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GREATER CYPRESS PARK NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, June 9, 2026– 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
Olivia Salcedo	Absent

Call to Order

1.1 Roll Call. The meeting was called to order at 7:09 PM by Bryan Kramer. Five (5) board members were present at roll call: Ash Kramer, Bryan Kramer, Julio Galvez, Carmen Morales and Mayra Duque. Quorum was met. Dolores Bernal and Olivia Salcedo were absent.

2.0 Comments from Public Officials

2.1 Public Safety
Officer Spellman reported that in the last thirty days violent crime has gone down as well as robberies but thefts have been on the rise especially thefts from motor vehicles and merchandise in stores; Officer Spellman particularly focused on the uptick of items being stolen from cars; he mentioned the best thing to do is not leave wires or cables visible in cars so thieves won't think its a laptop or high value item, he added that parking in well lit areas is also a good deterrent; he concluded by saying that thefts from motor vehicles can be filed online at LAPDonline.org.

Julio Galvez asked if any other reports could be filed online?

Officer Spellman said vandalism, hit and run while not present as well as identity theft or suspicious activity.

LAFD Captain Sloane Joseph discussed brush clearance requirements especially with the warm weather months ahead, he discussed the 3 tier concept dividing properties into an ember resistant zone, a zone in which shrubs and trees are trimmed and spaced and kept away from roofs at least 5 feet as well as chimneys, and lastly a reduced fuel zone cutting native grass and brush to 3 inches in height; he also mentioned that decks and porches are significant fire risks and should be free of brush and recommend that sheds or out buildings should be located away from the home in order to have a home defensible space; Captain Joseph also gave tips for barbecuing saying it should always be done outside and away from canopies or umbrellas and brush by at least 3 feet; looking ahead he mentioned the El Niño that is supposed to be happening, he advised the community to assess their properties for flooding and he added that firehouses often give away sandbags with a limit of 25; lastly he encouraged everyone to sign up for LAFD alerts on their phones.

2.2 Elena Chavez, Field Deputy for Councilmember Eunisses Hernandez
Ms. Chavez discussed the great turn out for Earth Fest 2026 mentioning some of the activities that took place like free giveaways and bird watching demonstrations from the Audubon Center, she added that the Rio de Los Angeles Veterans group were also supported; she thanked LADWP for their recent, generous donation of box fans with at least 100 given out at the Glassell Park Senior Center; she also mentioned her office supported the Dia del Niño sponsored by Manos Que Sobreviven as well as a grocery distribution where a hundred bags of produce were distributed; she discussed the Aquarium of the Pacific mobile program came out to the community recently with demonstrations and education, she also added the ongoing FIFA activities and watch parties happening throughout the city; she concluded by mentioning an upcoming brush clearance teach-in happening this Thursday from 6-7 pm via Zoom.

2.3 Susan Cervantes, Northeast Area Representative from Office of Mayor Karen Bass
Susan Cervantes mentioned the First Capital Infrastructure program, something she mentioned that Los Angeles has never had before, she described the program as a centralized plan meant to streamline, repair, and build public infrastructure. Ms. Cervantes also mentioned the FIFA watch parties all over the city, at least 100 watch parties will be occurring, she said those interested can visit https://kickit.lacity.gov. Ms. Cervantes also discussed the plan of action from the mayor to be carbon neutral by 2045 as the city divests from coal including installing more EV charging stations and doubling solar production by 2030; she mentioned that all 50 actions could be found on the city's website.

Carmen Morales asked for more information of the FIFA watch parties.

Ms. Cervantes said the city had a website with all information about city sponsored watch parties.

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2.4 Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment
Not Present.

2.5 Hector Rodriguez Field Representative CA 52nd State Assemblymember Jessica Caloza
Mr. Rodriguez thanked the community organizations for coming out to the Zone Zero Workshop and Resource fair; he mentioned his office was working with the forestry department as an intermediary and that any questions would be sent to the appropriate agencies; next he discussed the Block Party that took place last Sunday, he said it was a wonderful event that saw at least 70 resource tables and booths with local and state departments represented, there were tree giveaways; he also added that the Assemblymember attended several memorial day events with her continued support of local veterans; lastly Mr. Rodriguez thanked Dan Murdoch from Caltrans for attending tonight's meeting.

Mayra Duque asked if rebates were available due to the changes being implemented with Zone Zero.

Mr. Rodriguez said they have partnered with the neighborhood council to offer resources to the community due to the financial constraints of fixing up properties because of fire danger and that Councilmember Caloza has been leading that conversation locally.

2.6 100-Acre Partnership
A representative gave a few updates, she mentioned the Paseo del Rio was in the environmental review period, mentioned the Earth Fest event on May 16th and the Kite Festival held at LA State Historical Park, as well as the recent block party held on May 31st; she continued by saying the Bowtie project continues to take shape adding that 7,000 plants had been installed and the wetland construction was complete; she also mentioned that they were working on supplying permanent power and that advanced work continued on Reach 6 and 8A and that they continued with heir support of local events.

Ash Kramer asked about the Paseo del Rio timeline.

The representative said the review phase website would have more information that was up to date regarding the timeline.

2.7 Other Public Officials
None.

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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, she added that parks would have meal programs throughout the summer and that the website had more information.

4.4 Joseline Garcia, not present. Update was read regarding a July training with GCPNC and CD1 and Mijente at 6pm at the Cypress Park Recreation Center.

4.5 Molly and Arezo from the Resource Conservation District of the Santa Monica Mountains (RCDSMM) gave a presentation about free wild fire evaluations for the community in NELA; they said that their organization is trying to expand their services and focusing on low cost ways to make homes more fire resilient, they mentioned some examples shown on the handouts they passed around. They continued by saying they would provide a priority list and report after each evaluation which would be unique to each house and that all information assessed and provided would be confidential, they invited the community to use the QR code on the handout to sign up for their services.

Ash Kramer asked how specific their regulations were.

Molly and Arezo said that it would be broad principles, that they would not advise what Cal. Fire would advise, it would be more about how to mitigate risk and provide options at different price points.

Ash Kramer asked if the organizations guidance has changed much.

Molly and Arezo said their principles remain the same but guidance constantly changes.

Julio Galvan asked if RCDSMM connects property owners with other resources.

Molly and Arezo said they often do.

Carmen Morales recommended to the publisher of the Eastsider LA present in the audience to perhaps report on these services.

5.0 Treasurer's Report.

5.1 Ash Kramer said the NC had $3,000 left over but that they could not use their credit card for the rest of the month until the end of the fiscal year with the new year beginning next month; she added that the $3,000 should roll over and that next month they would have a proposed

budget.

Mayra Duque added that budget day was June 27th, at City Hall where breakfast would be provided and for more information the link is on the website.

5.2 Review and approve Monthly Expenditure Reports for May 2026. Ash Kramer mentioned she had reimbursed and that the veterans also received their check. She also added that storage was $296.
Ash Kramer motioned to approve the monthly expenditure report; Seconded by Mayra Duque.

Roll Call:
Yes- Ash Kramer, Bryan Kramer, Julio Galvez, Mayra Duque and Carmen Morales.
5 Yes, 0 No. Motion Passes.

6.0 Consent Calendar
Ash Kramer motioned to approve minutes from board meeting in May; Seconded by Bryan Kramer.

Roll Call:
Yes- Ash Kramer, Bryan Kramer, Julio Galvez
No- 0
Abstain- Carmen Morales, Mayra Duque.

7. 0 Action Items

7.1 Discussion and Possible Action: In response to GCPNC letters to Home Depot and Caltrans directly, Dan Murdoch Caltrans Deputy District Director-Division of Right of Way and Right of Way Engineering-District 7, Los Angeles and Ventura Counties.

Mr. Murdoch said this area was part of an air space lease program making productive use of areas under freeways; he added that Home Depot has a 10 year lease but that there was a current review of construction on the property with regards to the day laborers.

Bryan Kramer addressed the noise makers that had been installed and how this affects public space; he asked if there was anything Caltrans could do to persuade Home Depot to remove them.

Mr. Murdoch mentioned it was the decision of Home Depot to deter overnight parking and for the safety of State infrastructure.

Ash Kramer asked if the entire land was part of Caltrans.

Mr. Murdoch said that mainly the space under the freeway was and that their lease expires in 2032 with extensions.

Ash Kramer asked if extensions are granted or could they be challenged.

Mr Murdoch said yes if the partnership agrees with Caltrans but that they were not obligated.

Ash Kramer asked if there any potential outcomes for reviewing the issue of the day laborers remaining on-site.

Mr. Murdoch said they are working to get non-permitted buildings to meet code, meaning the day laborer structures.

7.2 Discussion and Possible Action: Department of Aging representatives discuss services available to seniors in Cypress Park.

Ms. Baker of the Department of Aging discussed resources available to older adults across 19 multipurpose senior centers; Ms. Baker gave out the website where the community can find their nearest aging center as well as dining center at https://aging.lacity.gov/ ; she continued by highlighting a few programs like EARS program, a type of life alert program for low income, home bound seniors as well as ADRC, the Aging and Disability Resource Connection that helps seniors navigate different resources available to them as well as information on presentations on fraud and scams and wellness related issues like fall prevention.

Ash Kramer asked what age constituted a senior.

Ms. Baker said the age restrictions depended on the program or service but 60 years old seemed to be the average age.

Ash Kramer asked if their facility would be located at the senior center.

Ms. Baker said yes the Mexican American Opportunity Foundation (MAOF) works with the Cypress Park Senior Center as multi purpose senior center (MPC).

Carmen Morales asked if most services are income based.

Ms. Baker said some are but not all, EARS is the only one that is income based she added and that they have also partnered with Center for Health Care Rights, mentioning that they too help seniors navigate through benefits.

Carmen Morales suggested to the Eastsider publisher that this program could be mentioned in their publication.

7.3 Presentation: Crisis and Incident Response Through Community-led Engagement (CIRCLE) team representative discusses efforts in Cypress Park.
Nicholas Waldon said the CIRCLE program was a 24/7 response program, a mental health response team with 7 CIRCLE operating areas serving 2 million Angelenos with an average 27 minute response time and functioning as a kind of mobile case management team capable of

offering food, snacks, clothing in cases of indecent exposure. Mr. Waldon said so far they have successfully entered 26 people into housing or shelters; in addition they offer well-being checks, help with loitering issues, he also said CIRCLE will respond to noise complaints such as shouting/mental health issues and individuals under the influence of substances.

Julio Galvez asked if CIRCLE services were available through the 311 app.

Mr. Waldon said no, that they were closer to a 911 call.

Carmen Morales asked what was the number to call.

Mr. Waldon said it was 877-ASK-LAPD or to simply dial 911, and then the calls have to be sorted.

Ash Kramer asked about retention within the program.

Mr. Waldon said that retention was fairly good and that they encourage competitive wages however they do not set the wages; he made mention that they had a diverse workforce, some people having passed through the penal system, mental health experts, LCSW's, managers and contract employees.

Julio Galvan asked if the service was 24/7 as the area has dealt with a lot homelessness issues.

Mr. Waldon said that LAPD can dispatch a CIRCLE unit at any time; he added that they build trust and repertoire with this segment of the population.

Mayra Duque asked if there were plans for a CIRCLE website.

Mr. Waldon said there was, that they were working on it but that he was the sole administrator so it was taking time; lastly he gave out his email for any further questions at nicholas@lacity.org

7.4 Discussion and Possible Action: Prepare for first Live Stream of GCPNC Meeting in July 2026. Bryan Kramer mentioned the live steam of the board meeting would take place next month and that Carmen Morales would be bringing her computer and Julio Galvez would bring his as a backup.

7.5 Discussion and possible action: State and Local Government Accessibility Compliance Standards Update.
Carmen Morales tabled this item.

7.6 Discussion and Possible Action: Follow up questions for Dan Lee regarding a pair of six-story buildings being built at 3200-3244 N. Figueroa.

Bryan Kramer read updates as well as question and answers to Mr. Lee. Bryan Kramer asked to come see him if there was anyone who had more questions.

Bryan Kramer said Mr. Lee was not sure when ground would break on the project and that currently there were no residential units planned; most units will be 700-800 square feet and will try to incorporate 149 parking spaces; he added that the goal was to complete construction in 2027; Mr. Lee also mentioned that the remaining space would be used for construction, storage and staging.

Ash Kramer wondered if the approval of storage had been by-right without affecting housing.

Bryan Kramer read Mr. Lee's response, stating that the original intention was a mix of commercial and residential.

Carmen Morales said the project may or may not bring a lot of new traffic.

Bryan Kramer said anyone could email him if they had more questions for Mr. Lee.

Ash Kramer said it would be a shame if it ended up an empty space.

Carmen Morales wondered what the developer's definition of affordable housing was.

Bryan Kramer reiterated that any new questions should be sent to him in the next couple of days.

7.7 Discussion and Possible Action: Write a letter to Councilmember requesting more 311 signs on Cypress Ave.

Bryan Kramer said since the city is driven by data through 311, then why not blanket the city with 311 signs; he asked if council funds could be allocated for this issue to install 311 signs.

Ash Kramer said they would pay for the signs and figure out what areas to place the signs in the neighborhood.

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Bryan Kramer motioned to write the letter; Seconded by Ash Kramer.
Roll Call:
Yes- Ash Kramer, Bryan Kramer, Julio Galvez, Mayra Duque and Carmen Morales.
5 Yes, 0 No. Motion Passes.

7.8 Discussion and Possible Action: Write a letter to CD 1 and LA Sanitation requesting a trash can at Marmion Way and French Avenue.
Bryan Kramer liked the idea of the council buying the trash cans; perhaps advocate for this later.

Mayra Duque raised the issue of the trash cans being used to for dumping.

Carmen Morales tabled this item.

8.0 New Business and Ideas for future meetings.

Ash Kramer mentioned new items would be an administrative packet and the budget.

10. Adjournment

Carmen Morales adjourned the meeting at 9:01PM.