

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 Youth Summit Group Leader Designation
 - b. Discussion of Youth Summit Facilitator Training and Debrief Practice
7. New Business
 - a. Select the 2016 Youth Summit Application Design
 - b. Discussion of the Youth Council Meeting Agenda Format
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, January 5, 2016, 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/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
P	Leah Nohrenberg -RHS	P	Gurvardaan Bal	Alternates	
P	Emily Ramirez -RHS	P	Janhavi Damerla		
P	Nicolas Mintzer -SSHS	P	Sal Gulino		
P	Zalma Quezada -SSHS	P	Jeffrey Ho		
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	
V	Sinaloa Middle School Rep	P	Adrian Schemm		
P	Neesha Patel-VVMS	P	Shanaya Sidhu		
*Arrived after approval of the minutes					

Staff: Kristin Tignac, Youth Council Coordinator

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

2. Agenda Review

The agenda was approved as presented.

3. Approval of Minutes

ACTION: A motion to approve the November 17, 2015, minutes as written was made by Alex Judge and seconded by Gurvardaan Bal.

Youth Council vote: 20 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstentions
The motion passed.

4. Correspondence

Ms. Tignac stated that Youth Council members that volunteered to serve as the Media Team for the Tooth Fairy 5K/10K received thank you letters from the Free Clinic of Simi Valley for their assistance.

Ms. Tignac announced that Sinaloa Middle School Representative Rachel Braswell resigned from her position on the Youth Council due to schedule conflicts.

5. Public Statements/Comments

No public statements or comments were made.

6. Continued Business

No continued business was discussed.

7. New Business

a. Discussion of Youth Summit Group Leader Designation

Youth Summit Committee Chair Nicolas Mintzer explained the responsibilities of group leaders and stated that the committee would be assigning group leaders for each topic during their next meeting. Youth Council members were then asked to rank each topic in order of preference.

b. Discussion of Youth Summit Facilitator Training and Debrief Practices

Youth Summit Committee Chair Nicolas Mintzer stated that members would receive training during upcoming Youth Council meetings through small group practice exercises that had been selected for group leaders' use to help with group bonding and team building. Youth Council members that were facilitators during the 2015 Youth Summit gave recommendations to help prepare the new Youth Council members to be small group facilitators. Recommendations included the following:

- Incorporate everyone's ideas for solutions during the breakout session discussions using active listening techniques.
- Project your voice to show confidence.
- Research your group topic; know both local and national statistics and anecdotal information.
- Be approachable and make group members feel included.

The following Youth Council members led and debriefed the following ice breaker activities:

Zalma Quezada - Animal Catch.

Nicolas Mintzer – Four Corners.

c. Scheduling and Selecting the Youth Council Comments Presenters to City Council for January, February, March, April, May and June

Ms. Tignac explained that the Youth Summit Committee Chair and the Youth Council Chair traditionally present the Youth Council Comments following the Youth Summit and the last presentation of the term, respectively.

The following Youth Council members volunteered to be Youth Council Comments presenters: Janhavi Damerla, Alex Judge, Nicolas Judge, Leah Nohrenberg, Prachi Patel, and Adrian Schemm. Leah Nohrenberg, Prachi Patel, Janhavi Damerla and Adrian Schemm received the most votes.

ACTION: A motion to approve the following Youth Council Comments presenters to City Council; Leah Nohrenberg on January 11, Janhavi Damerla on February 1, Adrian Schemm on March 14, Nicolas Mintzer on April 18, Prachi Patel on May 16, and Kellie McManamon on June 6, with Alex Judge as an alternate presenter was made by Leah Nohrenberg and seconded by Nicolas Mintzer.

Youth Council vote: 20 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstentions
The motion passed.

8. Representative Reports

Janhavi Damerla reported that a representative from Animal Rescue presented to Santa Susana High School's Imprint Club.

Emily Ramirez reported that she had volunteered on November 29, 2015, to help stuff holiday card envelopes for the Free Clinic of Simi Valley. She also announced that the Free Clinic was seeking volunteers for upcoming events. For more information, visit www.freeclinicsv.com.

Nicolas Mintzer announced that the Samaritan Center of Simi Valley had reported a decrease of 7,000 pounds in donated items this year.

Leah Nohrenberg stated that she is the Community Service Representative for Royal High School's ROTC program and that if any club or organization needs volunteers, to contact her.

Samantha Feig stated that her mother, Julia Feig, thanked Youth Council for having her present about drug abuse awareness on November 17, 2015. Mrs. Feig stated if any Youth Council members have questions, to let Samantha know.

Nicolas Mintzer requested that a discussion regarding the agenda format be added to the December 17, 2015 Youth Council meeting agenda.

9. Coordinator's Report

Ms. Tignac reported that the special Youth Council recruitment to fill the two vacant alternate positions closed on November 30, 2015. Interviews would be held on December 2, 2015

Ms. Tignac thanked Zalma Quezada for submitting her draft Youth Council Comments speech on time. She also announced that Zalma would present to the City Council on December 7, 2015.

Ms. Tignac reported that she attended an “I Can’t Even: How to Talk with Teens about Their Anxiety” counselor training at the Fusion Academy Warner Center. She stated that she learned a number of coping strategies to help reduce stress. She stated the information would be shared with the Youth Council during an upcoming Youth Council meeting.

10. Adjournment: Tuesday, December 15, 2015, 5:00 p.m., to 6:00 p.m., City Hall Community Room.

Chair Kellie McManamon adjourned the meeting at 6:00 p.m.