

SIMI VALLEY YOUTH COUNCIL

Tuesday, December 1, 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
7. New Business
 - a. Discussion of Youth Summit Group Leader Designation
 - b. Discussion of Youth Summit Facilitator Training and Debrief Practice
 - c. Scheduling and Selecting the Youth Council Comments Presenters to City Council for January, February, March, April, May and June
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, December 15, 2015, 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., City Hall Community Room.

/s/ _____
Rob Bruce
Deputy Director/Community Programs & Facilities

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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 5:00 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			
A	Sabdi Lucas-AHS	P	Humna Ahmad	P	Marina Vicente
E	Leah Nohrenberg -RHS	P	Gurvardaan Bal	Alternates	
P	Emily Ramirez -RHS	E	Janhavi Damerla		
P	Nicolas Mintzer -SSHS	E	Sal Gulino		
P	Zalma Quezada -SSHS	P	Jeffrey Ho	P	Samantha Feig
P	Alex Judge-SVHS	P	Nicolas Judge	V	Alternate
P	Kellie McManamon -SVHS	P	Prachi Patel	V	Alternate
P	Elisabet Lindskog-HMS	P	Jasanpreet Pandher	P = Present E = Excused A = Absent V = Vacant	
P	Rachel Braswell – SMS	P	Adrian Schemm		
P	Neesha Patel-VVMS	P	Shanaya Sidhu		
*Arrived after approval of the minutes					

Staff: Kristin Tignac, Youth Council Coordinator

Guests: Julia Feig, R.N., Director of Emergency Services, Simi Valley Hospital; Nicole Marshall, California State University, Northridge, Journalism Graduate Student; Students Yue Dan Chen, James Chu, Timothy Ho and Ya Gi Wang.

2. Agenda Review

Youth Council Chair Kellie McManamon recommended that the Youth Council be flexible with moving Agenda Item 6 Informational Presentation to accommodate the guest presenter’s schedules. There were no objections.

3. Approval of Minutes

ACTION: A motion to approve the November 3, 2015, minutes as written was made by Jasanpreet Pandher and seconded by Zalma Quezada.

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

The motion passed.

4. Correspondence

Ms. Tignac stated that Youth Council received a thank you letter from the Free Clinic of Simi Valley for its participation as an exhibitor at the Tooth Fairy 5K/10K Run and Community Health Expo.

5. Public Statements/Comments

No public statements or comments were made.

6. Informational Presentation

Drug Abuse Awareness, by Julia Feig, Director of Emergency Service, Simi Valley Hospital

7. Continued Business

Selection of the 2016 Youth Summit Theme

Youth Summit Chair Nicolas Mintzer provided an overview of the top three themes selected by the Youth Summit Committee.

ACTION: A motion to approve Transcontinental; Across the USA as the 2016 Youth Summit theme and slogan was made by Nicolas Judge and seconded by Humna Ahmad.

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

The motion passed.

8. New Business

a. Discussion of Another Potential 2016 Youth Summit Motivational Speaker

Youth Summit Committee Chair Nicolas Mintzer stated that another potential Youth Summit motivational speaker was presented to the Youth Summit Committee. He gave a brief bio on Angela Ruggiero, Member of the 2015 Hockey Hall of Fame and four time Olympian, having won the gold medal in 1998, silver in 2002 and 2010, and bronze in 2006.

ACTION: A motion to approve Angela Ruggiero as an additional preferred 2016 Youth Summit motivational speaker was made by Shanaya Sidhu and seconded by Rachel Braswell.

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

The motion passed

b. Discussion and Selection of the 2016 Youth Summit Community Service Project

Youth Summit Committee Chair Nicolas Mintzer gave a brief overview of past community service projects led by the Youth Council in conjunction with past Youth Summits. He also stated that the Youth Summit Committee had met and selected the top three potential donation drive recipients to present to the Youth Council as the 2016 Community Service Project.

ACTION: A motion to approve the Ventura County Foster Parent Association as the 2016 Youth Summit Community Service Project recipient was made by Marina Vicente and seconded by Adrian Schemm.

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

The motion passed

6. Informational Presentation continued

Drug Abuse Awareness, by Julia Feig, Director of Emergency Service, Simi Valley Hospital

Registered Nurse Feig gave a brief presentation on her background, general statistics of substance-related emergency room visits by teens and young adults, and an overview of what she covers in her drug abuse presentations that she provides to ninth grade students in Simi Valley.

Nurse Feig stated the importance of education for drug and alcohol prevention and noted that in Simi Valley, marijuana use is seen more than alcohol use among teens.

Youth Council members recommended offering the drug abuse awareness presentations to eighth grade students versus ninth grade, to target before the move on to high school.

9. Representative Reports

Alex Judge announced that Adrian Schemm, Jasanpreet and she attended the Rotary Club of Simi Sunrise's Youth Empowerment Summit on November 7, 2015. Ms. Judge announced that she was nominated to attend the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) program in the spring of 2016.

Emily Ramirez reported that she and 14 other Royal High School Air Force JROTC cadets volunteered at the Secretary of Defense Forum on Saturday, November 7, 2015, at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Museum.

Nicolas Mintzer announced that he was nominated to receive the Daily Point of Light Award on December 15, 2015, as well as a Presidential Service Award for 100 plus volunteer hours.

Prachi Patel stated that she and Leah Nohrenberg attended the Task Force on Homelessness meeting November 12, 2015, and gave a brief meeting report.

10. Coordinator's Report

Ms. Tignac announced that the Ask the Mayor – A Town Hall Meeting with Mayor Bob Huber is scheduled on Saturday, November 28, 2015, at the Simi Valley Town Center from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. For more information, call (805) 583-6701

Ms. Tignac announced a special Youth Council recruitment was opened to fill the two vacant alternate positions. She stated that interested 7th through 12th grade students should apply online at www.simivalley.org/youthcouncilapp by November 30, 2015.

Ms. Tignac presented Emily Ramirez a framed photo to commemorate her time on the City Council dais as the Youth Council Comments presenter on November 2, 2015.

Ms. Tignac reminded Zalma Quezada that she was selected to present the Youth Council Comments to City Council on December 7, 2015, and that her draft speech would be due on November 30, 2015.

Ms. Tignac announced that she would be attending a “I Can’t Even: How to Talk with Teens about Their Anxiety” counselor training at the Fusion Academy Warner Center to learn stress reduction and better study/work habits for the Youth Council Work Plan goal of increasing general health.

11. Adjournment: Tuesday, December 1, 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.