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GREATER CYPRESS PARK NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL REGULAR GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES



SPECIAL Board Meeting MINUTES Cypress Park & Recreation Center 2630 Pepper Avenue, 90065 April 7, 2026 7:00 PM

Spanish translation provided.

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Items may be addressed out of the order listed.

1. Call to Order
7:16PM Call to order by Bryan Kramer

- 1.1. Roll Call
Bryan Kramer – Present
Ash Kramer – Present
Carmen Morales – Absent (Late arrival)
Dolores Bernal – Absent
Mayra Duque – Absent (Late arrival)
Julio Galvez – present
Olivia Salcedo - Present

- 1.2. Welcome stakeholders present, acknowledgment of Gabrielino/Tongva peoples as the traditional land caretakers of Tovaangar (Los Angeles basin, So. Channel Islands), introductions, code of conduct reminder and summary of telephonic meeting procedures
[B Kramer welcomes stakeholders](#)

- 1.3 *In order to run a respectful, efficient, and constructive neighborhood council meeting, please adhere to the following guidelines:*

1. *Meeting attendee comments about **non-agenda items or personal commentary** are permitted during the general "Public Comments" section of the meeting. There is a one-minute time limit. The Board Chair may allow a longer comment at their discretion. General feedback for the Board related to its policies/decisions is encouraged during this time as well.*
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[B Kramer notes but does not read procedures](#)

2. Comments from Public Officials

- 2.1. Public Safety –
[Absent](#)

- 2.2. Elena Chavez, Field Deputy for Councilmember Eunisses Hernandez
[April 20th is the deadline for the small business grant program, created because of overwhelming need](#)
[311 Signage up at 26th and Jeffries](#)

Loreto Tunnel incident – fire in decommissioned pedestrian tunnel

Salcedo asks if there can be a crosswalk across Figueroa at school – Chavez to review with team

CD1 hosting tenants rights workshop w/CD14 on Monday the 20th

City budget drops on Apr 20 and charter reform is coming soon

Speed cameras coming to CP, but CD1 not involved in the decision making of where; sounds like Cypress Ave

Salcedo asks about the process of city council approving charter reform? Chavez unsure.

Earth Day event at Rio will likely be canceled on account of weather.

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

Absent

2.4. Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate,
Department of Neighborhood Empowerment

Absent

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

Absent

2.6. 100-Acre Partnership

Absent

2.7. Other Public Officials

Absent

3. Public Comments

3.1. Comments from the Board, stakeholders, and the public on non-agenda items within the Board’s subject matter jurisdiction.

Limited to one (1) minute per speaker.

Veteran’s Group hosting an event for Memorial Day at Rio de Los Angeles State Park. Requesting funds next month. Give NPG request to A Kramer who notes that we cannot pay for state taxes.

Returned to at 8:45pm: Sarah Rascon – candidate for state assembly – primary election June 2, April 24th Bats and Brews event in Elysian Valley.

4. Community Outreach Discussion

4.1. Please visit our website,
<https://cypressparknc.com> for the latest information on current and upcoming events in our neighborhood and city.

4.2. Remember to Check out <https://www.laparks.org/reccenter/cypress> for all upcoming sports and classes at the Cypress Park Rec Center

B Kramer notes these websites.

5. Treasurer’s Report

5.1. Update: Current state of budget and expenses

\$33,114.22 Total

\$22,323.27 spent

\$10,790.95 remaining

Fiscal year ends June 30 – May is the last month to give NPGs

C Morales arrives at 7:40PM

5.2. Review and approve Monthly Expenditure Reports for February and March 2026

A Kramer motions to accept MERs

B Kramer seconds

unanimous – yes - passes

6. Consent Calendar

6.1. Per GCPNC Standing Rules, a single motion approves the following items without board or public comment due to the fact that they were considered at a prior public meeting and/or are uncontroversial. Any Board Member may ask that any item be removed from the consent calendar and voted on separately.

- Approve Meeting Minutes from Regular and Special Board meeting in March 2026

A Kramer motions to approve consent calendar

O Salcedo 2nds

Morales, A Kramer, B Kramer, Salcedo yes, Galves abstains

Motion passes

7. 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 April meeting

No nominations

7.2. Discussion and Possible action: Send a letter to CalTrans regarding how Home Depot, their Lessee, is abusing public spaces and the Day Labor Center

7.3. Discussion and possible action: Follow-up with Home Depot regarding letter response from Francisco Uribe, Sr. Director, Government Relations.

7.2 and 7. 3 discusses together

B Kramer relates that HD replied that HD responded to previous letter that the noise machines were put up because of illegal overnight parking and dumping, which they say CD1 told them they had to handle themselves. CalTrans ordered review of day worker center as a result of the fire under the 10 freeway

Elena Chavez contests the idea that CD1 told HD they had to handle it themselves – HD has not been responsive to CD1. They have been in conversation with state reps because of Cal Trans connection (HD leases land from Cal Trans)

Board discusses

Galvez asks if the land belongs to Cal Trans

Chavez confirms and notes that day worker center was there before HD and their presence is part of the lease.

Morales asks if we can get a copy of the lease and amendments.

B Kramer notes that HD is now saying they're not trying to evict day worker's center.

Elena Chavez notes that there is a reassessment because of the fire under 10 freeway.

Galvez asks if the conflict between IDEPSCA (day worker's center) and HD is because of trash.

Chavez: no

Public comment: the area is always very clear because the day workers keep it clean.

A Kramer notes that there is little further to discuss with HD until another action takes place. So maybe no further letter to HD.

B Kramer suggests we send a letter to Cal Trans in support of IDEPSCA and to ask for a copy of the lease and amendments – volunteers to write and send the letter.

C Morales Motions, O Salcedo seconds. No public comment. Unanimous yes. Motion passes.

Mayra Duque Arrives.

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- 7.4. Discussion and possible action: Consider request: *“from SEIU Local 721 (copying Felipe Caceres) to support our LA Fast Food workers ordinance, which we expect to go before the LA City Council in the coming months. We need your support to win these critical workplace protections for fast food workers. The following is a link to become a public supporter of our campaign: [sign on form](#) We would also appreciate you sending a letter of support to the LA City Council File. The details on how to do this are linked on the same form.”*

(taken out of order after 7.5)

B Kramer reads letter linked in agenda. Fast Food Fair Work Ordinance – Context of ICE raised, annual know your rights workshops, pass labor protections.

M Duque asks about removing mentions of ICE and the orange one.

B Kramer agrees – basic support letter for the ordinance itself.

B Kramer motions to submit a basic letter in support of the FFFWO; O Salcedo seconds.

B Kramer – Yes, A Kramer – Yes, C Morales – Yes, M Duque – Yes, O Salcedo – Yes, J Galvez – Abstain

Motion passes

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- 7.5. Discussion and possible action: From Alberto Galvan, Founder & Executive Director of Manos Que Sobreviven: *“On Saturday, April 25, we are planning our eighth annual Dia Del Niño Event and we would like to invite GCPNC to be one of our sponsors.”* Neighborhood Purpose Grant for up to \$4,069.59

Presentation from Alberto Galvan on how the costs of the park has increased since they first suggested this event which they have done for many years in support of the community.

M Duque asks why so late this year?

Galvan notes that they send the NPG request for the previous meeting but A Kramer missed the email.

B Kramer – asks about other sources of funding if there is a 10K gap.

Galvan identifies support of rental items from CD1 and Childrens Hospital providing fiscal sponsorship.

B Kramer asks for line item on the rented tents to be removed since CD1 will supply.

B Kramer motions to approve an NPG for \$2,269.59

C Morales seconds, unanimous yes, motion passes.

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- 7.6. Discussion and possible action: Zoom License for FY 2026–2027. \$255.61 per license. Decide to remain fully in-person, hybrid (in-person/online), or online for meetings.

Discussion about the value of having Zoom meetings. Consensus from board and audience is the in-person meetings have the most value.

O Salcedo asks about hybrid meetings.

M Duque talks about benefits and drawbacks of attending hybrid meetings virtually – sometimes technical issues / hard to see / hear.

C Morales offers to bring laptop to run hybrid meeting and talks about multiple cameras and microphones.

B Kramer notes that someone needs to own the setup.

O Salcedo recommends we start with a livestream so that people cannot ask questions – just watch. Consensus agreement.

Salcedo and Galvez offer to be back up on equipment set up.

Ash motions to run the livestream officially starting in July and to purchase 1 zoom license for \$255.61
Glavez seconds. Unanimous yes. Motion passes.

- 7.7. Discussion and possible action: Joining the [Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance](#)
O Salcedo wants to join alliance and volunteers to be the representative.
A Kramer Motions, Chavez seconds, unanimous yes – passes.

[Public comment 3.1 occurs here.]

- 7.8. Discussion and possible action; Submit 5 questions for the CD1 candidate forum occurring:
Date and Time: Tuesday April 14, 7-8:30pm
Location: Ramona Hall, [4580 N. Figueroa Street, Los Angeles 90065](#)

Natalie from arroyo seco discusses the organization of this event and how questions are falling into several categories.
C Morales asks: What is the definition of affordable housing?
M Duque asks for deadline on questions. N says Friday. Duque offers to post form on website so people can ask questions.
Salcedo asks how to submit Qs – Natalie says to email her seaman.natalie@gmail.com
No motion, no action taken.

- 7.9. Discussion and possible action: Reimburse Ashley C Kramer \$1,331.38 for purchases for Spring Cypress Park Rec Center event incorrectly charged to personal account.
A Kramer motions to reimburse herself for \$1331.38 because Amazon charged personal card when GCPNC card went over limit in one day.
M Duque seconds. Unanimous yes. Passes

8. New Business and ideas for future meeting

9. Upcoming Meetings and Events:

- Governing Board Meeting: Second Tuesday next month, 7:00PM

**10. Adjournment
9:20PM**

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