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GREATER CYPRESS PARK NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, October 13, 2026– 7:00 PM
In Person Meeting



DRAFT MINUTES

Board Members	Roll Call
Ash Kramer	Present
Bryan Kramer	Present
Carmen Morales	Present
Dolores Bernal	Present
Mayra Duque	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, Olivia Salcedo, Dolores Bernal, Carmen Morales and Mayra Duque were present.

Quorum was met.

2.0 Comments from Public Officials

2.1 Public Safety

Officer Spellman from the LAPD shared the news that Aggravated Assaults were down 100% in the last 28 days; burglaries were down 50%, thefts however had increased, he gave the example of Harbor Freight having issues with theft as well as Amazon deliveries being stolen; he concluded by saying that identity theft was down. Officer Spellman related a recent incident where children were playing with water guns and someone had called the police thinking the guns were real, he added there were no threats or injuries. Officer

Spellman mentioned the fliers he brought for the Halloween event at Union Station in cooperation with the LAPD.

Bryan Kramer mentioned Police helicopter activity over the rec center while he was setting up; he added that no one could understand the loud speaker from the helicopter.

Officer Spellman said the reach of the loud speaker is limited.

Ash Kramer asked what the absolute numbers were with regards to car thefts in the community.

Officer Spellman said there were 3 last month and 8 this month; he added that the community should always try when possible to park in lighted areas and not leave loose change, wires or items of value visible in the car.

Carmen Morales joined the meeting at 7:11 pm.

Public Comment 1-

2.2 Elena Chavez, Field Deputy for Councilmember Eunisses Hernandez
Elena Chavez said that graffiti was up everywhere in the neighborhood; she asked the community to send any information on graffiti in the area to her office; next she mentioned the Northeast New Beginnings and the 24/7 services it offered; she added that there would be a cleanup of the homeless encampment on Ave 27 and added that 12 people were already on the list for interim housing and that the cleanup was scheduled for this coming Friday and efforts would be made to transition these people into housing; lastly she discussed sandbag distribution in the community for the upcoming El Niño storms, she also mentioned an upcoming webinar focusing on risks, plans and how to protect your home during storm season scheduled for October 21st from 6:00-7:00pm.

Public Comment 1-

Public Comment 2-

Ash Kramer asked if the city had acquired the site of the old court house and why can't the state just give it to them.

Elena Chavez said she was not sure, that many groups were interested in the property.

Public Comment 3-

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 Bow Tie Wetland said the project remains in the environmental review phase; she mentioned they attended and participated in the Frog Walk in Frogtown with over 100 attendees at the art and community festival; she continued by mentioning the Bow Tie project continues into phase 2 with 15 acres being turned into public park space while restoring habitats and trails with the environmental cleanup phase to be completed before opening up to the public; furthermore she added that no health risks had been found for nearby residents due to the project and that clean-up explanations would be offered as a community resource; she added that California State Parks would be doing soil samples in October and November; she continued by saying that the wetlands were fully constructed and that currently visitor amenities were being constructed and that thousands of native plants had already been planted, as well as irrigation systems and storm drain connections currently being done in addition to weekly maintenance but that an art installation and tile mosaic were already in place. Lastly, it was mentioned that they were looking at an early to late May 2027 completion and reiterated the Taylor Yard equity strategy plan of Housing stability and anti-displacement, workforce development and economic opportunity and community resilience and environmental sustainability.

Ash Kramer asked if the EIR was ready.

Shawnee mentioned it was available on their website or other city and state portals.

2.7 Other Public Officials
None.

3.0 Public Comments

Public Comment 1-

Olivia Salcedo said there were stickers for the Neighborhood Council available at the back.

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; adding that community outreach events such as Halloween events would be happening soon at the Rec Center.

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. Olivia Salcedo said the Elysian Park Master Plan Survey link was still on the website.

4.4 Presentation: William C. Velasquez Institute is working with the Los Angeles Take Charge Initiative to install 300 EV charging stations in the Northeast, East L.A. and surrounding areas.

Representatives mentioned they wanted to inform the community on surveys where they could decided where they want EV chargers and where they do not; they are working to promote clean air in the community; recently the organization had a community event where people could test drive EV cars; they also mentioned an Electric Vehicle Community Resource fair at East Los Angeles Library where there will be offers, rebate programs with LADWP and Socal Edison also present.

Olivia Salcedo asked for the date of the event.

The representative said it would be held November 17th from 3:00 to 6:00 pm at East Los Angeles Library.

Ash Kramer asked if these charging stations would only be in public areas or also private.

The representative said it would be for public space, public Level 2 chargers.

Public Comment 1-
Public Comment 2-
Public Comment 3-

5.0 Treasurer's Report.

5.1 Ash Kramer stated the September expenditure report was posted but not the one for August and that they would circle back to it.

5.2 Ash Kramer motioned to approve the monthly expenditure report; Seconded by Carmen Morales.

Roll Call;
Yes- Bryan Kramer, Ash Kramer, Carmen Morales, Dolores Bernal, Mayra Duque and Olivia Salcedo.

6.0 Consent Calendar

6.1 Approve Meeting Minutes from General Board Meeting August 2026.
Ash Kramer motioned to approve the minutes; Seconded by Olivia Salcedo.

Roll Call;
Yes- Bryan Kramer, Ash Kramer, Carmen Morales, Dolores Bernal, Mayra Duque and Olivia Salcedo.

7. 0 Action Items

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

Olivia Salcedo reported that 2 people were live streaming.

Carmen Morales asked if there were any issues.

Olivia Salcedo said no.

7.2 Discussion and possible action: Add 25-26 rollover funds of 3,921.85 to the 26-27 budget. Ash Kramer suggested adding it to the NPG's.

Olivia Salcedo said she would add some of it to outreach; she suggested $921 to outreach and 3,000 to NPG's.

Olivia Salcedo motioned $921.55 to outreach; seconded by Carmen Morales.

Olivia Salcedo mentioned that money should be put towards business cards.

Ash Kramer said a board action certificate needed to be created for business cards.

Roll Call;
Yes- Bryan Kramer, Ash Kramer, Carmen Morales, Dolores Bernal, Mayra Duque and Olivia Salcedo.

7.3 Discussion and possible action: Update from CD1 regarding progress of 311 signs on Cypress Avenue. Next steps?
Carmen Morales said there was no new information and the issue would be revisited next month.

Olivia Salcedo mentioned she attended the Beautification Conference and that there was a 3-11 table at the event; she mentioned she was told by 3-1-1 representatives that the board could make their own signs but wondered if that was indeed allowed.

Carmen Morales asked if the board made their own signs did that mean they could not print the L.A. logo.

Elena Chavez said no.

Bryan Kramer asked if they could get an endorsement from DONE.

Elena Chavez said yes.

Bryan Kramer said it would be great if the board could make their own signs for 3-1-1.

Mayra Duque said they should explore getting reimbursed.

Bryan Kramer said if they could get to a threshold of signs than perhaps they could get reimbursed.

7.4 Discussion and possible action: Consider NPG for up to $1,500 to Victory Resources for the 6th Annual Hood Olympics/Code Red event.

Carmen Morales said Victory wanted 9k over months of events; they would consider all three requests on the agenda at once.

Rafael of Victory Resources thanked the board for their support last year; he said this would be the 6th year of the Hood Olympics and it has been a success, he added that 2,000 people came by last year including many residents of Cypress Park, pointing out that the handball winner was from Cypress Park; he concluded by saying he was back again with the neighborhood council to ask for more help and wanted to convey that every penny goes to the cost of the event. Rafael mentioned the opportunity to do sports in an urban setting, with a car and bike show, basketball and handball among other athletic activities; in addition there would be booths on combating the issue of human trafficking as well as clothes giveaways, hair cuts and make up booths; he concluded by asking the board to consider the amount of $1,500 for the Hood Olympics and as far as items 7.6 and 7.7 he would leave the amount up to the discretion of the board, although last year's Thanksgiving event brought out at least 800 people, as well as the first responders event.

Ash Kramer asked is the first responders event was open to the public.

Rafael of Victory resources said it was.

Ash Kramer followed up by asking where the first responders and the thanksgiving event took place.

Rafael said on Eagle Rock Blvd. and El Paso, in front of the Target.

Public Comment 1-

Myra Duque said Victory was asking for $3,500 but had he gone to other neighborhood councils.

Rafael said so far they had only asked the Eagle Rock neighborhood council.

Mayra Duque asked if they would ask Highland Park Neighborhood council for help.

Rafael said more than likely they would.

Mayra Duque asked where the Hood Olympics would be held.

Rafael said at Sotomayor High School.

Mayra Duque mentioned the thanksgiving event was too far from Cypress Park and its residents.

Rafael felt Eagle Rock was not that far from Cypress Park and that he could provide numbers as to how the event impacted the community, with residents of Cypress Park participating in the thanksgiving event.

Mayra Duque asked when the thanksgiving event would take place.

Rafael said it would take place one week before thanksgiving.

Ash Kramer asked where Victory gets its resources from.

Rafael stated funding comes from different areas including private donations.

Bryan Kramer asked if they had received money from Eagle Rock and how much.

Rafael said they had received $1,500 for the Hood Olympics.

Bryan Kramer asked representatives from Manos Que Sobreviven to present before making their decision.

Manos Que Sobreviven thanked the board, mentioning they have a new location and a strong following and that they are 100% volunteer based and look forward to helping the community with their turkey giveaway.

Bryan Kramer motioned to give $1,500 to Manos Que Sobreviven and $1,000 to the Hood Olympics; Seconded by Olivia Salcedo.

Roll Call;
Yes- Bryan Kramer, Ash Kramer, Carmen Morales, Dolores Bernal, Mayra Duque and Olivia Salcedo.

Olivia Salcedo said she felt hesitant and perhaps $1,000 should be given each to Manos Que Sobreviven and the Hood Olympics.

Dolores Bernal said the amount of $1,500 to Manos Que Sobreviven was important due to current issues of food insecurity.

Rafael said the decision should be made with the spirit of consistency for Victory Resources.

Olivia Salcedo asked when the Hood Olympics would take place.

Rafael said in June but the date was not set yet.

Olivia Salcedo asked if the board could table at the event.

Rafael said they would love to have the neighborhood council there.

Manos Que Sobreviven also extended an invitation to the board.

7.5 Discussion and possible action: Write a CIS in favor of a city wide ban on Astro Turf.
Olivia Salcedo said she met with CD 1 last month and that it is not a ban but rather a motion to do studies with the intention of phasing out artificial turf; currently there are 90 organizations in favor of banning Astro turf; she went on to explain that Astro turf causes injuries, does not decompose ,and is often installed in under-served areas.

Olivia Salcedo said she intends to write a CIS in support of the motion; Seconded by Carmen Morales.

Public Comment 1-

Roll Call;
Yes- Bryan Kramer, Ash Kramer, Carmen Morales, Dolores Bernal, Mayra Duque and Olivia Salcedo.

7.6 Discussion and possible action: Consider NPG for up to $3,500 to Victory Resources for a First Responders luncheon event.
See above.

7.7 Discussion and possible action: Consider NPG for up to $4,000 to Victory Resources Thanksgiving
food giveaway.
See above.

7.8 Discussion and possible action: Vote on new Board member for open seat.
Carmen Morales tabled this item to the next meeting.

7.9 Discussion and possible action: Planning for distribution of NC advertising fliers.
Ash Kramer said she would give a stack of fliers to Mike from the Rec Center.

Bryan Kramer said he would post them on poles around the neighborhood.

7.10 Discussion and possible action: Fund bus bench ads promoting GCPNC.
Olivia Salcedo recommended buying 2 ads for Cypress and Figueroa; she said the GCPNC would be responsible for printing them to a cost of around $40 and that the NC could design it.

Bryan Kramer said they could add 3-1-1 information to the ads.

Ash Kramer said they should start with 2 and agendize the amount of money; tentatively say yes and do the final motion at the next meeting.

Bryan Kramer motioned that Olivia Salcedo design the ads; Seconded by Ash Kramer.

Roll Call;
Yes- Bryan Kramer, Ash Kramer, Carmen Morales, Dolores Bernal, Mayra Duque and Olivia Salcedo.

Carmen Morales tabled the item to the next meeting.

7.11 Discussion and possible action: Purchasing neighborhood council marketing materials such as stickers, banners, t-shirts, etc.

Carmen Morales said this item was addressed at the last meeting.

7.12 Discussion and possible action: Create an Outreach Committee.

Ash Kramer motioned that Olivia Salcedo create the Outreach Committee; Second by Carmen Morales.

Olivia Salcedo said she would still have to propose the public meeting time and that it probably would have to be an in-person meeting.

Mayra Duque said the purpose is to plan ahead and put more things on calendar.

Dolores Bernal said events like coffee with school principles could be a good place to start doing presentations for outreach.

Roll Call;
Yes- Bryan Kramer, Ash Kramer, Carmen Morales, Dolores Bernal, Mayra Duque and Olivia Salcedo.

8.0 New Business and Ideas for future meetings.

10. Adjournment

Carmen Morales adjourned the meeting at 8:37PM.