



SIMI VALLEY YOUTH COUNCIL

Tuesday, October 6, 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
 - a. Selection of Youth Council Representatives to: the Task Force on Homelessness and Youth Employment Service Advisory Board
 - b. Scheduling and Appointment of Youth Council Presenters to City Council on November 2 and December 7
 - c. Discussion of Stop Bullying Awareness Campaign for October 2015, including the Bowling Against Bullying event on Saturday, October 17
7. New Business
 - a. Discussion of 2nd Annual Youth Town Hall
 - b. Discussion of 2016 Youth Summit
 - c. Discussion of Youth Council Work Plan
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, October 20, 2015, 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., *Simi Valley Senior Center.

/s/

Rob Bruce

Deputy Director/Community Programs & Facilities

**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.



CITY OF SIMI VALLEY

DRAFT MINUTES

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Youth Council Chair Kellie McManamon called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m., and Sergeant-at-Arms Gurvardaan Bal took attendance and verified that a quorum was present.

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

Staff: City Manager Eric Levitt; Llyr Heller, Young Adult Librarian; and Kristin Tignac, Youth Council Coordinator

Guests: City Council Members Glen Becerra and Mike Judge; Om Patel, student.

2. Welcome/Introduction of Youth Council Members

Chair Kellie McManamon 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.a., 7.b., 7.c., and 8.e. to accommodate guest presenters' schedules. There were no objections.

4. Approval of Minutes

ACTION: A motion to approve the September 1, 2015, minutes as written was made by Sal Gulino and seconded by Nicolas Judge.

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

The motion passed.

5. Correspondence

On Behalf of Congressman Steve Knight's office and as a summer intern, Chair Kellie McManamon presented 2015/16 Youth Council members with Certificates of Special Congressional Recognition for their outstanding and invaluable service to the community.

6. Public Statements/Comments

No public statements or comments were made.

7. Informational Presentations – See below

8. Continued Business

a. Officer Duties and Election of Youth Council Officers

Ms. Tignac gave a brief overview of the Youth Council Secretary's duties and responsibilities. The following Youth Council members were nominated for the position of Secretary: Janhavi Damerla, Leah Nohrenberg, Prachi Patel, Emily Ramirez, and Marina Vicente. Prachi Patel received the most votes and was selected as Secretary.

ACTION: A motion to approve Prachi Patel as Secretary was made by Leah Nohrenberg and seconded by Alex Judge.

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

The motion passed.

7. Informational Presentations

a. Overview of Teen Programming at the Simi Valley Public Library by Llyr Heller, Young Adult Librarian

Ms. Heller gave a brief overview of programs offered for teens at the Simi Valley Public Library, such as the Teen Lounge, special teen events, interest clubs and online resources available for homework and research assistance.

b. Overview of How the City of Simi Valley and City Council Operate, City Manager, Eric J. Levitt

City Manager Eric Levitt provided a presentation on City of Simi Valley's government, his role as City Manager, and answered Youth Council members' questions. Mr. Levitt also discussed his personal background and career path leading to his current role.

c. Introduction of City Council Liaisons to the Youth Council

Council Member Mike Judge introduced himself as one of the City Council Liaisons to the Youth Council and briefly discussed his personal background. He explained how funds are generated locally for City programs, including law enforcement.

8. Continued Business - Continued

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

There being no objections, the agenda item was postponed until the October 6 Youth Council meeting due to time constraints.

- c. Selection of 2016 Youth Summit Committee

Ms. Tignac gave a brief overview of the role and responsibilities of members of the Youth Summit Committee. She stated that Youth Summit Committee meetings would be held at 4:15 p.m. immediately preceding the regular Youth Council meetings held on the first and third Tuesdays of each month.

Chair Kellie McManamon asked for volunteers to participate on the Youth Summit Committee. After a lengthy discussion, Rachel Braswell, Jeffrey Ho, Alex Judge, Nick Judge, Elisabet Lindskog, Leah Nohrenberg, Prachi Patel, Neesha Patel, Zalma Quezada, Adrian Schemm, Shanaya Sidhu, Marina Vicente, with Humna Ahmad, Sal Gulino, and Jasanpreet Pandher as alternates were selected to serve on the 2016 Youth Summit Committee. A motion to approve the committee as presented was made by Leah Nohrenberg and seconded by Zalma Quezada. The motion passed unanimously.

ACTION: A motion to approve the committee as presented was made by Elisabet Lindskog and seconded by Sal Gulino.

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

The motion passed.

7. Informational Presentations - Continued

- c. Introduction of City Council Liaisons to the Youth Council - Continued

City Council Member Glen Becerra introduced himself as one of the Youth Council's two City Council Liaisons. He stated that he is a big believer in the Youth Council and grateful for those members serving on it. He challenged Youth Council members to think big when brainstorming ideas and solutions for youth concerns.

8. Continued Business - Continued

- d. Discussion of Stop Bullying Awareness Campaign for October 2015, including the Bowling Against Bullying event on Saturday, October 17

Youth Council members discussed Stop Bullying campaign ideas.

ACTION: A motion to approve the Youth Council coordinating a Citywide Stop Bullying Pledge during the month of October was made by Leah Nohrenberg and seconded by Sal Gulino.

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

The motion passed

Alex Judge reported that the Bowling Against Bullying event was tentatively scheduled on Saturday, October 17, 2015. Due to an unforeseen date conflict with Royal High School's Homecoming Dance, Ms. Judge would inquire as to alternate dates for the event.

The following Youth Council members volunteered to attend the September 28 City Council Meeting to support the City Council declaring October as Stop Bullying Month: Humna Ahmad, Rachel Braswell, Alex Judge, Leah Nohrenberg, Jasanpreet Pandher, Zalma Quezada, Emily Ramirez, and Marina Vicente.

The following Youth Council members volunteered to attend and assist with the October 1 Anti-Bullying Forum; Hope Help and Healing event: Humna Ahmad, Janhavi Damerla, Alex Judge, Leah Nohrenberg, and Marina Vicente.

Ms. Tignac stated that she would coordinate the Stop Bullying Pledge to also take place at the Simi Valley Public Library and Boys and Girls Club of Simi Valley.

- 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.

Nicolette Munoz, Volunteer Marketing Director for the Free Clinic of Simi Valley, gave a brief overview of services provided at the Free Clinic.

Ms. Munoz provided information about the Tooth Fairy Run and Community Health & Fitness Expo scheduled on Saturday, October 17, 2015, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Additionally, Ms. Munoz announced that they had multiple volunteer opportunities available for a "Social Media Team". Youth Council members signed up for various social media assignments.

9. New Business

- a. Scheduling and Appointment of Youth Council Presenters to City Council on November 2 and December 7.

There being no objections, the agenda item was postponed until the October 6 Youth Council meeting due to time constraints.

- b. Discussion of Youth Council Shirts

Youth Council members briefly discussed what color of polo shirt to select for the 2015/16 Youth Council term.

ACTION: A motion to approve ordering black Youth Council polo shirts for the 2015/16 Youth Council term was made by Alex Judge and seconded by Leah Nohrenberg.

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

The motion passed.

10. Representative Reports

Leah Nohrenberg announced that she would be walking in the Simi Valley Days Parade on September 19, 2015, in her role as an intern with Congressman Steve Knight's Office.

Kellie McManamon reported that she attended the suicide prevention film screening of Directing Change Student PSA Videos. She encouraged Youth Council members and students in Simi Valley to enter the 2016 Directing Change Student PSA Video contest.

Kellie stated that she was assigned to check media credentials to enter the GOP Debate Spin Room.

Gurvardaan Bal and Prachi Patel announced that they were assigned to holding signs to indicate candidates in the GOP Debate's Spin Room.

11. Coordinator's Report

Ms. Tignac reminded Youth Council members that they would receive e-notification for Youth Council meetings. She also verified which members have opted out of receiving mailed agenda packets.

Ms. Tignac reminded Youth Summit Committee members that their first meeting would be held at 4:15 p.m., on October 6, 2015, at the Simi Valley Senior Center.

12. Adjournment: Tuesday, October 6, 2015, 5:00 p.m., to 6:00 p.m., *Simi Valley Senior Center.

Chair Kellie McManamon adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m.