

AGENDA

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

2. Agenda Review

This is the time to reorder and/or remove items from the agenda by consensus of the Youth Council. Any individual member who will be abstaining from a discussion item should announce his/her intentions at this time.

3. Approval of Minutes

4. Correspondence

5. Public Statements/Comments

This is the time allotted for statements or comments on matters within the subject matter and jurisdiction of the Youth Council. Statements and comments are limited to no more than five (5) minutes per speaker.

6. Informational Presentation

Volunteer Opportunities at the Simi Valley Public Library

7. New Business

a. Discussion of the Campaign for a Presidential Youth Council

b. Discussion of Youth Council Recruitment

c. Discussion Regarding Canceling the May 5, 2015, Youth Council Meeting

d. Selection of Volunteers for the YES Job Career Expo on Saturday, April 11, 2015

8. Representative Reports

Youth Council Reports and Comments

This is the time for Youth Council members' statements or comments on matters within the subject matter and jurisdiction of the Youth Council or to request a future agenda item. This is also the time to make any announcements related to community events and other items of interest.

9. Coordinator's Report

10. Adjournment: Tuesday, April 21, 2015, 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., City Hall Community Room.

/s/

Rob Bruce

Deputy Director/Community Programs & Facilities

If any interested individual has a disability that may require accommodation to participate in this meeting, please contact the Youth Council Coordinator at (805) 583-6766. Upon advance notification, reasonable arrangements will be made to provide accessibility to the meeting.



DRAFT MINUTES

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Welcome

Youth Council Vice Chair Nick Steinwender called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m., and Acting Youth Council Secretary Emily Ramirez took attendance and verified that a quorum was present.

Selection Districts		Members-At-Large			
A	Emily Shapiro	P	Noah Andrews	P	Nandita Sundarapandian
P	Leah Nohrenberg-RHS	P	Gurvardaan Bal		
P	Nick Steinwender-RHS	P*	Chris Busco	Alternates	
E	Veronica Martinez-SSHS	E	Nicholas Becerra		
P	Zalma Quezada-SSHS	P	Hannah Faulwell	P	Nicole Kidess
P	Kellie McManamon-SVHS	P	Allison Gillies	P	Emily Ramirez
P	Kailey Printz-SVHS	E	Timothy Ho	P	Annika Pasetta
P	Nick Judge-HMS	P	Alex Judge	P = Present E = Excused A = Absent V = Vacant	
P*	Samuel Edgar - SMS	A	Nicolas Mintzer		
P	Christopher Effarah-VVMS	P	Prachi Patel		
*Arrived after approval of the minutes					

Staff: Kristin Tignac, Youth Council Coordinator.

Guests: Neva Diaz and Sal Gulino.

2. Agenda Review

The agenda was approved as presented.

3. Approval of Minutes

ACTION: A motion to approve the March 3, 2015, minutes as revised to reflect Timothy Ho's attendance as arriving after the approval of minutes was made by Leah Nohrenberg and seconded by Alex Judge.

Youth Council vote: 17 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 abstentions

The motion passed.

4. Correspondence

Ms. Tignac reported that correspondence was received on March 13, 2015, from Bryan Horstmanshof, Recreation Coordinator III with the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District, regarding the opportunity for teen volunteers to assist with their Total Technology intergenerational class offered to seniors at the Simi Valley Senior Center.

5. Public Statements/Comments

No public statements or comments were made.

6. Continued Business

Debrief of 2015 Youth Summit

Ms. Tignac reminded the Youth Council that they are expected to debrief the City Council on issues and concerns identified during the 2015 Youth Summit. As a tool to assist with finalizing the event debrief, a handout was distributed listing each group topic, including issues and solutions discussed. Nick Steinwender and Leah Nohrenberg led an activity to prioritize top issues of concern and corresponding solutions.

Youth Council members then discussed and selected their top issues of concern.

ACTION: A motion to approve select issues and proposed solutions to be presented to the City Council was made by Prachi Patel and seconded by Vardaan Bal.

Youth Council vote: 19 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 abstentions

The motion passed.

The following issues and proposed solutions will be presented to the City Council:

1. Group Topic: Teen Activities
Issue: Limited teen activities
Solution: Continue working closely with the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District to offer recommendations for teen programming ideas; including a teen music festival.
2. Group Topic: Bullying
Issue: Lack of cultural diversity
Solution: Increase cultural and social diversity awareness education to students at earlier ages; such as elementary school.
3. Group Topic: Environmental Concerns
Issue: On-campus litter
Solution: Promote clean campus competitions among schools.
4. Group Topic: Crime/Gang Activity/Violence
Issue: Crime prevention awareness among teens.
Solution: Increase awareness among teen population regarding the Simi Valley Police Department's crime prevention media, such as NIXLE and recent mobile app.
5. Group Topic: Homelessness
Issue: Stigma surrounding mental health challenges.
Solution: Increase awareness of services and help available for those with mental health challenges.

6. Group Topic: Bullying
Issue: Identified Bullies
Solution: Recommend a mandatory bullying awareness course for students identified as the aggressor in reported bullying incidents.
7. New Business
Discussion and Scheduling of Work Plan Committee Meeting Dates
ACTION ITEM: After a brief discussion, the Bullying committee was scheduled to meet on Tuesday, April 7, 2015, at 4:15 p.m., and the Teen Activities committee was scheduled to meet on Tuesday, April 21, 2015, at 4:15 p.m.
8. Representative Reports
Youth Council Reports and Comments
Alex Judge, Kellie McManamon, Prachi Patel and Nick Steinwender reported that they had led a Youth Council presentation to students in Santa Susana Elementary School's K Kids Club. They all stated that they had fun speaking with the students regarding leadership opportunities.

Zalma Quezada reported that she took the gold medal for teen with the highest points during the Intergeneration Wii Bowling Tournament on March 14, 2015. Additionally, Youth Council Wii bowling team members made comments on their experiences playing in the tournament.

Nick Steinwender reported that he and Kellie McManamon attended the Ronald Reagan Student Leadership Program reunion on March 14, 2015.
9. Coordinator's Report
Ms. Tignac stated that Leah Nohrenberg was scheduled to present the Youth Council Comments to the City Council on Monday, April 20, 2015.
Ms. Tignac announced that the Ask the Mayor – A Town Hall Meeting with Mayor Bob Huber is scheduled on Saturday, March 21, 2015, at the Simi Valley Town Center from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. For more information, call (805) 583-6701.
Ms. Tignac reminded Youth Council members that the next Youth Council meeting would be in three weeks on April 7, 2015.
10. Adjournment: Tuesday, April 7, 2015, 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., City Hall Community Room.
Youth Council Vice Chair Nick Steinwender adjourned the meeting at 5:57 p.m.