



SIMI VALLEY YOUTH COUNCIL

*Monday, June 8, 2015, 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Simi Valley Senior Center
3900 Avenida Simi

AGENDA

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Welcome
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. Continued Business
7. New Business
 - a. Introduction of Nominated Incoming Youth Council Members
 - b. Recommendations for the 2015-16 Youth Council
 - c. Discussion of Teen Crisis Resource Numbers for Simi Valley Unified School District Identification Cards
 - d. Discussion and Selection of date for the Bowling Against Bullying Event in October 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, September 1, 2015, *4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m., City Hall Community Room.

/s/

Rob Bruce

Deputy Director/Community Programs & Facilities

*Please note change in meeting time and location.

**Please note change in meeting duration.

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.



CITY OF SIMI VALLEY

DRAFT MINUTES

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Youth Council Chair Nicholas Becerra called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m., and Youth Council Secretary Prachi Patel took attendance and verified that a quorum was present.

Selection Districts		Members-At-Large		
P	Emily Shapiro	P	Noah Andrews	P Nandita Sundarapandian
P	Leah Nohrenberg-RHS	P	Gurvardaan Bal	
P	Nick Steinwender-RHS	E	Chris Busco	Alternates
P	Nicole Kidess-SSHS	P	Nicholas Becerra	
P	Zalma Quezada-SSHS	E	Hannah Faulwell	P Emily Ramirez
P	Kellie McManamon-SVHS	E	Allison Gillies	P Annika Pasetta
P	Kailey Printz-SVHS	P	Timothy Ho	V Alternate
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: Jim Langley, Deputy Director/Sanitation Services; Barbara Langley, Laboratory Supervisor; and Kristin Tignac, Youth Council Coordinator.

Guests: Students Humna Ahmad, Sal Gulino, Belen Guzman, Daniel Shibata-Lopez, and Nikolas Welch.

2. Agenda Review

The agenda was approved as presented.

3. Approval of Minutes

ACTION: A motion to approve the May 5, 2015, minutes as written was made by Nick Steinwender and seconded by Nicolas Mintzer.

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

The motion passed.

4. Correspondence

Ms. Tignac stated that Congressman Steve Knight's Office was offering a summer internship program for youth ages 16 to 24. An introductory orientation was scheduled at 10:00 a.m., on Monday, June 15, 2015, at Congressman Knight's Simi Valley office, located at 1445 East Los Angeles Avenue, Suite 206.

For more information, call or email Patricia Saraceno at (805) 581-7130 or patricia.saraceno@mail.house.gov.

5. Public Statements/Comments

Members of the public introduced themselves.

6. Informational Presentations

a. National Public Works Week

Jim Langley, Deputy Director/Sanitation Services, and Barbara Langley, Laboratory Supervisor, gave a brief overview of services provided by the Public Works Department. They also discussed environmental compliance and waste water treatment challenges, such as improper prescription medication disposal and its negative effect on wildlife.

Ms. Langley discussed water conservation efforts, food and its water footprint.

They stated that due to impending retirements of those hired after the passing of the Clean Water Act, there is a great demand for jobs in their fields, such as engineering, chemists, biologists, operators and collection workers. They stated that they are piloting a new internship program for operations.

Ms. Langley invited all members to attend Public Works Day on May 21, 2015, from 9:00 a.m., to 3:00 p.m. at the Public Services Center, where there would be giveaways, plant tours and more.

b. Simi Valley Public Library Teen Programming

Llyr Heller, Young Adult Librarian gave a brief overview of programs that would be offered this summer for teens at the Simi Valley Public Library, such as the teen reading program, special teen events, and interest clubs.

To register online for the 2015 Teen Summer Reading Program, visit www.simivalleylibrary.org. Ms. Heller announced that DJ Michael Basic is scheduled to provide entertainment at the Read to the Rhythm "Rap" party on Friday, July 31, 2015.

7. Continued Business

No continued business discussed.

8. New Business

a. Discussion of the Campaign for a Presidential Youth Council Letter of Support Request

Ms. Tignac stated that due to existing protocol regarding letters sent in support of legislative action, the Youth Council should request that the Mayor send the letter in support of a Presidential Youth Council to

Congressman Steve Knight. The revised draft letter was read aloud by Nicolas Mintzer.

ACTION: A motion to approve that the Youth Council request that the Mayor send a letter in support of a Presidential Youth Council to Congressman Steve Knight was made by Nick Steinwender and seconded by Vardaan Bal.

Youth Council vote: 20 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstentions

The motion passed.

b. Discussion of Outreach Opportunity with Transit Bulkhead Advertising

Ms. Tignac stated that the Youth Council had an opportunity to identify content to be included on City Transit Bulkhead advertisements. Members discussed issues and programs that they would like to promote.

ACTION: A motion to approve promoting the following; the Youth Council Teen Crisis Resource list, Drug Abuse Prevention messaging, and the Simi Valley Police Department's nixle alert system was made by Alex Judge and seconded by Emily Shapiro.

Youth Council vote: 20 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstentions

The motion passed.

9. Representative Reports

Youth Council Reports and Comments

Leah Nohrenberg stated that she had been selected to participate in Congressman Steve Knight's Internship Program, beginning on June 15, 2015.

Nicolas Judge announced that a fundraiser was being held at the Habit Burger Grill that evening benefitting For The Troops.

Environmental Concerns Committee Chair Nicolas Mintzer stated that the committee had met and discussed slogan ideas for the proposed citywide "green" campus competition along with ideas to replace broken water fountains with water refill stations to reduce disposable water bottle use.

Bullying Awareness Committee Chair Alex Judge announced that on May 12, 2015, she and Ms. Tignac met with Harley's Simi Bowl manager to discuss potential Bowling Against Bullying event dates.

Daniel Shibata-Lopez stated that teachers at Hillside Middle School are discussing ways to address on-campus recycling.

Alex Judge announced that she and Youth Council member Allison Gillies have both been accepted to participate in the Ronald Reagan Student Leadership program this August.

10. Coordinator's Report

Ms. Tignac announced that Chair Nicholas Becerra would be presenting the Youth Council Comments to the City Council on Monday, June 8, 2015.

Ms. Tignac reminded members of the following committee meeting dates:

- a. Environmental Concerns Committee would meet at 2:00 p.m., on Tuesday, June 2, 2015.
- b. Teen Music Festival (FAYM) Committee would meet at 2:30 p.m., on Tuesday, June 2, 2015.
- c. Bullying Awareness Committee would meet at 4:15 p.m., on Monday, June 8, 2015.

11. Adjournment: Monday, June 8, 2015, 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Simi Valley Senior Center.

Youth Council Chair Nicholas Becerra adjourned the meeting at 6:05 p.m.