

SIMI VALLEY YOUTH COUNCIL

Tuesday, April 21, 2015, 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

City Hall Community Room

2929 Tapo Canyon Road



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 Presentations

a. Simi Valley Police Department's Community Liaison Officer Program

b. Update on the Proactive Cleanup of Homeless Encampments Program

c. Nixle Notification System

7. Continued Business

a. Discussion of the Campaign for a Presidential Youth Council

b. Discussion of Youth Council Recruitment

8. New Business

Review and Approval of 2015 Youth Summit Debrief

9. 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.

10. Coordinator's Report



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11. Adjournment: Tuesday, May 5, 2015, 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., City Hall Community Room.

/s/

Rob Bruce

Deputy Director/Community Programs & Facilities

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DRAFT MINUTES

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Welcome

Youth Council Vice Chair Nick Steinwender called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m., and Acting Youth Council Secretary Alex Judge took attendance and verified that a quorum was present.

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

Staff: Kristin Tignac, Youth Council Coordinator.

Guests: Sal Gulino, Daniel Shibata-Lopez and Andrew Teasdale.

2. Agenda Review

The agenda was approved as presented.

3. Approval of Minutes

ACTION: A motion to approve the March 17, 2015, minutes as written was made by Nicolas Mintzer and seconded by Leah Nohrenberg.

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

The motion passed.

4. Correspondence

Ms. Tignac reported that correspondence was received on March 17, 2015, and March 24, 2015, thanking the Youth Council and 2015 Youth Summit participants for generously donating 250 pounds of “products and goodies”.

5. Public Statements/Comments

No public statements or comments were made.

6. Informational Presentation

Jodi Regan, Volunteer and Marketing Coordinator with the Simi Valley Public Library, gave a brief overview of the Library's volunteer program, including types of volunteer opportunities, eligibility, and the application process. She stated that there are 60 student volunteer openings for the summer program requiring a volunteer commitment of 25 hours over a seven week period.

Ms. Regan announced upcoming teen events in April and May. She also promoted the bookmark art contest and stated that submissions are due no later than May 15, 2015.

7. New Business

a. Discussion of the Campaign for a Presidential Youth Council

Nick Steinwender gave a brief overview of the Campaign for a Presidential Youth Council, which was brought to the Youth Council's attention by Royal High School student Connor Kubeisy. The proposed Presidential Youth Council will consist of 24 youth ages 16 to 23. This bipartisan, privately funded, diverse group will meet four times per year to design solutions to some of America's most pressing problems.

Youth Council members discussed requesting permission from the City Council to send a letter of support of the Campaign for a Presidential Youth Council to Congressman Steve Knight.

ACTION: A motion to approve staff drafting a letter of support for the Campaign for a Presidential Youth Council was made by Kellie McManamon and seconded by Timothy Ho.

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

The motion passed.

b. Discussion of Youth Council Recruitment

Ms. Tignac gave a brief overview of the Youth Council recruitment process. Youth Council applications were distributed for the 2015-16 term. Eligible Youth Council members interested in re-applying should submit their applications as soon as possible.

Ms. Tignac stated that all Youth Council members should be promoting the Youth Council recruitment and that applications may also be submitted online at www.simivalley.org/YouthCouncilApp. She announced that completed applications must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, May 1, 2015.

As out-going Youth Council members, Nick Steinwender and Chris Busco volunteered to sit on the Interview Sub-committee.

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

After a brief discussion, members stated that they would be available to attend the May 5, 2015 Youth Council meeting.

ACTION: A motion to approve keeping the Youth Council May 5 meeting was made by Nicolas Mintzer and seconded by Prachi Patel.

Youth Council vote: 18 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 abstentions

The motion passed.

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

Ms. Tignac stated that the Youth Council has traditionally reserved a table at the Job and Career Expo to promote civic engagement and volunteer opportunities, as well as, Youth Council recruitment.

ACTION: A motion to approve Youth Council's participation in the YES Job and Career Expo was made by Zalma Quezada and seconded by Nick Steinwender.

Youth Council vote: 18 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 abstentions

The motion passed.

The following Youth Council members volunteered to staff the table at the event: Alex Judge, Nicole Kidess, Nicolas Mintzer, Prachi Patel, and Zalma Quezada. Nick Steinwender stated that he would also be there as a YES Advisory Board member.

8. Representative Reports

Youth Council Reports and Comments

Bullying Prevention Committee Chair Alex Judge reported that the Bullying Prevention Committee met and discussed the Youth Council potentially hosting a Bowling Against Bullying event. Ms. Judge also stated that the committee selected Nick Steinwender as the Bullying Prevention Vice Chair.

Nick Steinwender recommended that the Youth Council form a committee early in the 2015-16 term to assist staff in drafting an application for the League of California Cities' Helen Putnam Award of Excellence program under the category "Ruth Vreeland Award for Engaging Youth in City Government".

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, April 18, 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 City of Simi Valley's Annual Volunteer Recognition Dinner would be held on Thursday, April 23, 2015. For those interested in attending, reservations must be received by April 16, 2015.

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

Youth Council Chair Nicholas Becerra adjourned the meeting at 6:00 p.m.