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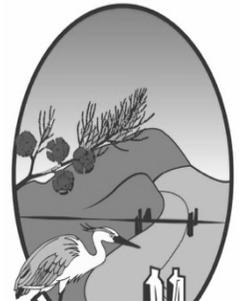
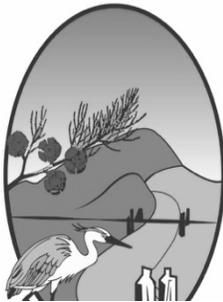
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GREATER CYPRESS PARK NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

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



DRAFT MINUTES

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

Call to Order

1.1 Roll Call. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Carmen Morales. Six (6) board members were present at roll call: Ash Kramer, Bryan Kramer, Julio Galvez, Teresa Roman, Carmen Morales, and Dolores Bernal.

Mayra Duque was absent. Quorum was met.

2.0 Comments from Public Officials

2.1 Public Safety

Officer Reyes of LAPD mentioned that he has been re-assigned to East Hollywood, introduced Officer Hector Ramirez who could possibly take over for Officer Reyes as the department is going through transitions and officers are being moved around; Officer Ramirez gave out his contact info at 213-793-0758 and 39459@lapd.online. Officer Reyes said there had been an uptick in vice activity in the area with 5 graffiti clean up requests. Officer Reyes next addressed the homeless encampment on Ave 27, said that they were doing their

best to clean it up; he mentioned LAPD always gives a heads-up before doing a clean up, in which the homeless can either accept help or relocate; lastly Officer Reyes gave out his email 33184@lapd.online and informed there audience that there would be a blood drive on January 27th from 9am to 3pm at the LAPD Hollywood Station.

Public Comment 1-
Public Comment 2-
Public Comment 3-
Public Comment 4-

Officer Reyes said that with regards to ICE activity, LAPD does not work with ICE and they cannot arrest federal agents, their role is to keep the peace.

Teresa Roman mentioned the latest California law banning the use of masks by law enforcement.

Officer Reyes said the law has not been implemented but it is in the works.

Carmen Morales added however that the supremacy clause will supersede state laws.

Public Comment 5-

2.2 Elena Chavez, Field Deputy for Councilmember Eunisses Hernandez

Ms. Chavez highlighted the Winter Wonderland event on December 13th at the Cypress Park Rec. Center, calling it a good moment, a nice break from the current issues in the community; she mentioned the giveaways; free hot chocolate, flowers, 300 bags of food, the distribution of 750 toys given out; Ms. Chavez added that the Calendar for food distribution was out now and she also mentioned that the city's homeless count was coming up for data collection and added that Lincoln Heights and Highland Park still needed volunteers to help collect an accurate count.

Public Comment 1-
Public Comment 2-

2.3 Susan Cervantes, Northeast Area Representative from Office of Mayor Karen Bass Not present.

2.4 Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate, Department of Neighborhood Not present.

2.5 Hector Rodriguez Field Representative CA 52nd State Assemblymember Jessica Caloza Mr. Rodriguez started off by saying the Assemblymember sends her best regards and holiday wishes to the community; Mr. Rodriguez said thanks to the efforts of the Neighborhood Council and the community, his office reached out to Home Depot with regards to the non-stop ringing, noise devices and he was happy to report that they had been turned off; he

mentioned that their office would continue to monitor the situation; next he discussed ICE issues in the community, stating that their office continues to be strong advocates for immigrant's rights; he highlighted legislation for a 50 million dollar fund with 25 million for a legal defense fund for the state of California providing legal aid to non-profits; he said the 25 million fund will help with the reporting process for violations that have been observed adding that we need a robust set of materials to present to the DOJ in order to show they do not always follow the rules; he added as more legislation comes up with regards to immigration issues his office would let the NC know. Mr. Rodriguez encouraged everyone to take the fliers and info he brought with him and to help empower people with knowledge and resources, he also added that their office offers various services including information on EDD, SNAP, DMV, housing and educational issues

Public Comment 1-
Public Comment 2-

Bryan Kramer thanked Mr. Rodriguez for his help with the devices but mentioned that they still remained on Caltrans property.

Mr. Rodriguez said that it was still an ongoing process to see what the next step would be.

Bryan Kramer said these devices are affecting a major corridor in the community and that nobody wants to hear that sound and that it is harming the community.

Mr. Rodriguez said the Councilmember would continue to look into the community's needs; lastly Mr. Rodriguez thanked Teresa Roman for her service on her last day on the board.

2.6 100-Acre Partnership

Not Present. Carmen Morales gave a quick email update mentioning that the project has moved into the environmental review phase.

2.7 Other Public Officials

None.

3.0 Public Comments

Public Comment 1-
Public Comment 2-
Public Comment 3-
Public Comment 4-

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 Ash Kramer said the NC had \$1050 from interpretation reimbursement and motioned to add the money to the NPG budget; Seconded by Carmen Morales.**
- 5.2 Review and approve Monthly Expenditure Reports for December 2025. Ash Kramer motioned to approve the monthly expenditure report; Seconded by Dolores Bernal.**

Roll Call:

Yes- Ash Kramer, Bryan Kramer, Teresa Roman, Julio Galvez, Dolores Bernal.

Abstain- Carmen Morales.

5 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstain. Motion Passes.

5.3 Vote to add \$1050 to the NPG Budget.

Roll Call:

Yes- Ash Kramer, Bryan Kramer, Teresa Roman, Julio Galvez, Dolores Bernal, Carmen Morales.

6 Yes, 0 No. Motion Passes.

6.0 Consent Calendar

Ash Kramer motioned to approve; Seconded by Bryan Kramer.

Roll Call:

Yes- Dolores Bernal, Ash Kramer, Bryan Kramer, Teresa Roman, and Julio Galvez

6 Yes, 0 No. Motion Passes.

7.0 Action Items

- 7.1 Discussion and Possible Action: Review Standing Rules with addition of NPG process and other standing rules.**

Carmen Morales tabled this item.

- 7.2 Discussion and Possible Action: Aragon Elementary presentation on declining enrollment and loss of support staff and what the NC can do to address this issue.**

Claudia Vela principal of Aragon Elementary gave a presentation on the school; she mentioned how she offers guided tours every Friday to anyone interested in learning more about the school; she said that the school will be having Special Education students T-K and that

they would be fully included including students with existing IEP's; Ms. Vela said she came to the meeting tonight as a way to reach out to the board so that they could work together and help promote Aragon and change the narrative about the school; she added that in the last 4 years the school has gone from a fragile school to a California distinguished school.

Bryan Kramer suggested highlighting the school on the board's Instagram.

Ash Kramer said they would post fliers as well for Aragon.

Bryan Kramer added that Aragon has a standing invitation to send the board any information.

Ms. Vela said she would send out information on upcoming events at Aragon.

Dolores Bernal mentioned that Cypress Park is an older community and not many people are having children, that Aragon like other schools in the community are seeing dwindling numbers.

Ms. Vela agreed with this but added that those parents who do choose other schools have that right but that they also have a right to have a great neighborhood school and that school is Aragon Elementary.

Carmen Morales asked what Aragon offered, STEM? Multilingual?

Ms. Vela said they offered an Art's program, an engineering space, coding programs, robotics and over 50 musical instrument instruction.

Julio Galvan encouraged Ms. Vela to send more representatives from Aragon to the Neighborhood Council meetings and thanked both representatives from Aragon for coming.

Public Comment 1-

Teresa Roman added that Aragon is a good school and that all her children went to school there with some graduating from college, she continued by saying that it would be beneficial to see some Alumni and hear about their careers, that it could motivate other students, this would be good to promote visibility and she concluded by saying it would be good for Aragon to keep coming and participating in the events held by the Neighborhood council.

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.

Letter available at:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1xzrfliZMWA7FTRtso7bxklhjXXDpV1092rh31exXbw/edit?usp=sharing>

Ash Kramer stated that from past experience as a board, a template letter gives us a framework in order to send a letter to representatives with regards to a topic that is important to the

community, in this case the issue being ICE in our community. Ash Kramer read the letter to the audience.

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

Ash Kramer motioned to start circulating the letter; Seconded by Carmen Morales.

Public Comment 1-

Roll Call:

Yes- Dolores Bernal, Ash Kramer, Bryan Kramer, Teresa Roman, and Julio Galvez
6 Yes, 0 No. Motion Passes.

7.4 Presentation on SORT LA. SORT LA is an LA Sanitation and Environment project to help residents sort commodities correctly in each of the three bins.

The presentation began by addressing trash bins that are damaged and how to replace new bins and encouraged the audience to go to myLA311 especially with regards to bulky item pickup, electronics disposal, and extra trash pick ups whenever moving out of a residence. Next, new information was provided on the green waste bins residents throughout the city of Los Angeles have; per the presentation new law SB 1383 allows for food waste to be placed in green bins; the presenter also mentioned that 189 new green bins had been delivered in the Cypress Park neighborhood; in addition to yard trimmings and grass, residents can also deposit dirty paper towels as well as food waste in the green bins.

Public Comment 1-
Public Comment 2-
Public Comment 3-
Public Comment 4-
Public Comment 5-

Next the presentation discussed the blue recycling bins; things that are allowed in these bins include: plastic, paper, metal and glass; everything not accepted in the other containers goes into the black trash bins including ash, but so long as it does not include any hot embers; however rechargeable batteries are not allowed due to fires every week at dumping sites, especially since whenever batteries are crushed they ignite; the presenter mentioned that there were many options for battery disposal including L.A. public libraries.

Public Comment 6-
Public Comment 7-

Dolores Bernal asked about needles.

Presenter said needles can be brought to safe centers.

Teresa Roman asked where to place already used cooking oil.

The presenter said that cooking oil can be poured into trash cans but bigger amounts like a full jar can be hazardous and needs to be dropped off at a safe center.

Public Comment 8-

Public Comment 9-

The presenter also promoted the SORT LA App for the community to download with helpful information.

Ash Kramer asked if the public could go on tours at the recycling centers.

The presenters mentioned usually the public is not allowed but perhaps the board could be invited to a location.

Public Comment 10-

7.5 Presentation from Livable Communities Initiative (LCI), an LA based 501(c)(3) nonprofit. Not present. Carmen Morales tabled this item.

7.6 Discussion and possible action: Two at large seats on the board available and one youth seat available-to be filled at February meeting.

Carmen Morales mentioned that with Teresa Roman leaving, the board had 2 at-large seats available and one youth seat for the ages of 14-17 and she asked the audience to please consider joining.

Bryan Kramer added that it was not a complicated role, you just have to show up.

8.0 New Business and ideas for future meetings. Carmen Morales mentioned the next meeting would be held on February 10, 2026.

Lastly, Elena Chavez presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Teresa Roman for her service and the entire board and audience clapped for Teresa Roman.

Teresa Roman thanked everyone and said the recognition was more about the community, the community is who has shaped her to be the person she is; she added that the community has gone through many difficult moments but that she was proud of her community because we do not give up, she said, that we do not get beat and remain united; if you are here, she continued, it is to show that we are not alone; she mentioned how people in the community are afraid to go out shopping or to go to work and many have relied on food banks and food deliveries; she said she will always be here, that she is not going anywhere. She concluded by saying the only crime we

have committed was to come here to help our families do better, we want our children to go to college and be better citizens and she thanked everyone for coming tonight and asked them to please continue attending.

10. Adjournment

Carmen Morales adjourned the meeting at 9:00 PM.