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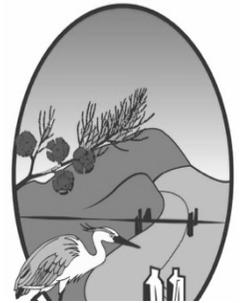
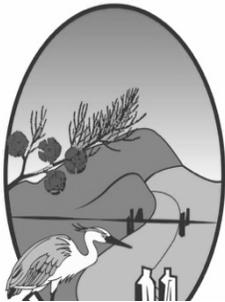
## GREATER CYPRESS PARK NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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## GREATER CYPRESS PARK NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, December 9, 2025 – 7:00 PM  
In Person Meeting



### DRAFT MINUTES

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

### Call to Order

**1.1 Roll Call.** The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by Bryan Kramer. Five (5) board members were present at roll call: Mayra Duque, Ash Kramer, Bryan Kramer, Julio Galvez and Teresa Roman.

Janae Hubbard, Carmen Morales, and Dolores Bernal were absent. Quorum was met.

### **2.0 Comments from Public Officials**

**2.1 Public Safety**  
Not present.

**2.2 Elena Chavez, Field Deputy for Councilmember Eunisses Hernandez**

**Ms. Chavez began by discussing the ramifications of the city's billion dollar deficit, nevertheless she encouraged the council to send over their wish list to the department and the Mayor's office; she further highlighted the Councilmember's allocation of \$200,000 in order to amplify food distribution; she mentioned people could apply with their office for help with rent; she mentioned the 1<sup>st</sup> Winter Wonderland coming up in Cypress Park, she added their would be music, games, snow machines, snacks, toys.**

**Public Comment 1-**

**Ash Kramer asked Ms. Chavez about devices installed on Cal Trans properties that are emitting harsh noise especially near the home depot.**

**Mayra Duque asked about the solar installation and whether other streets in the community could benefit from them.**

**Bryan Kramer mentioned to Ms. Chavez that the LAPD and LAFD have not shown up to their meetings and if she could please ask them to come.**

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

**Ms. Cervantes said there was a Justice fair over the past weekend that had jobs, education and opportunities for the public; she concluded by discussing the hearing between Mayor Bass and Congressman Roberto Garcia over possible civil rights violations and unlawful detentions by federal immigration agents.**

**2.4 Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate, Department of Neighborhood**

**Empowerment/Introduce the New Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate representative, Prabhjot Chamber discussed charter reform updates to the City Charter, that the information would be sent out containing links and contacts; she also mentioned that BONC would be holding a virtual town hall on Wednesday December 17 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm with the Charter Reform Commission; she also mentioned an upcoming training at the Office of Immigrant Affairs on December 18 where there would be workshops, and information on creating family preparedness plans, information on rules for ICE for detaining parents and information on reunification in countries of origin plus more.**

**2.5 Hector Rodriguez Field Representative CA 52<sup>nd</sup> State Assemblymember Jessica Caloza**

**Mr. Rodriguez circled back to the issue of devices placed on Cal Tran properties acting as deterrents; said his office put in an inquiry with Cal Trans to find out what exactly is going on; he also encouraged the community whether schools or businesses or organizations to come to their office for legislation suggestions as it pertains to the needs of the community; Mr. Rodriguez said AB 553 would go into effect January 1, 2026 to expand SNAP benefits, he added that AB 920 which would provide a database for community developments offering the community the chance to vocalize concerns and have input; AB 1138 which was the film and television tax credit would allow studios to stimulate local businesses like security companies, restaurants and catering just to name a few.**

**Julio Galvez mentioned the proposed development in Arroyo Seco that would be built**

without parking, he asked if AB 920 would be able to address this.

Mr. Rodriguez said yes SB 79 would apply to proposed developments near transit hubs not needing to build parking but that SB 79 does not go into effect until 2030.

Julio Galvez asked if AB 920 allows for just the chance to voice an opinion or does it do more.

Mr. Rodriguez said it depends on what we were talking about.

Ash Kramer said the State Law expands from Los Angeles to statewide, the TOC allows for less or no parking needed to be provided if close to transit centers, she added that Executive Order 1 expanded this, i.e. buildings with no parking, so long as they are near a transit hub; she continued, SB 79 does not change what is currently happening in Los Angeles; furthermore she added that the database in Los Angeles is called ZIMAS and that folks can look up a property address to see what cases they have.

## **2.6 100-Acre Partnership**

Brief update provided; wetlands have begun to take shape with irrigation having been installed, they also mentioned that native plants would be planted between January and April; they also added that there would be a community welcoming day on Saturday March 7<sup>th</sup> at the Bowtie Wetland Project. Miguel Paredes mentioned the Paseo del Rio Project Newsletter available December 19<sup>th</sup>, in addition the Soccer Field opened on September 27<sup>th</sup>; lastly he mentioned G2 maintenance updates including the security fence, signage and replacement locks, also mentioned there was a work plan based on reports as well as a post-charge authorization report.

Public Comment 1-

Public Comment 2-

## **2.7 Other Public Officials**

Raul Claros introduced himself as a candidate running for Council District 1, said he worked on an advisory board for Nathan Hochman, and was running to represent Cypress Park which had been ignored for too long, said he was in touch with the local issues like the alarming number of RV's in the community and that he was working on putting together a list of hot spots across the CD's and would like to reconnect with other neighborhoods as well.

## **3.0 Public Comments**

Public Comment 1-

Public Comment 2-

## **4.0 Community Outreach Discussion**

### **4.1 Bryan Kramer 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 Bryan Kramer 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 Review and approve Monthly Expenditure Reports for November 2025.**

**Ash Kramer explained that many of the Amazon purchases pertained mainly to the Halloween event; she concluded by saying the total NPG budget stood at \$2462.22. Ash Kramer motioned to approve the monthly expenditure report; Seconded by Bryan Kramer.**

**Roll Call:**

**Yes- Mayra Duque, Ash Kramer, Bryan Kramer, Teresa Roman.**

**Abstain- Julio Galvez**

**4 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstain. Motion Passes.**

**6.0 Consent Calendar**

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

**Ash Kramer motioned; Seconded by Bryan Kramer.**

**Roll Call:**

**Yes- Mayra Duque, Ash Kramer, Bryan Kramer, Teresa Roman, and Julio Galvez**

**5 Yes, 0 No. Motion Passes.**

**7.0 Action Items**

**7.1 Discussion and Possible Action: Consider adding a cap for NPG requests.**

Mayra Duque said the main reason behind this motion was due to the cuts in the budget and so she wanted to propose rules for NPG’s capping them at \$3,000 and including deadlines for applications and in this way it would help to maintain money in the community.

Ash Kramer mentioned she loved both suggestions for a funding cap and April 15<sup>th</sup> deadline. Motioned by Ash Kramer; Seconded by Bryan Kramer.

Public Comment 1-

Public Comment 2-

Public Comment 3-

Teresa Roman asked if the \$3,000 limit was for all organizations or events, and if the community would be effected by this cap or would the board be able to give more money since it is for our community.

Ash Kramer wondered if the \$3,000 cap would apply per request or per organization.

Mayra Duque said she would leave it up to the board to decide.

**Roll Call:**

**Yes- Mayra Duque, Ash Kramer, Bryan Kramer, Teresa Roman.**

**Abstain- Julio Galvez**

**4 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstain. Motion Passes.**

- 7.2 Discussion and Possible Action: NPG for up to \$3,000 to Instituto de Educación Popular del Sur de California.

Jorge from the Instituto de Educación Popular del Sur de California said that they have not been receiving much funding ever since Home Depot turned their backs on the workers; this Christmas holiday event would show the community that these people are here and part of the community especially during the holiday season, to help them have a good Christmas and end the year strong; he concluded by saying these people deserve a hot meal and that these workers deserve to be celebrated.

Motioned by Bryan Kramer; Seconded by Ash Kramer

Public Comment 1-

Roll Call:

**Yes- Mayra Duque, Ash Kramer, Bryan Kramer, Teresa Roman, and Julio Galvez**

5 Yes, 0 No. Motion Passes.

- 7.3 Discussion and Possible Action: Consider a template letter to circulate to other NC's to gain support for city council members to find solutions to protect our neighbors from ICE raids.

**Mayra Duque said aligning with other CD's to pressure their council members to help immigrant communities to stop these raids can only happen if all communities get together.**

**Teresa Roman recognized and thanked members of the audience who always supported her food distribution efforts every Wednesday, looking out for them and watching out for ICE; she said they come out and look out for us every Wednesday at 11:30, she called them heroes.**

**Ash Kramer motioned to write a template letter and take it to other NC's where they can adapt it so they can pressure their council members.**

**Public Comment 1-**

**Myra Duque said this letter is to align NC's against ICE and with the immigrant community.**

**Ash Kramer said a pre-written letter would help in asking other NC's to amplify support for communities.**

**Bryan Kramer said LAPD seems to be complicit in what ICE is doing, we need LAPD and senior lead officers support immigrants not ICE.**

**Public Comment 2-**

**Bryan Kramer tabled the item until the next meeting.**

**7.4 Discussion and Possible Action: Draft a letter to the Mayor's Office Regarding priorities and recommendations for the budget.**

**Ash Kramer mentioned she would write the letter based on the budget and community issues like lighting, sidewalks, food distribution.**

**Public Comment 1-**

**Bryan Kramer said there are not enough beds at New Beginnings and shelters, that he was not interested in criminalizing homelessness but also did not want crime in the area.**

**Public Comment 2-**

**Public Comment 3-**

**Ash Kramer motioned to send the letter to the Mayor via Susana Cervantes prioritizing lighting, food distribution, homeless outreach and sidewalks; Seconded by Bryan Kramer.**

**Public Comment 4-**

**Roll Call:**

**Yes- Mayra Duque, Ash Kramer, Bryan Kramer, Teresa Roman, and Julio Galvez**

5 Yes, 0 No. Motion Passes.

**9. Bryan Kramer reminded everyone the next meeting would be held on the second Tuesday of January 2026.**

- 10. Adjournment**  
**Bryan Kramer adjourned the meeting at 8:35 PM.**