bernal- Yes. Motion Passes to write letter to all above mentioned entities in opposition of the distribution center.

8.5 Follow up: Request for action to address Community concerns regarding restaurants blocking

the sidewalks on Cypress. Dolores Bernal distributed copies of the letter addressing community concerns regarding the blocking of sidewalks by local businesses.

Public Comment 1-

Public Comment 2-

Dolores Bernal mentioned she would add to the letter issues regarding driveways being blocked in the neighborhood as well as in alleys.

Public Comment 3-

Ash Kramer motioned to approve the letter with the additional information included regarding parking issues; Bryan Kramer seconded.

Teresa Roman suggested to go forward with the letter as is.

Ash Kramer changed the motion to send letter as is; Carmen Morales seconded.

Public Comment 1-

Carmen Morales said they would focus on the parking issues later in a different letter.

Roll Call:

Bryan Kramer- Yes, Ash Kramer- Yes, Carmen Morales- Yes, Teresa Roman- Yes and Dolores Bernal- Yes. Motion Passes.

8.6 Discussion and Possible Action: Send letter to CD1 regarding resident noise concerns around bus stations.

Public Comment 1-

Carmen Morales said the issues would be tabled until the next meeting.

8.7 Discussion and Possible Action: Neighborhood Purpose Grant for up to \$5000 for Friends of the LA River river clean up on October 5, 2024. Carmen Morales said this issued had already been completed.

8.8 Discussion and Possible Action: Consider a Neighborhood Purpose Grant of up to \$5000 to the Friends of Aragon. Representative from the Friends of Aragon discussed that some of the money would be used to help the principal with the cost of busses of around \$5000. They would like to help with \$3000. In addition, funds would be used for yearbooks for the 5th graders, 300 color fliers, banners with their logos, and \$500 dollars for t-shirts.

Ash Kramer motioned to approve.

Dolores Bernal mentioned that the word etc. cannot be used in their proposal; that it could not be left open-ended.

Teresa Roman asked who was covering the costs of the busses now?

Representative said the school covers the costs in partnership with Inner City Arts.

Public Comment 1-

Representative from friends of Aragon said that many students at the school are from the Cypress Park Neighborhood.

Ash Kramer asked if they could get the Board's logo on the yearbook if they contribute.

Representative from Friends of Aragon said yes.

Public Comment 2-

Ash Kramer motioned to approve with the withdrawal of the word etc. Carmen Morales seconded.

Teresa Roman suggested getting more parents involved.

Representative from Friends of Aragon said they are working on that; they sent out a survey to parents for their kids and parent's involvement.

Public Comment 3-

Roll Call:

Bryan Kramer- Yes, Ash Kramer- Yes, Carmen Morales- Yes, Teresa Roman- Yes and Dolores Bernal- Yes. Motion Passes.

Dolores Bernal added that she was happy to see Aragon was getting more community centered; she was happy the school was changing.

8.9 Discussion and Possible Action: Cypress Park Neighborhood Council Field-trip Event to the Los Angeles Zoo for 50 people. Carmen Morales emphasized this would be a test event; mentioned that the board does not always bring the community along for events so that would be the purpose here.

Public Comment 1-

Bryan Kramer asked who would be organizing this.

Carmen Morales said she would.

Ash Kramer mentioned that the lunch portion of the idea needed more details, would it be bag lunches, food from the Zoo etc.

Carmen Morales said lunch could be delivered to the Zoo such as box lunches from Jimmy John's.

Bryan Kramer asked what the budget was.

Carmen Morales mentioned roughly around \$1250 for the Zoo tickets, \$750 for lunches and \$500 in transportation. Carmen Morales was looking for the event to take place in December.

Erica Gatica Doughty said the event is possible, it was not a hard no, perhaps if public transportation was used.

Brayn Kramer asked Carmen Morales would inspired her to propose the idea.

Carmen Morales said the community does not always get to go to places like this and that they are not awlays involved in these kinds of activities.

Teresa Roman asked what would happen if there were more than 50 people interested, how would you disnguish or choose between family memebers, elderly—that was her concern.

Carmen Morales said at this point it would only be open to people over 18 years of age or if children are accompanied by an adult.

Public Comment 2-

Bryan Kramer mentioned the more its discussed the more issues come up in terms of liabilities, fairness, logistics. He suggested to come back with a more fleshed-out idea.

Carmen Morales moved to table the item to the next meeting.

Public Comment 3-

Bryan Kramer said there were liability and registration issues to be worked out.

Ash Kramer mentioned going to the City Clerk Representative for assistance on the matter.

Public Comment 4-

Carmen Morales moved to table the issue.

Teresa Roman said perhaps make it a stipulation that it is only open to people of low means or those who have never gone to the Zoo.

Ash Kramer suggested checking with Ellen the City Clerk Representative if it would be possible to prioritize one group versus another.

11. Carmen Morales adjourned the meeting at 9:08 PM.