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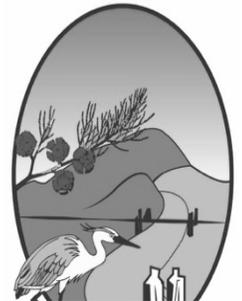
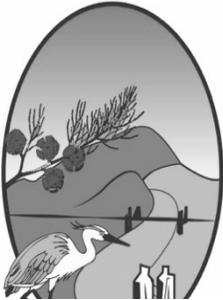
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GREATER CYPRESS PARK NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL GOVERNING BOARD MEETING Tuesday, July 8, 2025 – 7:00 PM In Person Meeting



DRAFT MINUTES

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

Call to Order

1.1 Roll Call. The meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM by Carmen Morales. Seven (7) board members were present at roll call: Carmen Morales, Gladis Ascencio, Dolores Bernal, Mayra Duque, Janae Hubbard, and Bryan Kramer.

Ash Kramer was absent.

Quorum was met.

Erica Gatica Doughty swore in the new board member Janae Hubbard.

Janae Hubbard introduced herself, said her pronouns were she/they and that she lived on Alice Street in Cypress Park; she also mentioned she works at UCLA and has two children.

2.0 Special Action Items

2.1 Discussion and Action: In depth discussion by LAPD SLO Reyes on how LAPD is

intersecting with Federal/ICE activity.

Officer Reyes said that ICE and Federal Agents have been present in the area; mentioned the raid at the Home Depot nearby; he said he wanted to address the concerns that LAPD is assisting agents; Officer Reyes said this is not true; he said LAPD responds to crowd control issues but is not assisting Federal Agents in immigration issues.

Bryan Kramer mentioned a letter that he wants to propose to the board with regards to this issue and the community at hand. He asked Officer Reyes if ICE calls LAPD.

Officer Reyes said no, they call 9-11 and they call LAPD.

Bryan Kramer continued by saying people are worried; people are being grabbed off the street and it seems like LAPD is complicit, to do nothing about what federal agents are doing in the community also seems complicit; something has to be done.

Officer Reyes said if agents are enforcing federal laws LAPD cannot stop federal agents.

Carmen Morales asked if LAPD gets tips about federal raids and if LAPD can notify the community.

Officer Reyes said federal agents do not tell us ahead of time about raids and either we cannot interfere in their operations.

Public Comment 1-

Public Comment 2-

Officer Reyes said LAPD has to respond to all 9-11 calls.

Public Comment 3-

Teresa Roman said some people are saying if the police arrest them that ICE will be waiting at those police stations.

Officer Reyes reiterated that they do not notify ICE unless that individual has a felony federal warrant.

Teresa Roman said the people do not have a lot of confidence in the police; she addressed Officer Reyes by saying she would like him and the LAPD to support them more, people going to food giveaways or vendors; these people are there out of necessity, she said, and do not want ICE to be there; we have seen husbands detained and wives too afraid to go out and work; it would be helpful if LAPD had more presence in these areas once in a while.

Officer Reyes encouraged the community to look out for each other, maybe deliver food or water to people too afraid to go out. Officer Reyes also mentioned some community updates such as two arrests made over graffiti and one suspect with a gun while at Cypress Park.

Public Comment 4-

Teresa Roman added that the first priority is the community.

Public Comment 5-

Public Comment 6-

Bryan Kramer motioned to draft a letter; Carmen Morales seconded.

Carmen Morales asked for comments about the proposed letter from the community with regards to the ICE situation.

Roll Call:

Yes - Carmen Morales, Dolores Bernal, Mayra Duque, Teresa Roman, Gladis Ascencio, Bryan Kramer, Janae Hubbard.

- 3.2 Elena Chavez, Field Deputy for Councilmember Eunisses Hernandez. Ms. Chavez touched on some bullet points concerning the area; mentioned that speed tables have been installed in the area, she also added that tree trimmings had been recently completed in the area; she encouraged the community to report graffiti quickly use 3-11; Ms Chavez also mentioned that there had been 500 layoffs across their department; she also mentioned some fliers she brought with information on what kind of documents people should carry with them, how to locate family members who have been detained; she also mentioned information on community defense training, block watches through non-profit organizations; she also mentioned a Chamber of Commerce Luncheon on July 17th at the San Antonio Winery; perhaps it could be a place to voice our concerns; she concluded by saying she feels the worry of the community as she herself has undocumented family as well.**

Bryan Kramer asked why those who are detained are not permitted access to lawyers.

Elena Chavez said she was not sure; she added that many detainees do not know where they are being sent to and that some people are taken to other states.

Teresa Roman said she has a friend in Cypress Park whose husband was detained at the Home Depot and held for 10 days in Los Angeles and then sent to San Diego.

Public Comment 1-

Elena Chavez suggested people vote with your dollar; some people are calling for boycotts of the Home Depot.

- 3.3 Susan Cervantes, Northeast Representative from office of Mayor Karen Bass
Not Present.**

- 3.4 Erica Gatica Doughty, Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate, Department of Neighborhood**

Empowerment. Mrs. Gatica Doughty said that the Neighborhood Councils work, she said it is a platform to bring attention to issues, the city gives money to Neighborhood Councils in order to help with community issues; community impact statements can be written, Neighborhood Councils can talk about issues that are important and immediate; she also noted that she was sad to say that she would no longer be supporting the neighborhood council as she was being moved to another area due to the budget cuts but she thanked the council and the community.

3.6 100 Acre Partnership

Kelsey Jessup of the Nature Conservancy gave updates on the Bow Tie project and though excited about the progress she did lament the fact of the current circumstances and hoped that the community would feel safe again to go out and enjoy parks and community spaces like the ones they are creating; she mentioned construction began last year and added that site visits were being offered alongside the Neighborhood Council and if anyone was interested they could RSVP; she concluded by saying that the Bow Tie was a multi-benefit, climate resilient project and that she was personally happy to be in attendance this evening.

3.7 Other Public Officials

Haydee Torres from LA County Supervisor Hilda Solis mentioned there was going to be a food distribution event at the General Hospital on July 25th; also mentioned a class action lawsuit being planned against President Donald Trump and she encouraged the community to share concerns with their Congressional Representatives.

4.0 Public Comments

Public Comment 1-

Public Comment 2-

Public Comment 3-

5.0-5.2 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.

6.0 Chair and Vice Chair Report

Not Present.

6.1 Carmen Morales mentioned a scheduled protest against ICE at the Home Depot in Pasadena on Walnut.

7.0 Treasurer's Report

7.1 No treasury report due to absence of Treasurer. Carmen Morales however mentioned that the NC's budget was significantly reduced because of city budget cuts to \$28,000.

Erica Gatica Doughty however mentioned that the budget for the new year will likely be closer to \$30,000.

Carmen Morales motioned to approve amended budget; to be amended later; Bryan Kramer seconded.

Roll Call:

Yes - Carmen Morales, Dolores Bernal, Mayra Duque, Gladis Ascencio, Bryan Kramer.

5 Yes, 0 No, 1 Ineligible. Teresa Roman stepped away from the meeting. Motion Passes.

**7.2 Review and approve Monthly Expenditure reports for April, May and June 2025.
No Vote. Carmen Morales approved to Amend.**

8.0 Consent Calendar

**8.1 Approve Meeting Minutes from Regular and Special Board Meeting in April, May and June 2025.
Carmen Morales approved the minutes; Seconded by Dolores Bernal.**

Roll Call

Yes - Carmen Morales, Dolores Bernal, Mayra Duque, Teresa Roman, Gladis Ascencio, Bryan Kramer. Minutes Approved.

9.0 Action Items

Presentation: Matthew Mello from FE Design and Consulting to present on a Conditional Use Permit to allow for the sale, dispensing and on-site consumption of full-line alcohol in conjunction with an existing 1,619 SF bona-fide restaurant featuring 40 interior seats and 36 exterior seats on an enclosed 464 SF sidewalk patio from 11 am to 11 PM Mon-Fri and 10 am to 11 pm Sat/Sun.

Mr. Mello mentioned that Barra Santos was expanding with more room.

Mike the owner of Barra Santos introduced himself as an immigrant from Portugal; he mentioned he had been in Cypress Park for 3 years; he mentioned his restaurant was expanding and was adding a cocktail menu; he said they liked being part of this community and were open to helping out in anyway they can like with food donations, for example.

Dolores Bernal thanked the presenters for coming and engaging the community with concerns about individuals being under the influence in the residential areas; she asked them to please be respectful of the community especially with issues of double parking and drinking in public view.

Mike said they are there everyday at the restaurant, whenever there is an issue they can always come and talk to them; he said they were not aware about some of the concerns raised and it was very much welcomed; he did clarify that the restaurant has an alfresco permit to drink alcohol and that they now take reservations, to keep the amount of people outside under control.

Dolores Bernal asked if the restaurant was wheelchair complaint.

Mike from Barra Santos said it was.

Public Comment 1-

Mike from Barra Santos mentioned they try to hire locally and in fact they just hired someone from Cypress Park, he also mentioned the work they did in supporting Aragon Elementary and that they would love to continue that work.

Mayra Duque asked if the sidewalk out front was now accessible.

Mike from Barra Santos said it was.

- 10. Carmen Morales adjourned the meeting at 9:03 PM due to time constraints and mentioned all other items would be rolled over to the next meeting.**