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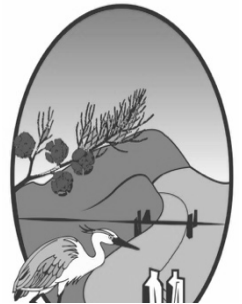
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GREATER CYPRESS PARK NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, September 8, 2026– 7:00 PM

In Person Meeting



DRAFT MINUTES

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

Call to Order

- 1.1 Roll Call.** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Bryan Kramer. Four (4) board members were present at roll call: Ash Kramer, Bryan Kramer, Olivia Salcedo and Mayra Duque were present. Dolores Bernal and Carmen Morales were absent. Quorum was not met.

2.0 Comments from Public Officials

2.1 Public Safety

Officer Spellman from the LAPD started off by mentioning the good news that robberies were down 100 percent in the last 28 days adding that LAPD had been doing extra patrols in the community; in addition he read more statistics such as aggravated assault being up 28 percent, in the past 28 days there were 3 incidents of grand theft auto with 2 more occurring prior to the 28 days. Officer Spellman reminded everyone to always be mindful of their

surroundings and where they park their cars, with that he noted that car burglaries were down 40 percent and thefts down 40 percent which he again mentioned the LAPD's extra patrolling in the area. Next Officer Spellman discussed the issue of vandalism such as broken windows and graffiti which were up 25 percent; he mentioned the community are the eyes and

ears for the police, he encouraged the community to continue reporting graffiti, take photographs and go to 311 to report graffiti and request graffiti removal and help the police tackle graffiti early on. Officer Spellman also added that the recent event Coffee with a Cup was a success with a great turnout.

Public Comment 1-

Public Comment 2-

Officer Spellman said that currently catalytic converter thefts are a problem all across Los Angeles and San Bernardino counties and encouraged the community to always call 911 because it is a high value theft and suspects could possibly be armed; he suggested if possible to park cars on an incline, use a flash from inside your home to shine onto would-be thieves; he mentioned that Vice units are going to mechanic shops to inspect if catalytic converters are stolen or not, he said to always try and remember descriptions of the people and cars involved in this theft.

Public Comment 3-

2.2 Elena Chavez, Field Deputy for Councilmember Eunisses Hernandez

Elena Chavez mentioned there would be another round of rental assistance, and that funds had been renewed for more food distribution; she also mentioned that five hundred thousand dollars had been approved for distribution purposes; Ms. Chavez mentioned that the community has 10 clean teams which is more than any other district, she mentioned that teams could be called out via 311 and it takes around 2-3 days to clean up; she also added that there would be an event in Highland Park on October 10th between Avenue 55 to Avenue 58 featuring Hispanic heritage, music, and art; Ms. Chavez also mentioned a member from the Metro office would be coming to do a presentation at a future meeting.

Bryan Kramer mentioned issues with trash and food vendors and if it the teams could cruise the streets.

Elena Chavez said 311 determines the areas to clean.

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.

Mr. Briceño announced the homeless liaison meeting occurring virtually on the 31st and that the link would be available for a few more days; on September 9th a meeting was going to be held via Zoom with the LA Transit Service at noon, he added that City Clerk training was almost complete and thanked the NC members; next Mr. Briceño mentioned the Congress of Neighborhoods on September 26th at City Hall from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, adding that there would be 3-4 sessions plus breakfast and lunch served.

Ash Kramer asked what the deadline as for City Clerk's training.

Mr. Briceño said August 31st.

Bryan Kramer thanked Mr. Briceño for coming and getting the agenda done.

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

Mr. Rodriguez thanked the board and the community. Mr. Rodriguez mentioned the Assemblymember had 8 bills sent to the Governor's desk; other updates included a bill that seeks to penalize rental car companies that rent vehicles to ICE; the Assemblymember is also working on a bill that would protect students from being dropped from classes when FAFSA awards are delayed to circumstances that are out of their hands; another bill offered millions for the Boyle Heights Lineage Fire with 300 million to back health care premiums; funds for the Bow Tie project also supported by the Assemblymember who believes in green spaces for the community, Mr. Rodriguez thanked ClockShop and the Nature Conservancy. Mr. Rodriguez said the former courthouse on San Fernando Road was still being monitored and that 2 applications had been sent in but that he was not sure what the site would be used for in the future; he mentioned there were no further updates from CalTrans on the Home Depot issue; he added his office has been proactive about homeless encampments and has been asking CalTrans to do cleanups and trash removal near their sights; he asked the community present to tell the Assemblymember's office about any issues and they would contact CalTrans.

Public Comment 1-

Mr. Rodriguez said there was a 5 year plan to do updates, improvements for fire safety on residential properties.

Mayra Duque mentioned she received a free assessment for her home and would put the link on the website for the organization.

Mr. Rodriguez also notified the community that if they receive any insurance letters regarding updates to please contact their office.

**2.6 100-Acre Partnership
Tabled.**

**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>.**
- 4.3 Elysian Park Master Plan Survey: <https://recreation.parks.lacity.gov/elysianparkmp/#involved> Updates. Olivia Salcedo said there were no new updates, many of the same talking points were reiterated, she made mention of the Elysian Park Master Plan Survey link on the website.**
- 4.4 Presentation: An update on the Bowtie Wetland Demonstration Project, including recent milestones, ongoing community engagement and stewardship efforts, upcoming activities, and time for questions and discussion.**
- Arturo Garcia of the Nature Conservancy said part of the goals of the Bowtie Project is to restore the habitat and reconnect communities; Mr. Garcia introduced the Clockshop manager; next Stephanie Campbell of the California State Parks discussed the background on the Bowtie Parcel mentioning that it was acquired in 2003 as a way to expand open space in an underrepresented place, however no development had taken place. She also mentioned that Rio de Los Angeles is part of it as well along with the Bowtie Project, adding that the community advocated for that park; there have been arts and culture activities, nature walks; she added that people have been excited for the prospect of a new park in the area. In 2016 the Nature Conservancy developed a 3 phase approach consisting of soil remediation, build out and design work, and integrating designs with environmental reviews; the site Ms. Campbell said is a unique opportunity in that it supports wildlife, restoration of public spaces, and supports nature and the community, lastly she added they estimate the public opening to be in 2029.**
- Clockshop representatives mentioned the oral history project Take Me To Your River where community members from Elysian Valley, Glassell Park, Cypress Park and other areas were interviewed; furthermore they are developing an audio tour about the relationship of the community with the river, in addition they invited residents to plant native plants as well as offering hydraulic bike tours.**

Ash Kramer asked where people could see the decisions on Phase 2, and if it was public?

Stephanie Campbell said the State Parks has a website and that the 100 Acre Partnership should have information on their website.

Olivia Salcedo asked about opening dates.

Stephanie Campbell said that the initial construction phase would be complete in 2027 but that the plants would need a year to grow so a public opening would not occur until 2028.

Ash Kramer asked if there were any concerns for the El Niño?

Arturo Garcia said a lot of work would be done before the rains come.

Public Comment 1-

5.0 Treasurer's Report.

Ash Kramer stated there was no quorum this evening so items would be delayed to the next meeting.

7.0 Action Items

7.1 Discussion and possible action: Review Live Stream of GCPNC Meeting.

Lorenzo Briceño said no action could be taken on the item but the board could discuss.

Ash Kramer asked if any board member could attend meetings virtually.

Mr. Briceño said that hybrid meetings were voted on but quorum still has to be met in person if another member appears virtually.

Ash Kramer asked if hybrid meetings still had to take comments from online.

Mr. Briceño said yes.

7.2 Discussion and possible action: Add 25-26 rollover funds of 3,921.85 to the 26-27 budget.

No quorum, postponed until the next meeting.

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

No quorum, postponed until the next meeting.

7.4 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.

Mayra Duque mentioned she continued working on the worksheet.

7.5 Discussion and possible action: How can the community support street vendors and deal with trash that seems to overflow street trashcans due to their activity?

Bryan Kramer mentioned this item had already been discussed earlier.

7.6 Discussion and possible action: Purchasing neighborhood council marketing materials such as stickers, banners, t-shirts, etc
No quorum, postponed until the next meeting.

7.7 Discussion and possible action: Vote on new Board member for open seat.
No quorum, postponed until the next meeting.

7.8 Discussion and possible action: planning for distribution of NC advertising fliers.
Bryan Kramer said he would volunteer to help distribute GCPNC stickers, fliers or posters.

7.9 Discussion and possible action: Organizing the storage space.
Ash Kramer said she wanted to organize the chaos at the storage space and figure out what is in there.

Bryan Kramer mentioned that Carmen Morales had volunteered to organize the storage space.

Ash Kramer said she wanted Olivia Salcedo to come to the storage unit to see it for herself.

8.0 New Business and Ideas for future meetings.
Public Comment 1-

10. Adjournment
Bryan Kramer adjourned the meeting at 8:17PM.