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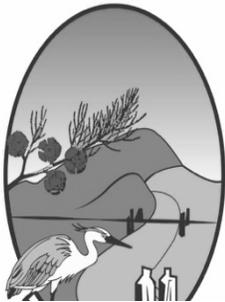
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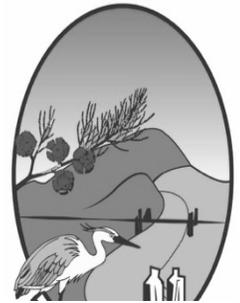
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GREATER CYPRESS PARK NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, August 12, 2025 – 7:00 PM
In Person Meeting



DRAFT MINUTES

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

Call to Order

1.1 Roll Call. The meeting was called to order at 7:11 PM by Carmen Morales. Six (6) board members were present at roll call: Carmen Morales, Mayra Duque, Janae Hubbard, Julio Galvez, Teresa Roman, and Dolores Bernal.

Ash Kramer and Bryan Kramer were absent. Quorum was met.

2.0 Comments from Public Officials

2.1 Public Safety

Officer Reyes from LAPD gave a monthly review; he mentioned that from August 10th until September 6th there were 3 aggravated assaults, 1 robbery, 5 grand theft autos, 4 burglaries, and 2 incidents of vandalism; Officer Reyes said that GTA's are high in Cypress Park and offered tips to lessen the risk such as not leaving keys in the car; not leaving windows open at

the gas station; he said there have been incidents of cars being stolen right from residential driveways; he explained that the pursuit of stolen vehicles is dangerous and sometimes deadly and it can be avoided by practicing safety precautions, stolen cars are often used for other crimes; he added that residents need to make it hard for thieves to steal their cars.

Julio Galvez asked how the community could get in touch with him.

Officer Reyes said people could call him or email him at 33184@lapd.online

2.2 Elena Chavez, Field Deputy for Councilmember Eunisses Hernandez

Ms. Chavez mentioned the groundbreaking event for the New Beginnings housing project, housing services for the unhoused which will be located adjacent to the roundabout in Cypress Park and have a total of 63 units; she also mentioned her office was involved at the first day of school at Aragon Elementary while donating school supplies; they also hosted back to school giveaways in Lincoln Heights having given out 1,300 backpacks to schoolkids; she also added they had done tree cutting on Cypress Avenue and worked with Divine Savior on this effort, in addition the office is planning a clean-up day.

Public Comment 1-

Public Comment 2-

Julio Galvez encouraged the community to share knowledge with each other, perhaps someone knows someone that can help out with a particular situation affecting the community and they in turn can let the neighborhood council know.

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

Mr. Rodriguez was not present however Carmen Morales gave an update, stating that a virtual Know Your Rights meeting was tentatively scheduled for September 23rd at 4 PM.

2.7 Other Public Officials

Representative from the Rio de Los Angeles Veteran mentioned the upcoming Veteran's Day event from 11 am to 1 pm.

3.0 Public Comments

Public Comment 1-

Public Comment2-

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. Treasurer was absent.

6.0 Consent Calendar

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

Carmen Morales motioned; Seconded by Dolores Bernal

Roll Call:

Yes - Carmen Morales, Mayra Duque, Dolores Bernal, Janae Hubbard, Julio Galvez and Teresa Roman.

6 Yes, 0 No. Minutes Approved.

7.0 Action Items

7.1 Presentation: Community Member Nick Anguiano to present on shelved Case N. ADM-2024-6362-DB-CDO-VHCA-RED1. Mr. Anguiano said he was present tonight because he had issues with this proposed “low income” property being built with zero parking spaces in an already congested area with very little street parking.

Carmen Morales added that no one in the community knew about this development in the community; that the developer did not talk to anyone in the community.

Mr. Anguiano added that they are trying to build a 5 story building with 78 units and no parking, this project, he said, would be on Arroyo Seco in an area with older houses that have no parking.

Carmen Morales said this would have a severe impact on the community and nearby elementary school; she said this issue cannot be voted on but we can inform the community.

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

Elena Chavez said with this issue there needs to be a demonstration of real impact on the community not just a hypothetical.

- Public Comment 4-
- Public Comment 5-
- Public Comment 6-
- Public Comment 7-

Public Comment 8-

Carmen Morales said we need to send mass letters to city offices.

Public Comment 9-

- 7.2 Discussion and Possible Action: Consider a Community Impact Statement regarding the Olympics Exemption Ordinance (Council File 15-0989-S47)
Dolores Bernal moved to table the motion; Seconded by Julio Galvez.
- 7.3 **Discussion and Possible Action: What is the Council District 1 office doing to combat ICE activity? How can the GCPNC Board aid these efforts? Carmen Morales tabled this item until next month.**
- 7.4 **Discussion and Possible Action: Identify a Cypress Park stakeholder with a mobility disability who is affected by the broken sidewalks on Cypress Ave. Carmen Morales tabled this item until next month.**
- 7.5 **Discussion and Possible Action: Allocate up to \$400.00 for shelving racks to organize storage unit. Carmen Morales discussed the need to organize the storage unit where items from the neighborhood council are stored as well as for cleaning purposes; she asked the community if anyone had an issue with the board allocating \$400 for storage needs.**

Carmen Morales motioned to approve; Seconded by Mayra Duque.

Public Comment 1-

Roll Call:

Yes - Carmen Morales, Mayra Duque, Dolores Bernal, Janae Hubbard, Julio Galvez and Teresa Roman.

6 Yes, 0 No. Motion passes.

- 7.6 **Discussion and Possible Action: Allocate up to \$3,000 for community tabling items. Treasurer was not present. Item tabled.**
- 7.7 **Discussion and Possible Action: Neighborhood Purpose Grant for up to \$2,500 to Avenue 50 Studio, Inc. for Dia de Los Muertos event on Saturday November 2nd at Greayer's Oak Park. Mr. Anguiano said Avenue 50 is an art space in Highland Park that has been around for 25 years providing art classes and art exhibitions for the community; he mentioned past Dia de Los Muertos events held at La Culebra Park and in Garvanza; he said he was here for support from the Neighborhood council; he mentioned there would be a stage, vendors, low riders, musicians, a kid's space with face painting; he added that last year one thousand people came out; this year the event will be at Greayer's Oak Park and he personally invited the GCPNC to come out.**

Public Comment 1-

Dolores Bernal asked where the rest of the funding would be coming from.

Mr. Anguiano said from Arroyo Seco Council and CD 1.

Janae Hubbard motioned to approve; Seconded by Mayra Duque.

Roll Call:

Yes - Carmen Morales, Mayra Duque, Dolores Bernal, Janae Hubbard, Julio Galvez and Teresa Roman.

6 Yes, 0 No. Motion passes.

7.8 Discussion and Possible Action: Consider a Neighborhood Purpose Grant for up to \$2,900 to Friends of the L.A. River for CleanUp of Glendale Narrows event.

Kristen from Friends of the L.A. river presented on the 36th Annual clean up which will be focused on the Sepulveda Basin and Glendale Narrows; the event taking place on October 11th and 15th; she mentioned there would be speakers and presentation and it would be free and open to the public.

Carmen Morales asked about funding and what other NC's they were reaching out to.

Kristen said many of the things needed to be funded included: permits, design work, fliers, billboards, ad buys and that they were also partly funded by a grant.

Teresa Roman asked what other neighborhoods were helping.

Kristen said Atwater Village and Glassell Park were helping as well as Elysian Valley and Encino.

Julio Galvez asked if any of those Neighborhood Councils had made any commitments.

Kristen said they had not as of yet.

Teresa Roman asked how much she was asking from each.

Kristen said five thousand each but it would probably end up being lower.

Teresa Roman mentioned that tools were also part of the costs needing funding but she wondered if the tools from the previous clean up would still be available.

Kristen said yes but they still need new supplies.

Public Comment 1-

Public Comment 2-

Dolores Bernal motioned to remove \$380 from the original requested amount.

Mayra Duque added that the budget was only 29,000 for the fiscal year and that 8,500 to 9,000 had already been used up.

Julio Galvan suggested to table the motion.

Carmen Morales tabled the motion until next month.

11. Adjournment

Carmen Morales adjourned the meeting at 9:01PM.