



SIMI VALLEY YOUTH COUNCIL
Tuesday, November 3, 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/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. Discussion of 2015-16 Youth Council Work Plan
 - b. Discussion and Selection of Committees to Address the 2015-16 Youth Council Work Plan
7. New Business
 - a. Selection of the Top Seven Preferred 2016 Youth Summit Motivational Speakers
 - b. Selection of the 2016 Youth Summit Theme
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 17, 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.

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		
P	Emily Ramirez -RHS	E	Giovanni Caal		
P	Nicolas Mintzer -SSHS	P*	Janhavi Damerla	Alternates	
P	Zalma Quezada -SSHS	P	Sal Gulino	P	Shanaya Sidhu
P	Alex Judge-SVHS	P	Jeffrey Ho	P	Samantha Feig
P	Kellie McManamon -SVHS	P	Nicolas Judge	V	Alternate
P	Elisabet Lindskog-HMS	P	Prachi Patel	P = Present E = Excused A = Absent V = Vacant	
P	Rachel Braswell – SMS	P	Jasanpreet Pandher		
P	Neesha Patel-VVMS	P	Adrian Schemm		
*Arrived after approval of the minutes					

Staff: Kristin Tignac, Youth Council Coordinator

Guests: Students Yue Chen, James Chu, Timothy Ho and Ya Gi Wang.

2. Agenda Review

There being no objections, the agenda was approved as presented.

3. Approval of Minutes

ACTION: A motion to approve the October 6, 2015, minutes as written was made by Leah Nohrenberg and seconded by Humna Ahmad.

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

The motion passed.

4. Correspondence

Ms. Tignac stated that she and the Tooth Fairy Run’s social media team received correspondence from Nicolette Munoz thanking them for volunteering at the Free Clinic’s event on October 17, 2016. Ms. Tignac read the following excerpt from the emailed thank you, “...The team exceeded my expectations for professionalism, maturity and enthusiasm...”

5. Public Statements/Comments

James Chu and Timothy Ho stated that they attend Sinaloa Middle School and Royal High School, respectively.

6. Continued Business

Discussion of 2015-16 Youth Council Work Plan

Youth Council members utilized a divergent thinking process to identify current issues and concerns related to youth in Simi Valley. The Youth Council members brainstormed the following areas of concern to address in the 2015-16 Youth Council Work Plan:

Education

- Concerns regarding higher education
- Dress code
- School safety
- Academic dishonesty

Substance Use

- Drug abuse
- Underage drinking
- Secondhand smoke

Mental Health

- Depression/suicide

Health/Wellness

- Bad nutrition
- Lack of sleep
- Time management and work/study habits

Safety

- Crime
- Animal cruelty
- Distracted driving

Bullying/Abuse

- LGBT exclusion
- Lack of peer support
- Building awareness

Other issues of concern that were of notable mention were youth unemployment, family/financial hardships, homelessness, environmental concerns, transportation, and teen activities.

Due to time constraints, Chair Kellie McManamon recommended continuing the discussion of this agenda item to the November 3, 2015, Youth Council meeting. There were no objections.

7. New Business

Discussion and Selection of Committee to Address the 2015-16 Youth Council Work Plan

Due to time constraints, Chair Kellie McManamon recommended moving the discussion of this agenda item to the November 3, 2015, Youth Council meeting. There were no objections.

8. Representative Reports

Youth Summit Committee Chair Nick Mintzer stated that the committee met and reviewed a long list of potential Youth Summit motivational speakers, discussed event themes and assigned each Youth Summit committee member to research and recommend four new ice breakers or team building activities.

Gurvardaan Bal and Emily Ramirez reported that the Youth Town Hall Invite Selection committee had met with Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation staff on October 13, 2015, to recommend elected officials to invite to serve on the panel for the 2016 Youth Town Hall.

Chair Kellie McManamon reported that she presented the Youth Council Comments at the October 6, 2015, City Council Meeting and described her experience.

Nicolas Mintzer reported that his school news report segment on the Youth Council aired October 15, 2016, on Santa Susana High School's KSSH News at Noon broadcast. Youth Council members viewed the segment via the KSSH YouTube channel.

Janhavi Damerla announced that the 7th Annual Howl-O-Ween Pooch Parade and Pet Expo would be held on Sunday, October 25, 2015, from 10:00 a.m., to 3:00 p.m., at Rancho Tapo Community Park. Ms. Damerla encouraged Youth Council members to attend the free event. For more information, visit www.howloweenpoochparade.com.

9. Coordinator's Report

Ms. Tignac presented Chair Kellie McManamon a framed photo to commemorate her time on the City Council dais as the Youth Council Comments presenter on October 12, 2015.

Ms. Tignac announced that the Stop Bullying Pledge banner from the Free Clinic of Simi Valley's Tooth Fairy Run and Community Health Expo would be on display in the lobby at City Hall through the end of October. She also thanked the Youth Council members that volunteered to run the pledge and social media team for their work documenting the event.

Ms. Tignac stated that Emily Ramirez was scheduled to present the Youth Council Comments to the City Council on Monday, November 2, 2015.

10. Adjournment: Tuesday, November 3, 2015, 5:00 p.m., to 6:00 p.m., City Hall Community Room.

Chair Kellie McManamon adjourned the meeting at 6:11 p.m.