



SIMI VALLEY YOUTH COUNCIL
Tuesday, September 15, 2015 *4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
City Hall Community Room
2929 Tapo Canyon Road

AGENDA

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance
2. Welcome/Introductions
3. 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.
4. Approval of Minutes
5. Correspondence
6. 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.
7. Informational Presentations
 - a. Overview of Teen Programming at the Simi Valley Public Library by Llyr Heller, Young Adult Librarian
 - b. Overview of How the City of Simi Valley and City Council Operate, City Manager, Eric J. Levitt
 - c. Introduction of City Council Liaisons to the Youth Council
8. Continued Business
 - a. Officer Duties and Election of Youth Council Officers
 - b. Selection of Youth Council Representatives to: Task Force on Homelessness and Youth Employment Service Advisory Board
 - c. Selection of the 2016 Youth Summit Committee
 - d. Discussion of Stop Bullying Awareness Campaign for October 2015, including the Bowling Against Bullying event on Saturday, October 17
 - e. Discussion of Volunteer Opportunities at the Free Clinic of Simi Valley's Tooth Fairy Run and Community Health Expo on Saturday, October 17, 2015



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9. New Business
 - a. Scheduling and Appointment of Youth Council Presenters to City Council on November 2 and December 7
 - b. Discussion of Youth Council Shirts
10. 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.
11. Coordinator's Report
12. Adjournment: Tuesday, October 6, 2015, **Simi Valley Senior Center

/s/

Rob Bruce
Deputy Director/Community Programs & Facilities

*Please note change in meeting time

**Please note change in meeting location

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

Youth Council Coordinator Kristin Tignac called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m., took attendance and verified that a quorum was present.

2015-16 Youth Council Members					
Selection Districts		Members-At-Large			
E	Sabdi Lucas-AHS	P	Humna Ahmad	P	Marina Vicente
P	Leah Nohrenberg -RHS	P	Gurvardaan Bal		
P	Emily Ramirez -RHS	P	Giovanni Caal		
P	Nicolas Mintzer -SSHS	P	Janhavi Damerla	Alternates	
P	Zalma Quezada -SSHS	P	Sal Gulino	A	Eva Rosenberger
P	Alex Judge-SVHS	P	Jeffrey Ho	P	Shanaya Sidhu
P	Kellie McManamon -SVHS	P	Nicolas Judge	P	Samantha Feig
P	Elisabet Lindskog-HMS	P	Prachi Patel	P = Present	
V	Vacant – SMS	P	Jasanpreet Pandher	E = Excused	
P	Neesha Patel-VVMS	E	Adrian Schemm	A = Absent	
V = Vacant					
*Arrived after approval of the minutes					

Staff: City Attorney Lonnie Eldridge; Anna Medina, Administrative Officer; and Kristin Tignac, Youth Council Coordinator

Guests: City Council Member Mike Judge; Bradley Kahn and Nick Steinwender.

2. Welcome/Introduction of Youth Council Members

Ms. Tignac welcomed the 2015/16 Youth Council. All members participated in a brief icebreaker activity.

3. Agenda Review

Ms. Tignac recommended that the Youth Council be flexible with moving Agenda Items 7.b., 7.c., and 8.b. to accommodate guest presenters' schedules. There were no objections.

4. Approval of Minutes

ACTION: A motion to approve the June 8, 2015, minutes as written was made by Alex Judge and seconded by Leah Nohrenberg.

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

The motion passed.

5. Correspondence

No correspondence was received.

6. Public Statements/Comments

Council Member Mike Judge introduced himself as one of the City Council Liaisons to the Youth Council and briefly discussed his personal background. He emphasized the importance of the Youth Council to the City Council and as youth leaders.

8. New Business

b. Discussion of Proposed Changes to Transit Fares and Senior Service Age
Anna Medina, Administrative Officer, gave an overview of the City's transit fare box recovery ratio and need leading up to the proposed transit fare increases.

Youth Council members discussed advertising options on buses to generate revenue, increasing promotion of transit at schools, and opposition to raising fares for handicapped and senior citizens.

ACTION: A motion to recommend increasing the adult/student rate and maintaining current rates for handicapped individuals, senior citizens and monthly student bus passes was made by Nicolas Mintzer and seconded by Gurvardaan Bal.

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

The motion passed.

7. Informational Presentations

a. Youth Council Purpose, Goals, By-laws, Organization and Meetings

Ms. Tignac provided an overview of the Youth Council Purpose, Goals, By-Laws and Organization of the Youth Council and highlighted some of the Youth Council accomplishments to date.

Ms. Tignac also discussed the importance of the Youth Council's Work Plan in order to accomplish the Youth Council goals that members would set during the October Youth Council meetings.

b. Overview of the Role of the City Attorney and Ralph M. Brown Act

City Attorney Lonnie Eldridge gave a brief overview of the role of the City Attorney's office and the purpose of the Ralph M. Brown Act. He emphasized that Youth Council members became public officials the moment they were appointed by the City Council and therefore under the City Attorney's auspices in their Youth Council roles.

c. Code of Ethics and Conduct for Elected Officials and Members of Appointed Boards, Commissions and Committees

City Attorney Eldridge gave a brief overview of the City's Code of Ethics and Conduct for Elected Officials and Members of Appointed Boards, Commissions and Committees, including its purpose, who it applies to and the ethical principles in the code.

8. New Business

a. Officer Duties and Election of Youth Council Officers

Ms. Tignac gave a brief overview of the Youth Council Officer's duties and responsibilities. The following Youth Council members were nominated for the position of Chair: Kellie McManamon, Nicolas Mintzer and Emily Ramirez. Kellie McManamon received the most votes and was selected as Chair.

The following Youth Council members were nominated for the position of Vice Chair: Alex Judge, Elisabet Lindskog, Nicolas Mintzer, Leah Nohrenberg, Prachi Patel, Zalma Quezada, and Emily Ramirez. Nicolas Mintzer received the most votes and was selected as Vice Chair.

The following Youth Council members were nominated for the position of Sergeant-at-Arms: Gurvardaan Bal, Janhavi Damerla, Jeffrey Ho, Nicolas Judge, Elisabet Lindskog, Jasanpreet Pandher, and Marina Vicente. Gurvardaan Bal received the most votes and was selected as Sergeant-at-Arms.

The election of the Youth Council Secretary was continued until the September 15 Youth Council meeting.

ACTION: A motion to approve Kellie McManamon as Chair, Nicolas Mintzer as Vice Chair, and Gurvardaan Bal as Sergeant-at-arms was made by Leah Nohrenberg and seconded by Prachi Patel.

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

The motion passed.

c. Selection of Youth Council Representatives to: Task Force on Homelessness and Youth Employment Service Advisory Board

Due to time constraints, the agenda item was postponed until the September 15 Youth Council meeting.

d. Selection of the 2016 Youth Summit Committee

Due to time constraints, the agenda item was postponed until the September 15 Youth Council meeting.

e. Discussion of Suicide Prevention Awareness event in collaboration with the Simi Valley Public Library on Thursday, September 3, 2015

Ms. Tignac announced that the Youth Council had an opportunity to collaborate with the Simi Valley Public Library and Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District for a suicide prevention awareness event on Thursday, September 3, 2015. The event would include a film screening and discussion of the California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA) Directing Change Student Public Service Announcement (PSA) Contest regional and statewide winners in the categories of suicide prevention and ending the silence of mental illness, along with details on the 2016 contest.

Ms. Tignac stated that six Youth Council members were present at the City Council Meeting on August 31, 2015, for the proclamation of September 2015 as Suicide Prevention Month.

ACTION: A motion to approve the Youth Council's involvement in co-hosting a suicide prevention film screening and promotion of the 2016 California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA) Directing Change Student PSA Contest was made by Alex Judge and seconded by Sal Gulino.

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

The motion passed.

The following Youth Council members volunteered to attend and assist leading the event and follow-up discussion: Humna Ahmad, Alex Judge, and Kellie McManamon.

- f. Discussion of Stop Bullying Awareness Campaign for October 2015, including Bowling Against Bullying event on Saturday, October 17.
Due to time constraints, the agenda item was postponed until the September 15 Youth Council meeting.
- g. Discussion of the Youth Council's potential participation in the Living Green Expo on Saturday, September 26, 2015.

Ms. Tignac gave a brief overview of the City's Living Green Expo and stated that Youth Council volunteers are being requested to assist at the sixth annual event scheduled on Saturday, September 26, 2015, at the Simi Valley Town Center from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

ACTION: A motion to approve the Youth Council's participation as volunteers at the Living Green Expo on Saturday, September 26, 2015, was made by Nicolas Judge and seconded by and seconded by Leah Nohrenberg.

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

The motion passed.

The following Youth Council members volunteered:

From 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Giovanni Caal and Zalma Quezada

From 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Humna Ahmad and Marina Vicente

From 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., Emily Ramirez

- h. Discussion of Volunteer Opportunities at the Free Clinic of Simi Valley's Tooth Fairy Run and Community Health Expo on Saturday, October 17, 2015.
Due to time constraints, the agenda item was postponed until the September 15 Youth Council meeting.

9. Representative Reports

No representative reports were presented.

10. Coordinator's Report

Ms. Tignac asked that all Youth Council members introduce themselves to their school principals before Tuesday, September 15, 2015.

Ms. Tignac reported that all Youth Council members would receive e-notification of subsequent Youth Council meetings. She also verified members that opted out of receiving mailed agenda packets.

Ms. Tignac asked Youth Council members to email her three to five questions for the City Manager in preparation for the September 15 Youth Council meeting.

Ms. Tignac announced that the next Task Force on Heroin Prevention was scheduled for 6:00 p.m., on Wednesday, September 2, 2015.

Ms. Tignac also announced that the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention's Walk to Fight Suicide would be held in Ventura County at 9:00 a.m., on September 19, 2015, at Constitution Park in Camarillo. For more information or to register for the free community walk, visit www.afsp.org/walk.

Ms. Tignac reported that the Festival Arts Youth Movement (FAYM) teen music festival logo contest submission deadline was extended to December 16, 2015. For more information or to submit a logo, email FAYMmovement@gmail.com.

Ms. Tignac stated that she would notify members of the 2015-16 Youth Council Interview Committee regarding conducting interviews for the open Sinaloa Middle School representative position. She anticipates interviews being held on Tuesday, September 8, 2015, or Wednesday, September 9, 2015.

11. Adjournment: Tuesday, September 15, 2015, 4:30 p.m., to 6:30 p.m., City Hall Community Room.

Youth Council Chair Kellie McManamon adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m.