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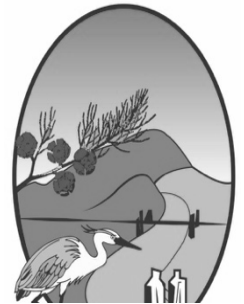
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GREATER CYPRESS PARK NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL GOVERNING BOARD MEETING Tuesday, May 12, 2026– 7:00 PM In Person Meeting



DRAFT MINUTES

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

Call to Order

1.1 Roll Call. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by Bryan Kramer. Five (5) board members were present at roll call: Ash Kramer, Bryan Kramer, Dolores Bernal, Julio Galvez and Olivia Salcedo. Quorum was met. Carmen Morales and Mayra Duque were absent.

2.0 Comments from Public Officials

2.1 Public Safety

Officer Spellman mentioned several shootings in the Cypress Park area near Isabel though there were no victims; there was also activity reported near Avenue 27 and Idell, Officer Spellman mentioned there were narcotic arrests but that LAPD also offered housing or transitional services to some of the other homeless individuals present; Officer Spellman gave an update on the issue of vehicles being abandoned at the Recreation Center which was an on-going issue; furthermore he encouraged the community to use 3-1-1 to report graffiti in the neighborhood;

Public Comment 1-

Officer Spellman encouraged the community to be specific when reporting issues to 3-1-1, making sure to be detailed in the Subject line of the email.

Public Comment 2-

Officer Spellman answered a question from the audience regarding an incident at a local school; he gave details mentioning that LAPD had received a 911 call from someone inside a school bathroom at Florence Nightingale Middle school with four armed suspects just outside; Officer Spellman mentioned protocol was followed for such an event locking down the school, a command post set up, and two teams of officers were sent in; after the whole school was searched Officer Spellman said it had been a false call and that several false calls had been made that day to schools.

2.2 Elena Chavez, Field Deputy for Councilmember Eunisses Hernandez

Ms. Chavez mentioned a few events, first the ASPCA and Best Friends Pet Fair event at North Central Shelter where all adoptions were free that day as well as the 2nd Annual Earth Fest at Rio de Los Angeles on Saturday May 16th, where, she added, State officials would be present as well as DOT, bird watching experiences would be offered from the Audubon society; Ms. Chavez mentioned the CIRCLE program reminding the community that it is a non-emergency response team to mental health crisis which helps to alleviate calls to LAPD; next she mentioned the Budget Finance Committee had all data ready to be voted on and then sent to the Mayor, she reminded the board that if they had any issues to reach out ASAP, lastly she mentioned that a local food drive would be happening soon.

Olivia Salcedo asked where people could see the changes made to the budget,

Elena Chavez mentioned discussion and feedback of these meetings could be found on YouTube though there is no concise summary of these meetings, however, she added that there is a meeting on Wednesdays of a coalition of stakeholders that usually have a meetup where they recap the issues regarding the budget.

Ash Kramer mentioned to Ms. Chavez that she sent an email with regards to the light in front of Rio State Park.

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

2.4 Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment Prabhjot Chamber said that tonight's meeting would have a link for live transcription for the hard of hearing.

Bryan Kramer asked who would pay for this service.

Ms. Chamber said the city would cover the cost.

Bryan Kramer mentioned that Ms. Chamber is not always in attendance at the meetings and wondered who would set this up on those days.

Ms. Chamber said it would be done only on the days she was in attendance, though she added if someone wanted to do the setup on those days they could discuss that later. Ms. Chamber continued, she mentioned the city was looking for volunteers for the Kick it in the Park watch party programs for the upcoming World Cup, she added they would be family friendly events from June 11th to June 19th; she continued by mentioning the department of Neighborhood Empowerment created a public google folder for outreach material or a library of ideas for the Neighborhood Councils. Next, Ms. Chamber mentioned upcoming workshops. She started with the Office of the City Clerk presenting on Funding Policy Guidelines, on Tuesday May 20th from 12-1 PM via Zoom covering updates, guidelines and policy; other workshops will include information on how to draft agenda items being held on May 27 from 12-1 pm via Zoom; she also added that Budget Day was on Saturday June 27th from 9am to 12:30 PM at City Hall and is open to the public and free.

Ash Kramer mentioned that DONE use to provide email addresses and about a year ago that was stopped and now a collective email could be sent by DONE but not by outsiders.

Ms. Chamber said this was correct, only for the Neighborhood council board.

Ash Kramer asked how public emails can be sent.

Ms. Chamber said that the board can create their own email address and forward concerns but discussions can only happen at meetings.

Dolores Bernal added that social media creates descriptors of images and asked if that was available.

Ms. Chamber said that ADA guidelines were updated for virtual formats and that there was a two year deadline to comply with new guidelines and that questions could be submitted via the Google form, Ms. Chamber said she would email the board members the relevant information.

Public Comment 1-

Ash Kramer asked how many times a year does a virtual meeting have to take place.

Prabhjot Chambers said once a year.

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

Mr. Rodriguez started off by saying the state is in a pivotal time for legislation with many bills in the appropriation stage adding that he would have a more comprehensive update on bills next month like AB 1482 helping homeless transitional youth statewide as well as AB 1650 which involves car rental companies being penalized for renting vehicles to ICE agents; Mr. Rodriguez also mentioned the Assemblymember was continuing to fight to remove the

sound machines near the Home Depot on property belonging to Caltrans; Mr. Rodriguez mentioned that Caltrans would be in attendance at the next board meeting and that more questions should be able to get answered then; he also added an update to the former courthouse on San Fernando, mentioning that the graffiti had been cleaned up but still was not certain as to what was happening with the property, next he mentioned the upcoming Zone Zero workshop involving regulations for structures in high fire severity zone being held May 15th from 6-8 pm at the LA River Center, where there would be an explanation of brush and trees needing to be cleared, next Mr. Rodriguez mentioned the 1st annual Block Party and Community Resource Fair with food and live entertainment being held Sunday May 31st from 11 am. to 3 pm.

Ash Kramer asked if Zone Zero was part of the California Wildlife Urban Interface Code.

Mr. Rodriguez said he would have to get back to her on that.

Public Comment 1-

Olivia Salcedo asked if there were maps for the Zones.

Mr. Rodriguez he would share them directly with the board.

2.6 100-Acre Partnership
Not Present.

2.7 Other Public Officials
None.

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>

4.4 Joseline Garcia presented on a local response network with regards to ICE raids in the community; she described these response teams as a reaction to the violation of laws with regards to ICE raids and arrests despite things having slowed down she emphasized on being prepared for when ICE starts up again, in this way she advocated for people to join them so

that they could have trusted messengers getting the people ready whenever ICE escalates again, she emphasized they were looking for people the public could trust and were requesting the help of the GCPNC, adding that they were currently partnering with Echo Park Neighborhood council.

Public Comment 1-

Public Comment 2-

Public Comment 3-

Bryan Kramer motioned to partner with CD 1; Seconded by Ash Kramer.

Julio Galvez asked if the partnership would change due to the elections.

Ms. Garcia said the training would begin in June or July and that the partnership would last until the end of the year.

Ash Kramer suggested using the current space or possibly the library.

Roll Call:

Yes- Ash Kramer, Bryan Kramer, Julio Galvez, Dolores Bernal and Olivia Salcedo.

5 Yes, 0 No. Motion Passes.

Dolores Bernal added that the board wants to engage with the community and we want them to be heard but she added that discussion has to stick to the agenda, nevertheless no one is trying to curtail the public's voice.

5.0 Treasurer's Report.

5.1 Ash Kramer said the NC had \$8,096.76 and that the board was under the 10k threshold so they would not lose the money when the fiscal year rolled over.

5.2 Review and approve Monthly Expenditure Reports for April 2026. Ash Kramer motioned to approve April expenditure report; Seconded by Bryan Kramer.

Roll Call:

Yes- Ash Kramer, Bryan Kramer, Julio Galvez, Dolores Bernal and Olivia Salcedo.

5 Yes, 0 No. Motion Passes.

6.0 Consent Calendar

Ash Kramer motioned to approve minutes from board meeting in April; Seconded by Bryan Kramer.

Roll Call:

Yes- Ash Kramer, Bryan Kramer, Julio Galvez, Dolores Bernal and Olivia Salcedo.

5 Yes, 0 No. Motion Passes.

7.0 Action Items

7.1 Discussion and Possible Action: In response to GCPNC letters to Home Depot and Caltrans directly. Bryan Kramer gave an update saying the letter had been sent and that he had been told by Home Depot that they were not kicking out the day laborers; he also mentioned that Caltrans would be coming to the next meeting; he then proceeded to read the letter aloud.

7.2 Discussion and Possible Action: NPG for up to \$850 to the Rio de Los Angeles Veterans Collaborative for a Memorial Day event at Rio de Los Angeles State Park.
Ash Kramer said that these were long time collaborators and though they had not signed the application she motioned to approve the \$850, Seconded by Olivia Salcedo.

Public Comment 1-

Roll Call:

Yes- Ash Kramer, Bryan Kramer, Julio Galvez, Dolores Bernal and Olivia Salcedo.

5 Yes, 0 No. Motion Passes.

**7.3 Discussion and Possible Action: Questions for “AD52 Zone Zero Workshop”
Bryan Kramer encouraged everyone to attend the Zone Zero Workshop.**

Public Comment 1-

**7.5 Discussion and possible action: Purchase a laptop computer for live stream of Board meetings beginning in July 2026.
Olivia Salcedo asked when the live streaming would begin.**

Prabhjot Chamber said there would be more information and updates soon.

Ash Kramer said they would try to begin this in July via a Zoom meeting.

7.7 Discussion and Possible Action: Invitation from the City of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation to join the Elysian Park Master Plan steering Committee.

Bryan Kramer encouraged any member interested in joining to email him.

7.8 Discussion and Possible Action: Reimburse Ash Kramer for \$1371.83 for December holiday Event Rec Center Amazon charges incorrectly charged for Friends of the Cypress Park Branch Library Debit Card.

Ash Kramer explained that she had made a mishap for Amazon purchases by using the wrong credit card and wanted to get reimbursed so she could reimburse the Cypress Park Library.

Ash Kramer motioned to reimburse; Seconded by Olivia Salcedo.

Roll Call:

Yes- Ash Kramer, Bryan Kramer, Julio Galvez, Dolores Bernal and Olivia Salcedo.

5 Yes, 0 No. Motion Passes.

Ash Kramer updated the remaining balance to \$5393.49

- 7.9 Discussion and Possible Action: NPG for NELA food distribution for up to 3K.
Ash Kramer tabled the item due to the presenter not being present.**

- 8.0 New Business and Ideas for future meetings.**

Dolores Bernal was hoping to have a discussion on senior services.

Public Comment 1-

Ash Kramer said she would ask Elena Chavez to speak on senior services.

Dolores Bernal also mentioned that one of the trash cans they had procured had gone missing in the community.

Bryan Kramer said he would reach out to the right people and advocate for more trash cans and agendize to get more trash cans, he asked Dolores Bernal to email him regarding this issue.

Dolores Bernal added that people were illegally dumping trash using the new trash cans to dump trash from businesses or the local community rather than the trash cans being utilized for the whole community.

Bryan Kramer said that was an L.A. Sanitation issue and he would contact the right people.

Public Comment 1-

- 10. Adjournment**

Bryan Kramer adjourned the meeting at 8:40 PM.