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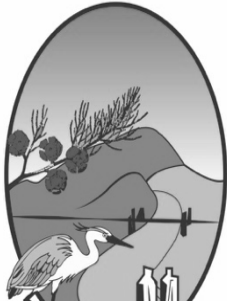
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GREATER CYPRESS PARK NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, November 12, 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	Absent
Mayra Duque	Present
Gladis Ascencio	Present

Call to Order

1.1 **Roll Call.** The meeting was called to order at 7: 03 PM. by Carmen Morales. Six (6) board members were present at roll call: Ash Kramer, Bryan Kramer, Dolores Bernal, Carmen Morales, Mayra Duque and Gladis Ascencio were present. Teresa Roman was absent. Quorum (6) was met.

2. Comments from Public Officials

2.1 Public Safety

Officer Reyes of the LAPD gave a report. Officer Reyes discussed the recent double homicide in Glassell Park; reminded citizens to be aware of their surroundings and to be alert; discussed tailgate beds being stolen in the area; said some of the other issues recently have been neighbor disputes in the community, some problems with graffiti here and there; reminded community members to use myla311 to upload pictures of graffiti in their neighborhoods.

Mayra Duque mentioned that streetlight wires were being stolen along Figueroa and Avenue

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Public Comment 1-

Officer Reyes reiterated to send pictures of graffiti in the neighborhoods to myla311.

Dolores Bernal asked what happened with the fire on San Fernando Rd.

Officer Reyes mentioned that there is a plan to demolish the remaining structure sometime in December and that a school was interested in buying the property.

Carmen Morales mentioned the homeless encampment on Pasadena was removed and residents were happy but now some of those people have been camping out on the sidewalk.

Officer Reyes said it was an ongoing problem; that many of these people once they get removed come back or just move on to another area within the neighborhood.

Public Comment 1-

Public Comment 2-

Public Comment 3-

- 2.2 **Elena Chavez, Field Deputy for Councilmember Eunisses Hernandez. Ms. Chavez delivered her report to the community discussing various happenings in the area including tree trimmings and food distribution mentioning 200 produce bags were handed out at Aragon Elementary; mentioned during the Dia de Los Muertos 300 pumpkins were handed out; she mentioned they were working on a turkey distribution for Thanksgiving and also mentioned their participation in a Veteran's Day event where a previously stolen plaque was re-inaugurated with a new marble plaque in a ceremony at Rio; Ms. Chavez also reminded the community to upload photos and report issues within the community by using myla311.**

Public Comment 1-

Ms. Chavez said graffiti and potholes are issues that can be reported through myla311.

Erica Gatica Doughty reminded the meeting participants that they can ask clarifying questions but not engage in a dialogue.

Public Comment 2-

Public Comment 3-

- 2.3 **Alfredo Rodriguez, Northeast Area Representative from Office of Mayor Karen Bass, introduced himself and gave a brief report. Mr. Rodriguez discussed the past Friday's events with the confirmation of the new Chief of Police; mentioned their biggest concern was how to protect the most vulnerable citizens in the city of Los Angeles, in concert with this he mentioned the Mayor was looking to make Los Angeles into a sanctuary city and also mentioned that there would be a day of service in January. Mr. Rodriguez encouraged the audience to reach out to**

him if they had any questions.

2.4 Erica Gatica Doughty, Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment. Mrs. Gatica Doughty mentioned that she sent out reminders and announcements to the council; mentioned the Empower LA Youth conference in February 2025 where participants can learn about City Hall; she said it is a thorough application process and only 100 youths would be accepted, the application would have a December 20th deadline. She discussed her outreach efforts as well discussing her presentations at Aragon and Nightingale Elementary schools encouraging more participation in the Cypress Park Neighborhood council meetings; she concluded by mentioning Neighborhood Council elections would be held on May 6, 2025.

Public Comment 1-

Mrs. Gatica Doughty mentioned the coffee with principals meetings, said she was hoping they would get a mention in the school's newsletters, in addition to continuing working with local students.

2.6 100 Acre Partnership – Kelsey Jessup mentioned she sent an update to the board with regards to the project update; the Bow Tie parcel or 100 Acre Vision is a developing project that will be a new state park; 3 sites in total makeup the 100 acres and it will help help reduce heat, improve water and air; construction began on September 23rd with the contaminated soil being removed at the end of October all the while dust monitors were on site as well as dust monitors were all in place during the activity; Ms. Jessup also mentioned that the plans were available to the Neighborhood council but that all regulations had been complied with and furthermore a completion report was being worked on; Ms. Jessup also mentioned that the construction hours are Monday to Friday from 7 am to 4 pm. Lastly, Ms. Jessup mentioned an art project called What Water Wants consisting of a 30 minute audio presentation and listening tour on December 7 from 3-5 pm at the Lewis McAdams Park.

Public Comment 1-

Public Comment 2-

Public Comment 3-

Public Comment 4-

Public Comment 5-

3.0 Public Comments

Public Comment 1-

A commendation was given to the Greater Cypress Park Neighborhood Council.

4.0 Community Outreach Discussion

4.1-4.2 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.

4.3 Carmen Morales gave an update on the Cypress Park Library opening; mentioned that at this time there are no further updates for the re-opening and that it may in fact be delayed.

5.0 Chair and Vice Chair Report

5.1 Bryan Kramer mentioned it might be best if items can be posted earlier.

6.0 Treasurer's Report

6.1 Ash Kramer motioned that Neighborhood Purpose Grants had been given out, all checks have gone out and the current budget is \$22, 763. Ash Kramer moved to approve September and October monthly expenditure reports; Seconded by Dolores Bernal.

Dolores Bernal asked for clarification on September 2024 Amazon charges.

Ash Kramer said those were expenditures for the Halloween events at the Rec. Center such as decorations, and a jumper for the children.

No public comment.

Roll Call:

Bryan Kramer- Yes, Ash Kramer- Yes, Carmen Morales- Yes, Mayra Duque- Yes and Dolores Bernal- Yes. Motion Passes.

7.0 Consent Calendar

7.1 Ash Kramer reminded Note taker of correct spelling of Mayra Duque's name. Ash Kramer motioned to approve minutes for September and October and to approve the consent calendar; Seconded by Carmen Morales.

Roll Call:

Bryan Kramer- Yes, Ash Kramer- Yes, Carmen Morales- Yes, Mayra Duque- Yes and Dolores Bernal- Yes. Motion Passes.

8.0 Action Items

8.1 Discussion and action: Carmen Morales introduced the newest board member Gladis Ascencio.

8.2 Speaker: Cheryl Morris discussed the Tiny Homes project in the area; she said the program is doing their best to help the community; they got around 50 people out of the L.A. Riverbed and into housing; she says some people stay and others leave the tiny home community and that they are free to do so. Ms. Morris said they have a total of 95 beds and currently they have 93 participants with 15 permanent participants; 70 have exited the community due to incarceration and mental health. Furthermore, the location has on-site clinics as well as dental. Ms. Morris said they are accepting donations from the local community and thanked the local community for their clothing donations; she concluded by letting the community that they are hiring; mentioned they need Spanish speakers and are hiring for site managers, housekeepers and she concluded by inviting the community to come by and take a tour as they are planning to expand.

Public Comment 1-

Public Comment 2-

Public Comment 3-

Public Comment 4-

Public Comment 5-

Dolores Bernal asked where people could apply for the positions.

Ms. Morris handed out business cards.

Gladis Ascencio asked what the requirements to work were.

Ms. Morris said a high school diploma, 1 year working with homeless people and bi-lingual in Spanish.

Public Speaker 6-

Public Speaker 7-

Alfredo Rodriguez from the Mayor's Office said they offered vouchers for Spanish-speaking homeless veterans.

8.3 Discussion and Possible Action: Neighborhood Purpose Grant for up to \$2,500 for Manos Que Sobreviven. Representative from Manos Que Sobreviven said the Holiday of Hope event would be happening at Irving Middle School; mentioned the community has come to know us because of our holiday festivities; that they have helped hundreds of children and families; she stated that without their efforts many families and children would not have a Christmas that included toys and it would be lovely to continue this tradition.

Carmen Morales motioned to approve; Ash Kramer seconded.

Public Comment 1-

Dolores Bernal asked how the children would be selected.

Representative from Manos Que Sobreviven said they are working with Unidos who are helping with signing up families.

Dolores Bernal asked of the 125 children would be representing Glassell Park or would they be from Cypress Park.

Representative from Manos Que Sobreviven said sometimes it is more than 125 children, that number incorporates everyone.

Dolores Bernal mentioned she would like to see Mr. Glavan at the meeting

Ash Kramer mentioned that Alberto Galvan used to come to the meetings and that they have been working with Manos for 5 years.

Carmen Morales asked if the neighborhood council could post the information on their website.

Representative from Manos Que Sobreviven said yes.

Roll Call:

Bryan Kramer- Yes, Ash Kramer- Yes, Carmen Morales- Yes, Dolores Bernal- Abstain, Mayra Duque- Yes. 4-Yes, 0-No, 1-Abstain. Motion Passes.

8.4 Discussion and Possible Action: Ash Kramer mentioned she took the letter the neighborhood council wrote over to Mike Shin the owner of Shin's Pizza and Barra Santos; mentioned that she had a brief chat and he mentioned that they updated their website informing customers that their parking lot was across the street; he also mentioned they were allowed alcohol at the tables and that they had signs up indicating no alcohol beyond a certain point.

Public Comment 1-

Public Comment 2-

Erica Gatica Doughty suggested inviting Mr. Shin to one of the council meetings.

Ash Kramer said she had but that Mr. Shin did not seem interested but he did say that anyone was welcomed to come and talk directly with him.

8.5 Discussion and Possible Action: Ash Kramer said she was keeping a log of all accidents on Ave 28 mentioned an average of 2 per month; she thanked CD 1 for helping get the implementation of stop signs but 7 months later she said it does not seem like the stop signs are working.

Public Comment 1-

Public Comment 2-

Elena Chavez said they were taking all emails Sunday to the DOT and thanked the community for the documentation; she said the next step would be the speed tables but that they needed consent from MTA because of the needs of the busses and that a round of studies would have to be done first since their plan said there was no crash pattern; there was not enough data.

Ash Kramer added that the DOT was guilty of only accepting certain kinds of data; the DOT representative said when he was here that we needed photographs with dates and then he would consider that data; but that data now exists.

Elena Chavez agreed with Ash Kramer.

Public Comment 1-

Public Comment 2-

Elena Chavez suggested bring DOT back to the neighborhood council meeting.

Public Comment 3-

Carmen Morales said she would send a letter with all this information.

Ash Kramer said she had already sent everything.

Ash Kramer motioned to request DOT come to another neighborhood council meeting and deliver an explanation about could be done; Seconded by Carmen Morales.

Public Comment 4-

Elena Chavez mentioned the things she had been asking for involved the areas of Avenue 28 and Jeffries and to extend the red light in addition to the speed tables.

Ash Kramer added they are asking for an additional stop sign.

Roll Call:

Bryan Kramer- Yes, Ash Kramer- Yes, Carmen Morales- Yes, Dolores

Bernal- Yes, Mayra Duque- Yes. Motion Passes to bring DOT to next month's meeting.

8.6 Follow up and Action: Regarding CPNC CIS Support re proposed development at 3505 Pasadena Ave.

Ash Kramer mentioned it was not clear if the council was sending the letter or drafting it.

Ash Kramer motioned to send this specific letter.

Mayra Duque clarified that it was a letter to stop diesel distribution center in residential areas. Ash Kramer motioned; Seconded by Mayra Duque.

Public Comment 1-
Public Comment 2-
Public Comment 3-

Roll Call:

Bryan Kramer- Yes, Ash Kramer- Yes, Carmen Morales- Yes, Dolores Bernal- Yes, Mayra Duque- Yes. Motion Passes.

Carmen Morales mentioned Mayra Duque would send the letter out.

11. Carmen Morales adjourned the meeting at 9:01 PM.