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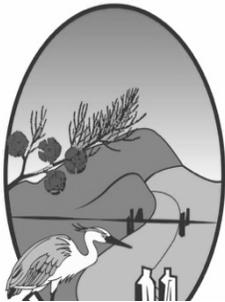
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## GREATER CYPRESS PARK NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

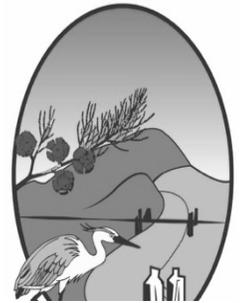
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## GREATER CYPRESS PARK NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, February 10, 2025 – 7:00 PM  
In Person Meeting



### DRAFT MINUTES

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

### Call to Order

**1.1 Roll Call.** The meeting was called to order at 7:10PM by Bryan Kramer. Three (3) board members were present at roll call: Ash Kramer, Bryan Kramer, and Julio Galvez. Quorum was not met.

**Dolores Bernal was absent.**

**Carmen Morales entered the meeting at 7:15 PM. Quorum was met.**

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

#### **2.1 Public Safety**

**Officer Reyes of LAPD introduced his temporary replacement for the NC meetings, Officer Spellman. Officer Reyes continued noting that there had been an uptick in graffiti which was a concern as possible rival gangs could get involved; he reiterated that the public should use myLA311 to report graffiti in the community. Officer Spellman introduced himself, giving out his information as to where he could be reached at in the North East Division, giving out his email: [43711@lapd.online](mailto:43711@lapd.online); he also mentioned there have been a lot of retirements at LAPD and so lots of movement; Officer Spellman mentioned he would be**

assigned to the board for at least 3 months.

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

Ms. Chavez mentioned the \$500K in discretionary funding obtained by the Councilmember and also the new solar lights being installed in Cypress Park which totaled 91 new lights; she added that the lights were determined by 311 requests from the community; Ms. Chavez touched on the issue of budget charter updates and priorities on expanding the council, she added that the Councilmember wants 23 instead of 15 councilmembers with a two year budget cycle insisting on issues like utility fees and alleyways; she mentioned that she had a plan to ask Amazon and other delivery trucks to pay for repairs on roads used for deliveries mentioning many of these alleyways have not had repairs since 1999; she also added that the office would be offering CERT training, she mentioned that the next round would be held in Chinatown consisting of 7 free classes from LAFD beginning on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Lastly, Ms. Chavez said she would be taking over another CD area while another representative is on maternity leave.

Public Comment 1-

Public Comment 2-

Public Comment 3-

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

Susan Cervantes mentioned the record rainfall at the end of the year which caused potholes throughout the area; she mentioned that due to 311 requests 9,000 potholes got addressed; she reiterated that some issues take longer to fix but it is important for the community to let the city know where the issues are; again, she reiterated the importance of using 311 as it leads to data drive decisions; graffiti and illegal dumping can be reported via 311, she advised to create an account with 311 and be logged in and in that way you will get a confirmation as well as a date of request and completion of request; she also added that as part of the World Cup festivities LA Plaza de Cultura y Artes will serve as Mexico's Hospitality House where the public can come and watch the game from June 11<sup>th</sup> to July 19<sup>th</sup> and she added there would be more.

Ash Kramer asked Ms. Cervantes to bring back the pothole truck, that would come once a year to fill the potholes in the streets; she also requested to relay the message to the Mayor to find out what she is doing to ensure the local communities are safe from ICE.

Public Comment 1-

Public Comment 2-

Public Comment 3-

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

Not present.

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

Mr. Rodriguez discussed the press conference they hosted at the Home Depot last Friday with

regards to the noise machine being shut down, however he added since this incident they have learned that the Home Depot plans to deliver an eviction notice to the Day Laborer Working Center, mentioning the center is on Caltrans land but that the Assemblymember has gathered the community in support of the Day Laborer Center and as of now the center has not been evicted; Mr. Rodriguez mentioned the Assemblymember's introduction of AB 1650 which refers to Federal operations using rental cars, this AB would impose fees to rental car companies, it would not be a total fix to the problem but hopefully it would slow them down; Mr. Rodriguez mentioned there was a package of \$25 million for legal defense aid.

#### **Public Comment 1-**

Mr. Rodriguez said AB 1650 has just been introduced for 30 days and that it was not set in stone yet.

#### **Public Comment 2-**

Mr. Rodriguez thanked the board and community and offered his contact information at [hector.rodriguez@asm.ca.gov](mailto:hector.rodriguez@asm.ca.gov).

### **2.6 100-Acre Partnership**

Miguel Paredes mentioned the project was still in the environmental phase and mentioned the Bowtie Community Welcome Day on March 7<sup>th</sup> from 1-4 p.m. at 2780 Casitas Avenue; he mentioned there was limited seating and that attendees should wear appropriate shoes; Mr. Paredes added that the project started in 2024 and the site would open in 2027 and that the Bowtie non-paseo investigation report was being updated; the G2 non-paseo had repaired fences (3), locks and one chain; he also mentioned the city would continue working on the Eco-River project, Mr. Paredes also added that he was born in the area and grew up in Elysian Park and cared about this project and its impact on the community.

Colleen from TNC mentioned the community welcome day showing all stages of implementation; she added there would be site tours, free food, family friendly activities as well as the River Rover mobile museum happening on March 7<sup>th</sup>.

### **2.7 Other Public Officials**

None.

### **3.0 Public Comments**

**Public Comment 1-**

**Public Comment 2-**

**Public Comment 3-**

**Public Comment 4-**

Mayra Duque entered the meeting at 7:56 pm.

**Public Comment 5-**

**Bryan Kramer reread Item 1.3 aloud.**

**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 \$3,550 for NPG's and \$15,864 overall with most expenses going to translation, minute taking and storage.**

**5.2 Review and approve Monthly Expenditure Reports for January 2026. Ash Kramer said there was no monthly expenditure report.**

**6.0 Consent Calendar**

**Ash Kramer motioned to approve; Seconded by Carmen Morales.**

**Roll Call:**

**Yes- Ash Kramer, Bryan Kramer, Carmen Morales and Julio Galvez.**

**Abstain- Mayra Duque.**

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

**7.0 Action Items**

**7.1 Discussion and Possible Action: One at large seat on the board available and one youth seat available-to be filled at February Meeting.**

**Olivia from the audience said she was from Baldwin Park but recently moved to Cypress Park and would like to join the board.**

**Ash Kramer motioned to approve; Seconded by Carmen Morales.**

**Roll Call:**

**Yes- Ash Kramer, Bryan Kramer, Carmen Morales, Julio Galvez, Mayra Duque.**

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

**Susan Rocha from the audience nominated herself; mentioned that justice needs to change, innocent people are prosecuted; she added that money is not being spent on the things people need like justice reform.**

**Ash Kramer motioned No; Seconded by Carmen Morales.**

Roll Call:

**Yes- 0**

**No- Ash Kramer, Bryan Kramer, Carmen Morales, Julio Galvez, Mayra Duque.**

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

- 7.2 Discussion and Possible Action: Write a letter to Home Depot denouncing their decision to evict the Day Laborer Center.

Ash Kramer voiced her opinion on supporting the Day Laborer Center through a letter.

Mr. Hector Rodriguez mentioned that there had been no eviction notice as of yet.

Carmen Morales said the letter is meant to show support and to continue having the center reside at its location.

Bryan Kramer added that he felt hesitant to support the Home Depot because they have not done much to help; he added that these workers are an integral part of our community; he also volunteered to write the letter in support of the center.

Ash Kramer said the letter is meant to highlight that they are part of the community.

Ash Kramer motioned; Seconded by Mayra Duque.

Roll Call:

**Yes- Ash Kramer, Bryan Kramer, Carmen Morales, Julio Galvez, Mayra Duque.**

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

- 7.3 **Discussion and Possible Action: Consider a Community Impact Statement regarding the LA Charter Reform Proposals**

**Carmen Morales placed the item on hold while addressing item 7.6-7.7**

- 7.4 **Discussion and Possible Action: Review Standing Rules w/addition of NPG process and other standing rules.**

**Carmen Morales tabled this item.**

- 7.5 **Discussion and Possible Action: Consider a neighborhood purpose grant for up to \$2,500 to Mujeres de la Tierra to “support the planning, design, and implementation of community mosaic murals in La Esquinita Park (located at the Los Angeles River Centers and Gardens).**

**Presentation from Mujeres de La Tierra and Youth LA Functions with regards to the community mosaic tile installation at La Esquinita Park; the event has grown in scope with the goal of increasing the artist stipend as well as stipends for the students plus having free food for the**

community. Youth LA Functions are youth led events like school walk-outs in protest over ICE activity in the community; they aim to bring more attention to the Park and La Esquinita; the mosaic will not be just about art but about the community, wanting to change our neighborhoods for the better, they stated; tonight was an opportunity to introduce everyone involved as well as the goals and to work with other artists and give back to the NELA community.

Ash Kramer was concerned about the asking amount and what that would mean for the remaining NPG budget.

Julio Galvez asked if the money for the artist would be a commission.

Mujeres de la Tierra said it would be more like an honorarium.

Ash Kramer said if they approve the grant the City Clerk will still have to review it and they could possibly contact the NC with any issues.

Ash Kramer motioned; Seconded by Julio Galvez.

**Roll Call:**

**Yes- Ash Kramer, Bryan Kramer, Carmen Morales, Julio Galvez, Mayra Duque.**

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

**Public Comment 1-**

- 7.6 Discussion and possible action: City Fabrick to present on the LA Charter Reform effort. Eric from City Fabrick said charter reform affects all LA residents be it the city charter, the city's constitution, all of it impacts how leaders are chosen.**

**Carmen Morales mentioned issues of Land Use and if Neighborhood Councils should have more authority on this issue, the city charter encompasses issues that are pertinent to the Neighborhood council; she encouraged a motion on a CIS as it is very important; she added 60 of the 99 Neighborhood Councils have to submit and the commission starts deliberations in February/March.**

**Eric from City Fabrick mentioned the CIS could be delivered to [cis@empowerla.org](mailto:cis@empowerla.org)**

**Public Comment 1-**

**Eric from City Fabrick encouraged members of the public to reach out to council members about what is important to them.**

**Ash Kramer asked to clarify since the CIS is usually uploaded to the council file.**

**Eric from City Fabrick said that was not the case this time.**

**Public Comment 2-**

**Ash Kramer asked what should be said about charter reform.**

**Carmen Morales said the issue would be to expand the number of councils as well as the issue of rank voting.**

**Elena Chavez said it would elongate the period of selection in order to get to know the candidates better before making a decision.**

**Bryan Kramer said he was in favor of expanding the city councilmembers to 23 for better representation; he also liked rank voting; utility fee changes; he said he was on board with all of it.**

**Julio Galvez said adding councilmembers may take away from the focus of what we currently have, it was important to make sure what we have now is working.**

**7.7 Discussion and Possible Action: Submit a Community Impact Statement to express support related to the Charter Reform effort.**

**Carmen Morales said she is in favor but the budget part is complicated, making a decision on the spot is hard; she said more community involvement is needed in order to draft a letter and vote on it next month and incorporate that into the letter.**

**Ash Kramer asked if two letters could be sent; one draft and then another more nuanced one.**

**Eric from City Fabrick said that could probably be done.**

**Ash Kramer said tonight's letter is about what the Neighborhood Council understands but that they would get community input to make it more nuanced and complete.**

**Ash Kramer motioned to write a general letter without details; Seconded by Julio Galvez.**

**Public Comment 1-**

**Public Comment 2-**

**Roll Call:**

**Yes- Ash Kramer, Bryan Kramer, Carmen Morales, Julio Galvez, Mayra Duque.**

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

**Public Comment 3-**

**Public Comment 4-**

**Public Comment 5-**

**Bryan Kramer said by increasing council members it disperses power.**

**Ash Kramer said there could be more responsiveness on voting due to constituents.**

**Mayra Duque mentioned a letter writing workshop on Thursday and recommended using Google Docs so comments can be inputted and referred the audience to the council's website at [cypressparknc.com](http://cypressparknc.com)**

**10. Adjournment**

**Carmen Morales adjourned the meeting at 9:04 PM.**