



SIMI VALLEY YOUTH COUNCIL
Tuesday, October 20, 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
Discussion of 2015-16 Youth Council Work Plan
7. New Business
Discussion and Selection of Committees to Address the 2015-16 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, November 3, 2015, 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., City hall Community Room.

/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/Welcome

Youth Council Chair Kellie McManamon called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m., and Secretary Prachi Patel took attendance and verified that a quorum was present.

2015-16 Youth Council Members					
Selection Districts		Members-At-Large			
P*	Sabdi Lucas-AHS	P	Humna Ahmad	P	Marina Vicente
P	Leah Nohrenberg -RHS	P	Gurvardaan Bal	Alternates	
P	Emily Ramirez -RHS	P*	Giovanni Caal		
P	Nicolas Mintzer -SSHS	P*	Janhavi Damerla		
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 E = Excused A = Absent V = Vacant	
A	Rachel Braswell – SMS	P	Jasanpreet Pandher		
P	Neesha Patel-VVMS	E	Adrian Schemm		
*Arrived after approval of the minutes					

Staff: Kristin Tignac, Youth Council Coordinator

Guests: Anthony Pennay, Director of the Walter and Leonore Annenberg Presidential Learning Center; and students James Chu, Rosa Chen, Timothy Ho and Yagi Wong.

2. Agenda Review

Chair Kellie McManamon recommended that the Youth Council be flexible with moving Agenda Items 7 a and b to accommodate the guest presenter's schedule. There were no objections.

3. Approval of Minutes

ACTION: A motion to approve the September 15, 2015, minutes as revised to reflect the Youth Summit committee alternates as Rachel Braswell and Elisabet Lindskog was made by Sal Gulino and seconded by Leah Nohrenberg.

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

The motion passed.

4. Correspondence

Ms. Tignac stated that she received correspondence from Bruce Yi, Teen Programming Director at the Boys and Girls Club of Simi Valley regarding a free

workshop on Public Speaking, scheduled on October 14, 2015. Interested youth ages 12 to 17 are encouraged to reserve their free seat by calling (805) 527-4437 or emailing bgcbuce@bgcsimi.com.

Ms. Tignac also stated that she received correspondence from Sharon Lorkowski with the Rotary Club of Simi Sunrise regarding their Youth Empowerment Summit for high school students on Saturday, November 7, 2015. Interested students should submit an online application at www.simiyes.org to register for this free event.

5. Public Statements/Comments

No public statements or comments were made.

6. Continued Business

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

Ms. Tignac gave a brief overview of the Task Force on Homelessness and Youth Employment Service Advisory Board, as well as, the Youth Council representative's required responsibilities.

The following Youth Council members were nominated for the position of Youth Council representative for the Task Force on Homelessness: Humna Ahmad, Giovanni Caal, Sabdi Lucas, Leah Nohrenberg, Prachi Patel and Marina Vicente. Prachi Patel received the most votes and was selected as the Youth Council representative for Task Force on Homelessness and Leah Nohrenberg was selected as the alternate, if Ms. Patel is unavailable to attend a meeting.

ACTION: A motion to approve Prachi Patel as the Task Force on Homelessness representative and Leah Nohrenberg as the alternate was made by Sal Gulino and seconded by Alex Judge.

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

The motion passed.

Gurvardaan Bal was the only Youth Council member nominated for the position of Youth Council representative for the Youth Employment Service (YES) Advisory Board.

ACTION: A motion to approve Gurvardaan Bal as the Youth Council representative to the YES Advisory Board was made by Zalma Quezada and seconded by Elisabet Lindskog.

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

The motion passed.

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

Ms. Tignac gave a brief presentation on the role and expectations of Youth Council presenters. She stated that the Youth Council Chair is designated to present to the City Council on October 12, 2015. She also stated that presenters were needed for the November 2 and December 7 City Council Meetings.

Emily Ramirez was the only Youth Council member to volunteer to be the presenter for the November 2, 2015, City Council Meeting.

ACTION: A motion to approve Emily Ramirez as the Youth Council Comments presenter to City Council on November 2, 2015, was made by Zalma Quezada and seconded by Humna Ahmad.

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

The motion passed.

The following Youth Council members volunteered to be presenters for the December 7, 2015, City Council Meeting: Janhavi Damerla, Nicolas Judge, Prachi Patel and Zalma Quezada. Zalma Quezada received the most votes.

ACTION: A motion to approve Zalma Quezada as the Youth Council Comments presenter to City Council on December 7 was made by Leah Nohrenberg and seconded by Nicolas Mintzer.

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

The motion passed.

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

Alex Judge announced that the Bowling Against Bowling event date had been postponed due to schedule conflicts with other school events.

Zalma Quezada reported that Santa Susana High School's Stop Bullying Pledge was scheduled on Thursday, October 15, 2015.

Chair Kellie McManamon stated that Simi Valley High School's Leadership would be coordinating the pledge, but unsure of the day. She said she would research and report back.

Neesha Patel stated that she would contact Valley View Middle School's Builder's Club to help coordinate the pledge.

Ms. Tignac stated that Youth Council had an opportunity to have a free booth at the Free Clinic of Simi Valley's Tooth Fairy Run and Community Expo on Saturday, October 17, 2015.

ACTION: A motion to approve the Youth Council coordinating a Stop Bullying Pledge during the Free Clinic of Simi Valley's Tooth Fairy Run and Community Health Expo was made by Sal Gulino and seconded by Sabdi Lucas.

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

The motion passed.

The following Youth Council members volunteered to run the Youth Council's Stop Bullying Pledge booth: Giovanni Caal, Sabdi Lucas, Jasanpreet Pandher, and Zalma Quezada.

7. New Business

a. Discussion of 2nd Annual Youth Town Hall

Anthony Pennay, Director of the Walter and Leonore Annenberg Presidential Learning Center, gave a brief overview of last year's Youth Town Hall event that was held at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Museum with a panel that was comprised of; 38th District Assemblyman Scott Wilk, Ventura County Superintendent of Schools Stanley C. Mantooh, Simi Valley Mayor Bob Huber, and Deborah Salgado, Simi Valley Unified School District's Director of Secondary Education. He stated that last year more than 400 middle and high school students attended.

Alex Judge explained the different assignments that Youth Council members held at last year's event.

Mr. Pennay stated that similar to last year, Youth Council would assist in coordinating this youth-driven event. He stated that Youth Council members would be again selected to assist with pre-event activities and to assist at the event as youth moderators, emcee, social media back channel and onsite dignitary escorts.

ACTION: A motion to approve Youth Council's participation in the 2nd annual Youth Town Hall was made by Emily Ramirez and seconded by Zalma Quezada.

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

The motion passed.

The following Youth Council members were selected to serve on the Youth Town Hall Panel Selection and Invite committee: Gurvardaan Bal, Janhavi Damerla, Samantha Feig, and Emily Ramirez. Ms. Tignac stated that she and Mr. Pennay would coordinate a meeting prior to the October 20 Youth Council meeting.

Samantha Feig stated that as an attendee at last year's event, she felt it was well put together.

Mr. Pennay stated that he would review potential dates.

Youth Council members briefly discussed potential elected officials to invite as Youth Town Hall panelists.

b. Discussion of 2016 Youth Summit

Youth Summit Chair Nicolas Mintzer reported that the committee had met and discussed placing a cap on Youth Summit attendance at 180 students and reverting back to only offering the event to high school students.

Mr. Pennay stated that the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation would be able to assist with the event in the same means as last year. He also stated they would be able to assist in inviting a motivational speaker after Youth Council members supply a list of potential speakers with name recognition, such as former Olympians or well-known athletes.

Mr. Pennay stated that he would research available dates to hold the event, with March 18, 2016, as the preferred date.

c. Discussion of Youth Council Work Plan

There being no objections, Youth Council Chair Kellie McManamon postponed discussion of this agenda item to the October 20 Youth Council meeting due to time constraints.

8. Representative Reports

GOP Debate volunteers, Gurvardaan Bal, Kellie McManamon, Nick Mintzer and Prachi Patel reported their experiences and assignments at the event.

Youth Summit Committee Chair Nick Mintzer stated that Alex Judge had been selected as the Youth Summit Committee Vice Chair.

Zalma Quezada reported that she and Sabdi Lucas, Jasanpreet Pandher, Neesha Patel and Marina Vicente, had attended the Soroptimist International of Simi Valley's iMatter! Girls Conference on October 3, 2015. They each stated their experience and mentioned that they really enjoyed the motivational speaker, Lauren Galley, who founded the Girls Above Society.

Nicolas Mintzer announced that his school news report segment on the Youth Council would be shown on Santa Susana High School's October 8 KSSH news broadcast. He stated that the broadcast could also be viewed on the KSSH YouTube channel.

9. Coordinator's Report

Ms. Tignac reminded Youth Summit Committee members that their next meeting would be held at 4:15 p.m., on October 20, 2015, at the Simi Valley Senior Center.

10. Adjournment: Tuesday, October 20, 2015, 5:00 p.m., to 6:00 p.m., *Simi Valley Senior Center.

Chair Kellie McManamon adjourned the meeting at 6:08 p.m.