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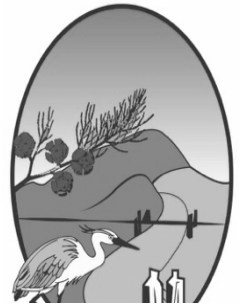
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GREATER CYPRESS PARK NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, August 11, 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
Olivia Salcedo	Present

Call to Order

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

2.0 Comments from Public Officials

2.1 Public Safety

Officer Spellman said they had just wrapped Summer Night Lights; also there was a recent shooting at Pepper/San Fernando Rd. but that the suspect was in custody. There was a knife incident at Cypress/Alice where shots were fired, with a suspect in custody; **Officer Spellman** also mentioned the wall outside the rec center was badly

vandalized with gang tagging; he added that while catalytic converters were being stolen in the area, thefts and burglaries were down, lastly he gave out the website for non-emergency reporting at lapd.org and concluded with an event, Coffee with a Cop on September 1st from 11-1 at the Starbucks on Figueroa; finally Officer Spellman left his contact information at 213-793-0758.

LAFD discussed the current heat wave and dangers of heat exposure, brush clean up efforts in the community as well as parking issues in the community with regards to accessibility for fire and medical responders; the LAFD mentioned issues revolving around homeless encampments especially when fires are set and the issue of ember casting where particles from the fire gets carried away igniting brush or debris; next the Genasys App was discussed in which its function is to broadcast information when incidents occur in the local area keeping people informed; the community can sign up for LAFD alerts which can be tailored to specific issues and types of notifications like red flag conditions, parking restrictions, notices for high fire areas, or small brush fire incidents.

2.2 Elena Chavez, Field Deputy for Councilmember Eunisses Hernandez

Elena Chavez mentioned the summer events were winding down as the school year begins again; she mentioned the fliers she brought to the meeting which had discounts for teachers and parents, she mentioned the office was looking into the uptick of graffiti in the neighborhood, several incidents at the roundabout in Cypress Park, as well as the damage done to the Veteran's plaque which she said would hopefully be repaired within the next two months; lastly she concluded by mentioning that 311 presentations were being ramped up in the community and again she mentioned fliers with useful contact numbers for the local community were available at the back tables.

Olivia Salcedo asked about the Beautification Conference.

Ms. Chavez said her office was not hosting it but it was a good event with lots of information being offered.

Public Comment 1-

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

**2.4 Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment
Lorenzo Briceño.
Not present.**

**2.5 Hector Rodriguez Field Representative CA 52nd State Assemblymember Jessica Caloza
Not Present.**

2.6 100-Acre Partnership

Shawnee from the 100 Acre Partnership gave a few updates mentioning the Friends of the LA River festival held earlier in August; she mentioned the Bow Tie Wetland construction continues to progress mentioning over 7,000 out of 9,000 plants have been installed while infrastructure continues being built and visitor amenities continue being worked on and

maintenance staff continues visiting the site on a weekly basis; overall the project aims for an early to mid 2027 completion date; lastly she reminded the board and audience that they are happy to support the local community with their events.

Ash Kramer asked when everything would be completed on all projects.

The 100 Acre Partnership gave a final completion date of 2029.

Olivia Salcedo asked if the 100 Acre Partnership had any plans to work with Frogtown just over the LA River.

The 100 Acre Partnership said LA Metro River Project would probably be more involved with the Frogtown community and their events.

Mayra Duque raised issues with the habitat for the Bell's Vireo.

The 100 Acre Partnership mentioned that the cleanup efforts on the site made sure that they were not in danger however that they were nesting in areas where the soil is still contaminated so efforts continue to clean up toxins.

2.7 Other Public Officials

None.

3.0 Public Comments

Public Comment 1-

Public Comment 2-

Olivia Salcedo discussed the Elysian Park Steering Committee and the new Master Plan for Elysian Park and that there was an open survey on the GCPNC website; the community workshop took place on August 4th with a presentation on park designs with a focus on difficult park access while keeping the park wild and not turning it into a concrete landscape.

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; she made special note of the Lincoln Heights Library 110th anniversary celebration on Saturday August 15th.

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>.

**4.3 Elysian Park Master Plan Survey: <https://recreation.parks.lacity.gov/elysianparkmp/#involved>
Updates**

5.0 Treasurer's Report.

5.1 Update: Current State of the budget and expenses

Ash Kramer said the budget had been applied and bills paid for; the budget for this year she mentioned was \$25,000 though the reimbursement for translation and the rollover had not been received yet and that there was \$6,000 available for NPG's.

5.2 Review and approve Monthly Expenditure Reports for July 2026.

Ash Kramer motioned to approve the expenditure report; Seconded by Mayra Duque.

Roll Call:

Yes- Ash Kramer, Bryan Kramer, Mayra Duque, Olivia Salcedo and Carmen Morales

Motion passes.

6.0 Consent Calendar

Ash Kramer motioned to approve minutes from board meeting in July; Seconded by Olivia Salcedo.

Roll Call:

Yes- Ash Kramer, Bryan Kramer, Mayra Duque, Olivia Salcedo and Carmen Morales

Motion passes.

7.0 Action Items

7.1 Discussion and Possible Action: Review Live Stream of GCPNC.

Carmen Morales said they would continue to invest and develop the live streaming of the board meetings.

Ash Kramer said live stream viewers could send emails with any comments they have.

7.2 Discussion and Possible Action: Consider co-sponsorship of 2026-2027 events with Cypress Park Recreation Center up to \$6,000.

Miguel Garcia director of the Cypress Park Recreation Center said they need the \$6,000 to better help the community.

Ash Kramer asked what would the money be used for.

Mr. Garcia said decorations, bounce houses for the kids, he added that any financial help just better the program and what can be offered to the community.

Ash Kramer asked if this included baskets of arts and crafts offered at events.

Mr. Garcia said yes, with more funds more varieties could be offered.

Olivia Salcedo asked if this would take funds from NPG's.

Ash Kramer said yes.

Carmen Morales motioned to approve co-sponsorship; Seconded by Olivia Salcedo.

Roll Call:

Yes- Ash Kramer, Bryan Kramer, Mayra Duque, Olivia Salcedo and Carmen Morales

Motion passes.

7.3 Discussion and Possible Action: Review and possibly vote on a motion regarding 3445 Maceo St. addition and renovation.

Pedro Escareno mentioned that the city had made it difficult to make renovations on his home.

Ash Kramer said the board could send a letter of support. Ash Kramer motioned to submit letter of support; Seconded by Carmen Morales.

Public Comment 1-

Roll Call:

Yes- Ash Kramer, Bryan Kramer, Mayra Duque, Olivia Salcedo and Carmen Morales

Motion passes.

7.4 Discussion and Possible Action: Consider NPG to fund the 2026 Frogtown Art Walk up to \$3100.

Micheline Cheri executive director of the Frogtown Art Walk stated she had been working for the Frogtown Art Walk for 20 years with the community offering events like Frogtown First Fridays as well as offering free or low cost classes to the community.

Mayra Duque asked what other NC's had Ms. Cheri reached out to.

Ms. Cheri said the Elysian Park Neighborhood Council could not support them due to a conflict of interest.

Public Comment 1-

- 7.5 Discussion and possible action: Discussion and possible action: Consider NPG for BiciTecla, a community DIY bicycle repair and learning workshop located at 2728 North Broadway in Lincoln Heights, Los Angeles up to \$5000.**

Carlos Hinojosa discussed the Bike cooperative; describing it as a nurturing space between two communities offering music, design classes, and all things bikes; he said they needed a grant to stay open.

Carmen Morales asked what days and times the workshop would run.

Mr. Hinojosa said they were looking to be open 3 days a week, 12-5pm from Monday to Wednesday, adding they are hoping to get operational costs covered, that they would be fronting the first three months but then would need to figure how to cover costs after that.

Ash Kramer mentioned there were rules from the City Clerk about not being able to give grants out to cover operational costs however if the proposal is re-written they could try again.

Public Comment 1-

- 7.6 Discussion and possible action: Consider NPG from Avenue 50 Studio for Día de los Muertos event to be held November 1, 2026 at Heritage Square Park up to \$2500.**

Ash Kramer read the grant bio to the meeting. Ash Kramer motioned to give the three groups \$1,000 each; Seconded by Carmen Morales. Ash Kramer then rescinded her motion.

Olivia Salcedo said all organizations are worthy of funding.

Carmen Morales mentioned once the rollover money came through there could more money for NPG's and was therefore still in favor of \$1,000 to all three groups.

Olivia Salcedo suggested doing different amounts for different organizations.

Public Comment 1-

Public Comment 2-

Olivia Salcedo motioned to give 20% of the ask for each NPG; Seconded by Ash Kramer

Roll Call:

Yes- Ash Kramer, Bryan Kramer, Mayra Duque, Olivia Salcedo and Carmen Morales
Motion to give all three NPG's 20% of the initial ask passes.

- 7.7 Discussion and possible action: CIP to fix Veteran's memorial in partnership with CD1 up to \$2000.**

Carmen Morales tabled this item.

- 7.8 Discussion and possible action: Write a letter to CD1 requesting a trash can at Heritage Square station.**

Carmen Morales stated that area has had trashcans before and ended up becoming a dumping ground, she mentioned she would be against this action.

Carmen Morales and Olivia Salcedo both resided in the area causing a conflict of interest.

Public Comment 1-

Public Comment 2-

Mayra Duque mentioned Heritage station had trashcans nearby.

Bryan Kramer mentioned a motion could be proposed to address the illegal dumping.

Item 7.8 was dropped due to a conflict of interest.

- 7.9 Discussion and possible action: Update from CD1 regarding progress of 311 signs on Cypress Avenue. Next steps?**

Elena Chavez said the DOT was constructing all 311 signs and was in progress of putting up the signs.

Bryan Kramer asked how many signs were being distributed.

Elena Chavez did not have the exact number on hand.

- 7.10 Discussion and possible action: Approve a CIS in solidarity with Boyle Heights residents affected by the Lineage Logistics fire, calling for environmental review, public health protections, regulatory oversight, transparency, and community participation. The CIS would also oppose any permits to rebuild or resume operations at 1400 S. Los Palos Street until investigations and remediation are completed and the site is deemed safe.**

Olivia Salcedo discussed the need for an assessment of the health impact of the residents of the area now that demolition of the structure had been completed adding that specific actions needed to be taken to help the community and make sure mediation happens as the company was already

attempting top rebuild without fixing issues like strengthening industrial oversight.

Olivia Salcedo motioned to approve CIS; Seconded by Ash Kramer.

Public Comment 1-

Public Comment 2-

Roll Call:

Yes- Ash Kramer, Bryan Kramer, Mayra Duque, Olivia Salcedo and Carmen Morales.

- 7.11 Discussion and possible action: Approve up to \$150 for the design and printing of approximately 2,000 GCPNC business cards to facilitate outreach efforts. The business cards would include the Neighborhood Council's meeting location, date and time, and a QR code linking to the GCPNC website and Instagram.**

Mayra Duque mentioned the GCPNC business cards would include information and a QR code in order to help people know of the existence of the board.

Public Comment 1-

Roll Call:

Yes- Ash Kramer, Bryan Kramer, Mayra Duque, Olivia Salcedo and Carmen Morales. Motion Passes.

- 7.12 Discussion and possible action: Approve the 2027 NC Election Information Worksheet. Determine preferred polling hours and location, election or outreach chair contact information, and translation needs for the upcoming election.**

Maya Duque said communication had been done with the city via email with regards to translation services.

Ash Kramer said in the past polling locations had been held at the rec center and Library.

Public Comment 1-

Ash Kramer said she motioned to appoint Mayra Duque election chair and run lead on the Election Information Worksheet; Seconded by Bryan Kramer.

Roll Call:

Yes- Ash Kramer, Bryan Kramer, Mayra Duque, Olivia Salcedo and Carmen Morales. Motion Passes.

- 7.13 Discussion and possible action: Community Impact Statement or letter to the Bureau of Street Lighting and Council District 1 requesting the implementation of infrastructure hardening**

measures to prevent copper wire theft and improve the reliability of street lighting along Arroyo Seco Avenue and other theft-prone locations within the Greater Cypress Park community.

Mayra Duque mentioned the lights on Arroyo Seco came back on despite copper theft, she asked if CD 1 could support the letter.

Bryan Kramer said solar lighting could be a more long term solution.

Carmen Morales said solar seems like a low priority.

Elena Chavez said the city looks at what is in need of repair and goes in that order.

Carmen Morales asked what the city was doing about copper theft.

Elena Chavez said LAPD had a task force on this issue.

Ash Kramer wondered if it was worth it to make the request.

Public Comment 1-

Olivia Salcedo said fixing street lights statistically reduces theft.

Mayra Duque said if lights go out again it becomes a new cycle of starting over.

Ash Kramer motioned that Mayra Duque send the letter; Seconded by Olivia Salcedo.

Roll Call:

Yes- Ash Kramer, Bryan Kramer, Mayra Duque, Olivia Salcedo and Carmen Morales. Motion Passes.

7.14 Discussion and possible action: GCPNC meetings have consistently started late. Consider moving the start-time of the meeting.

Bryan Kramer wants the meetings to start at 7pm or push the meetings back; he also added that it was important for those groups or people on the agenda contact them in order to appear on the agenda.

Ash Kramer said meetings should be kept at 7pm.

Mayra Duque suggested NPG's be moved to the end of the meetings.

Ash Kramer agreed.

7.14 Discussion and possible action: Vote on new Board member for open seat.

8.0 New Business and Ideas for future meetings.

Carmen Morales mentioned the issue of street vendors and dumping brought for by community member Susan Rocha.

10. Adjournment

Carmen Morales adjourned the meeting at 8:47PM.