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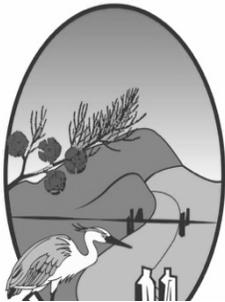
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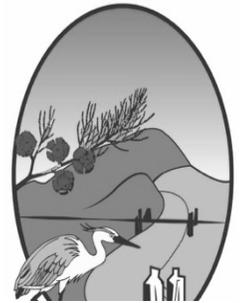
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GREATER CYPRESS PARK NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, November 18, 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. Bryan Kramer however asked Elena Chavez to let them know who the new senior lead would be, replacing Officer Reyes.

2.2 Elena Chavez, Field Deputy for Councilmember Eunisses Hernandez

Ms. Chavez said the month of October was busy with events; mentioned that the Councilmember visited the haunted house at Cypress Park Recreation Center as well as events at Rio State Park passing out 250 hot dogs to folks and staff plus candy and tote bags; Ms. Chavez also informed the council meeting that the Councilmember passed legislation implementing a 4% rent cap which will take place in 2026; also said the Councilmember had allocated \$2000,000 in discretionary funds to help augment food distribution in the community highlighting that this would amount to 300 extra bags of groceries in addition to her efforts in the turkey giveaway with CD 13 and free chicken distribution with CD 1 this Saturday at 8 am.

Public Comment 1-

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

Ms. Cervantes said she came by to say hello and check in; she mentioned the new fire chief had been sworn in, she also discussed Shine LA project where different neighborhoods in LA are chosen to have clean-up days; mentioned that they had concluded a clean-up day in Rampart Village/Lafayette Village which included a resource fair and giveaways.

Julio Galvez discussed some of the real concerns of the community and things the board is trying to implement; he said despite the great work that Elena Chavez was doing, he wondered how the community's needs could be expedited faster towards the attention of the Mayor.

Susan Cervantes said for additional support the council office should to reach out to the appropriate channels.

Ash Kramer asked Ms. Cervantes to relay to the mayor the community's angst over Executive Directive 1 which resulted locally in a 78 unit, 5 story apartment complex being proposed in a neighborhood of single family homes with no parking.

Public Comment 1-

Susan Cervantes said council members and the mayor's office have a channel but requests and obtaining resources can be a process.

Public Comment 2-

Bryan Kramer thanked Julio Galvez for his question.

2.4 Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate, Department of Neighborhood

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

Not Present.

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

Not Present.

**2.6 100-Acre Partnership
Not Present.**

**3.0 Public Comments
No Public Comment.**

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 October 2025.

Ash Kramer said the City Clerk's Office did not review the monthly expenditure report for October, tabled until next month; she also mentioned that the council's attempt to give under \$1,000 to the Veteran's Group for veteran's day was denied by the City Clerk; lastly she said that their proposed budget stood at \$2,964.22.

6.0 Consent Calendar

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

Ash Kramer motioned; Seconded by Mayra Duque.

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: Approve reimbursement to Dolores Bernal for \$41.61 for September Meeting Domino's Pizza.

Motioned by Bryan Kramer; Seconded by Ash Kramer.

Roll Call:

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

5 Yes, 0 No. Motion Passes.

- 7.2 Discussion and Possible Action: Assign Second Card Holder
Ash Kramer assigns second card holder to Mayra Duque.
Moved by Ash Kramer; Seconded by Mayra Duque.

No Public Comment.

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: Request for Action from CD1 to repair/replace street lights at Arroyo Seco and Figueroa and surrounding streets; request information on plan for City Council File 25-1222 (\$500K allocation to solarize street light in Cypress Park and Lincoln Heights).

Ash Kramer mentioned that community residents came to the last meeting regarding lighting issues.

Elena Chavez said a traffic study had to be conducted to see where most lighting would help.

Bryan Kramer asked if the streetlights were being broken due to vandalism.

Elena Chavez said yes.

Ash Kramer motioned to request for action; Seconded by Bryan Kramer.

Public Comment 1-

Roll Call:

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

5 Yes, 0 No. Motion Passes.

- 7.4 Discussion and Possible Action: Request for Action from CD1 to clean and maintain the Figueroa tunnel at Loreto Street in front of Nightingale Middle School-tunnel is dangerous, subject to trash and recent fires.

Ash Kramer mentioned this was an issue brought up by the community.

Elena Chavez mentioned these were pedestrian tunnels which have been closed for a long time; the situation was that someone with mental health issues kept cutting through the fence and breaking in; at this time the city is trying to figure out what teams need to be involved with this situation.

Julio Galvez asked if it would help for Nightingale Elementary reached out or wrote a letter about

this situation.

Elena Chavez said yes it would.

Julio Galvez added that he would help if need be.

Elena Chavez said incident reports are stronger.

Public Comment 1-

Ash Kramer asked if incident reports needed to be official.

Elena Chavez confirmed yes.

Public Comment 2-

Myra Duque asked if an impact statement could be done; mentioned a community member passed by the site today; asked if some of the council funds could be used to address this issue.

Bryan Kramer said he was in favor of the impact statement.

Ash Kramer stated that a community impact statement is only possible when there is a council file so what is needed is a request for action to CD 1.

Myra Duque mentioned she would write the letter describing the impact on the community.

Myra Duque motioned to create a request for action to CD 1; Seconded by Julio Galvez.

Public Comment 3-

Roll Call:

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

5 Yes, 0 No. Motion Passes.

7.5 Discussion and Possible Action: Neighborhood Purpose Grant for up to \$5000 to Victory Resources for the Hood Olympics to be held on May 16, 2026.

Sylvia from Victory Resources spoke of the Hood Olympic festivities including all day activities, tournaments, 25 non profits plus resource booths, free clothes and shoes; the event is free and open to the community; she mentioned they are looking to partner with anyone on the front lines, mentioning they need help fundraising for permits which cost around \$10,000 and despite the fact that the event will be in May of 2026 they are coming out early to petition for help.

Ash Kramer mentioned the amount being requested was \$2,946 for food, refreshments, arts and

crafts.

Bryan Kramer asked how much funding did the board currently have.

Ash Kramer said they had \$2,964.22 for their NPG budget

Bryan Kramer asked aloud how much should the board give.

Julio Galvez asked if this event would benefit Highland Park.

Sylvia said all schools in the NELA area would be invited.

Ash Kramer noted that the council gave \$1,500 last year to the Hood Olympics.

**Julio Galvez motioned to vote No because he said funding should benefit this community.
No Second; motion failed.**

Bryan Kramer motioned to give \$500; Seconded by Mayra Duque.

Public Comment 1-

Roll Call:

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

5 Yes, 0 No. Motion Passes.

7.6 Discussion and Possible Action regarding continued ICE activity in Cypress Park. Report from CD 1 Team about what's happening and what they're doing. Personal accounts from stakeholders.

Elena Chavez said they were still involved in community defense training, working with LA Tenants Union, but she admitted it is a difficult situation; there are no heads up or rhyme and reason simply profiling; she said they are assisting with food, rent and financial support; she also mentioned the Councilmember gave \$100,000 for street vendors and partnering with New Economics for Women.

Bryan Kramer said the LAPD could not do much when it came to ICE.

Elena Chavez said LAPD has to be in crowd control mode but they need to work on educating people.

Bryan Kramer asked if stakeholders are saying that LAPD is not acting in their best interests.

Elena Chavez said yes some of them do.

Bryan Kramer asked if there is not much CD 1 can do.

Elena Chavez said she did not have enough information to answer that question; she reminded the community to ask around other areas in the East and West council districts.

Public Comment 1-

- 7.7 Discussion and Possible Action regarding stakeholders experiencing food insecurity. Report from the CD 1 Team about those affected in our community and what is being done to help them. Board and stakeholder discussion about what's happening and what can be done to support these folks.**

Bryan Kramer said this should be discussed more in next month's meeting.

Elena Chavez said they were focusing on schools and senior centers; she added many people are facing a food crisis and mentioned food distributions at Casa Salazar.

Bryan Kramer asked Teresa Roman to share a little about what she does in the community.

Teresa Roman thanked District 1 for their support in their food distribution efforts, she said they have been around since 2017 and that CD 1 has helped their group a lot. Teresa Roman mentioned that some people in the community have family members that are detained, street vendors are scared to go out and conduct business. She concluded by saying they continue to pass out food every Wednesday at 11am mainly fruits and vegetables and that they will continue supporting the community; she added that they cannot promise turkeys but they will keep on with their mission and said 913 Cypress is where they do the food giveaways.

10. Adjournment

Bryan Kramer adjourned the meeting at 8:09 PM.