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GREATER CYPRESS PARK NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL GOVERNING BOARD MEETING Tuesday, October 14, 2025 – 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
Janae Hubbard	Absent
Julio Galvez	Absent

Call to Order

1.1 Roll Call. The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM by Carmen Morales. Five (5) board members were present at roll call: Carmen Morales, Mayra Duque, Ash Kramer, Bryan Kramer and Dolores Bernal.

Janae Hubbard, Julio Galvez, and Teresa Roman were absent. Quorum was met.

2.0 Comments from Public Officials

None.

2.1 Public Safety

Not present.

2.2 Elena Chavez, Field Deputy for Councilmember Eunisses Hernandez

Ms. Chavez mentioned tree trimming was completed on Cypress and mentioned there would be a one time street sweeping to pick up the debris from the trees; she also mentioned they continue to support Mujeres de la Tierra with the Dia de Los Muertos event on October 21st from 6pm to 9pm; also mentioned that they would be doing a pumpkin patch with 100 pumpkins to pass out to the neighborhood on Saturday October 25th from 12-4pm and she mentioned that they would be supporting local veterans for Veteran's Day and the Rio de Los Angeles veterans group; she concluded that the council-member's office would be giving away turkeys and chickens for the Thanksgiving season.

Public Comment 1-

2.3 Susan Cervantes, Northeast Area Representative from Office of Mayor Karen Bass

Not Present.

2.4 Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate, Department of Neighborhood

Empowerment/Introduce the New Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate representative, Prabhjot Chamber.

Ms. Chamber introduced herself and discussed some of her goals like seeking more individuals participating in making the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment more inclusive; mentioned they would be hosting upcoming training sessions for board members on October 22nd going over items like how to write agenda sessions; on October 30th there will

be an etiquette conflict resolution training session; lastly she added that any changes to the by-laws would have to be done by April 21st.

Bryan Kramer asked if Ms. Chamber would be a long term representative.

Ms. Chamber said yes.

2.5 Hector Rodriguez Field Representative CA 52nd State Assemblymember Jessica Caloza

Mr. Rodriguez discussed a partnership event held last month for a Know Your Rights seminar and added that 30 people attended online; mentioned the signing of Bill AB 553 by the governor, signed into law it will expand Cal Fresh; AB1138 also passed giving tax credits to the film industry, stimulating local economies by continuing to have the film and television industry in California; AB 920 allows municipalities to cover \$150 thousand to create a portal

to access information for development projects that are in the application process; also mentioned there was \$10 million allocated for Cal Jac- for firefighting training; he concluded by noting that the demolished court house on San Fernando Rd. still has secure barbed-wire fencing and that up to this date there have been no break-ins or issues with the lot.

Carmen Morales asked with regards to the portal, when would it be launched.

Mr. Rodriguez said by July 1, 2026.

Public Comment 1-

2.6 100-Acre Partnership

Representative from 100 Acre Partnership said that the Paseo del Rio engagement efforts were ongoing; the environmental was also still ongoing; he added the G2 design phase is in environmental review and formal design phase; he also mentioned that the LA River Ecosystem Project developed a recent report; and lastly mentioned an upcoming event on October 21st along the LA River concerning soil regeneration among other things. Arturo Garcia of the Nature Conservancy discussed the Taylor Yard Wetland Project as a way to re-create community space and that there has been meaningful progress since 2024; he added that soil and rock features are being implemented and he invited the public to reach out to him with concerns or inquires regarding construction.

Ash Kramer asked if the environmental review would be available online for the public.

Mr. Garcia said it was still not available at the moment.

Mayra Duque asked if there was new construction as she has seen trucks in the area.

Mr. Garcia said he would look into it.

3.0 Public Comments

Public Comment 1-

Public Comment 2 -

Public Comment 3-

Public Comment 4-

Public Comment 5-

Public Comment 6-

4.0 Community Outreach Discussion

4.1 Carmen Morales reminded attendees to check out the council website at <https://cypressparknc.com> for the latest on current and upcoming events in the area.

4.2 Carmen Morales also reminded attendees to check out Rec Center’s website for upcoming sports and classes at Cypress Park Rec Center <https://www.laparks.org/recenter/cypress>

5.0 Treasurer’s Report.

5.1 Update: Current State of Budget and Expenses

Ash Kramer said the budget was \$25,000 and that 2,500 had already been spent with \$4,000 remaining and 4,964 as rollover. Ash Kramer mentioned there was no money for outreach, that it had already been spent.

5.2 Ash Kramer motioned to approve monthly expenditure reports for July, August and September 2025; Seconded by Carmen Morales.

Roll Call:

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

5 Yes, 0 No. Expenditure Report Approved.

Ash Kramer asked how the remaining 5,000 should be spent or split up.

Carmen Morales said it should be allocated to NPG’s.

Bryan Kramer said their funding should be diversified.

Ash Kramer suggested \$8,000 be used for NPG’s and \$1000 used for Outreach.

Moved by Myra Duque; Seconded by Bryan Kramer.

Roll Call:

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

5 Yes, 0 No. Motion Approved.

6.0 Consent Calendar

Approve the minutes from Regular and Special Board meeting in September 2025.

Carmen Morales motioned; Seconded by Dolores Bernal.

Roll Call:

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

Abstain-Ash Kramer

4 Yes, 1 Abstain. Motion Passes.

7.0 Action Items

7.1 Previously 7.8 – tabled for new NPG to be submitted-Discussion and Possible Action:
Consider

a neighborhood Purpose Grant for up to \$2,900 to Friends of the LA River for Cleanup of Glendale Narrows event.

Motioned by Ash Kramer; Seconded by Carmen Morales

Roll Call:

Yes - Carmen Morales, Mayra Duque, Ash Kramer and Bryan Kramer.

Abstain- Dolores Bernal. Motion Passes.

4 Yes, 1 Abstain. Motion Passes.

7.2 Discussion and Possible Action: Consider a Neighborhood Purpose Grant for up to \$800 for
Rio

de Los Angeles Veterans Collaborative for a public Veteran's Day event.

Moved by Ash Kramer; Seconded by Carmen Morales.

Roll Call:

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

5 Yes, 0 No.

7.3 **Discussion and Possible Action: Consider and Approve up to \$1,500 for 2 hours for community
Rock Climbing event.**

Mayra Duque said this event would be a great opportunity for the community to experience something different.

Bryan Kramer asked how people would know about this event.

Mayra Duque said through the NC's Instagram, website and through the use of fliers.

Moved by Mayra Duque; Seconded by Dolores Bernal.

Public Comment 1-

Public Comment 2-

Dolores Bernal said she felt this was a great idea and that it was good to encourage physical activity in the community.

Public Comment 3-

Public Comment 4-

Roll Call:

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

5 Yes, 0 No. \$1,500 approved.

7.4 Discussion and Possible Action: Consider a Community Impact Statement regarding the Olympic Exemption Ordinance (Council File 15-0989-S47).

Ash Kramer stated opposition against the council file over the forthcoming Olympics being exempt from city planning approval, zoning ordinances; proposed writing a CIS.

Moved by Ash Kramer; Seconded by Carmen Morales.

Public Comment 1-

Ash Kramer stated she was concerned about what gets built where and without oversight.

Carmen Morales added that without oversight this will silence the community, buildings will be constructed and then abandoned after the Olympics are over.

Bryan Kramer mentioned that there seems to be no money in the city but for the Olympics suddenly there is money.

Roll Call:

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

5 Yes, 0 No.

7.5 Discussion and Possible Action: Identify a Cypress Park stakeholder with a mobility disability who is affected by the broken sidewalks on Cypress Ave.

Bryan Kramer asked the attendees and the community at large to submit someone they know who

is impaired and where the sidewalks pose a problem and in that way perhaps they can submit a request to fix the sidewalks.

Public Comment 1-

Public Comment 2-

Dolores Bernal stated she has seen a visually impaired individual fall on the sidewalks and added she believed the sidewalks could be fixed without doing damage to the trees.

Public Comment 3-

Public Comment 4-

7.6 Discussion and Possible Action: Consider a Neighborhood Purpose Grant for up to \$5,000 for Friends of Aragon Elementary to be used: to enhance the outdoor environment and educational opportunities for students at our school.

Adam Salcedo the director at Aragon said the \$5,000 would be used for 2 things; he said the

blacktop has zero shade, no covering for the children which limits them to indoor learning and he said \$1,800 would be for the shade and 1,200 for the installation. The other \$2,000 would be used to create a garden space at the school.

Dolores Bernal asked if the work would make the yard inaccessible.

Mr. Salcedo said the work would be done on the weekends.

Public Comment 1-

Public Comment 2-

Public Comment 3-

Public Comment 4-

Carmen Morales said \$5,000 would wipe them out; she suggested tabling the item and that Mr. Salcedo connect with other groups for possible funding and then come back to the council.

Bryan Kramer said he wanted to contribute something, maybe \$2,500 for the yard or for the garden if permits are not approved.

Motioned by Bryan Kramer; Seconded by Ash Kramer.

Public Comment 5-

Roll Call:

**Yes - Carmen Morales, Mayra Duque, Dolores Bernal, Ash Kramer and Bryan Kramer
5 Yes, 0 No.**

**7.7 Discussion and Possible Action: Consider a neighborhood purpose grant for up to \$4,950 to Beautify LA.
Carmen Morales tabled the item.**

7.8 Discussion and Possible Action: Consider a Neighborhood Purpose Grant for up to \$4,000 for Manos Que Sobreviven for a turkey giveaway and toys for Holiday with Hope event.

Lenni Lara said last year's turkey giveaway helped provide 700 meals to families all across the NELA area.

Mayra Duque asked if Manos Que Sobreviven had requested funds from other NC's.

Ms. Lara said they had.

Public Comment 1-

Carmen Morales raised the issue of limited funds with 8 months left.

Ash Kramer motioned to give \$2,500; Seconded by Dolores Bernal.

Roll Call:

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

5 Yes, 0 No.

7.10 Presentation/Discussion and Possible Action: Co-sponsoring a CD1 debate along with Highland Park and Arroyo Seco.

Natalie Seaman mentioned she was hoping to see several neighborhood councils participate and to work together; she mentioned there are 7 candidates in CD 1 and was asking and inviting the Cypress Park City Council to participate as well in an elections debate.

Public Comment 1-

Public Comment 2-

Public Comment 3-

7.11 Discussion and Possible Action: To send a letter to CD 1 requesting community impact studies regarding a proposed/planned 78 NO PARKING “alleged low income” units project to be located at 3526-3528 North Arroyo Seco Avenue.

Carmen Morales explained that the area where this will occur has a large population, overpopulated, and there has been zero communication with the neighborhood; she added that some properties are over 100 years old; she said emails that had been sent out with no response; she concluded that the vote tonight would be for sending a letter out next month.

Motioned by Carmen Morales; Seconded by Dolores Bernal.

Public Comment 1-

Public Comment 2-

Carmen Morales said she would modify the letter to include CD 1 and the Mayor’s Office.

Public Comment 3-

Public Comment 4-

Carmen Morales said we have to harass these politicians so they see what impact their policies have on our communities.

Public Comment 5-

Ash Kramer suggested discussing these issues further mentioning that there are developers who do care about the impact they make on the community.

Public Comment 6-

Carmen Morales mentioned the letter would be modified to be submitted to CD 1 and the Mayor's Office.

Roll Call:

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

5 Yes, 0 No.

10. Adjournment

Carmen Morales adjourned the meeting at 9:24 PM.