



SIMI VALLEY YOUTH COUNCIL
Tuesday, February 2, 2016, 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
City Hall Community Room
2929 Tapo Canyon Road

AGENDA

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance
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 Facilitator Training and Debrief Practice
 - b. Research Reports on Assigned Group Topics by Small Group Leaders
7. New Business
 - a. Discussion and Debrief of the 2nd Annual Youth Town Hall
 - b. Discussion of the Youth Council's Role with the Festival Arts Youth Movement (FAYM) Music Festival on Saturday, March 12, 2016
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, February 16, 2016, 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 5:01 p.m., and acting Secretary Samantha Feig 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	E	Gurvardaan Bal	Alternates	
E	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	P*	Nikolas Morrison-Welch
P	Kellie McManamon -SVHS	E	Prachi Patel	P	Bradley Kahn
P	Elisabet Lindskog-HMS	P	Jasanpreet Pandher	P = Present E = Excused A = Absent V = Vacant	
P	James Chu - SMS	P	Adrian Schemm		
P	Neesha Patel-VVMS	P	Shanaya Sidhu		
*Arrived after approval of the minutes					

Staff: Kristin Tignac, Youth Council Coordinator

Guests: Students Timothy Ho, Om Patel, Daniel Shibata-Lopez, and CoCo Wang.

2. Agenda Review

The agenda was approved as presented.

3. Approval of Minutes

ACTION: A motion to approve the January 5, 2016, minutes as written was made by Janhavi Damerla and seconded by Leah Nohrenberg.

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

The motion passed.

4. Correspondence

Ms. Tignac stated that she had received correspondence from the Community Coalition United regarding the Winter 2016 online publication by Ventura County Office of Education's Superintendent of Schools, Stanley Mantooh. Mr. Mantooh reported that five recent deaths by suicide of high school students took place in Ventura County. In his article, he mentioned the need to focus more attention on the emotional well-being of students and highlighted current intervention and prevention programs that are taking place throughout Ventura County. The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at (800) 273-TALK (8255) is available for anyone struggling with emotional issues.

5. Public Statements/Comments

Nick Steinwender introduced himself as a former Youth Council member and Vice Chair of the 2014-15 term. Mr. Steinwender stated that he is still an active volunteer with the City, serving on both the Neighborhood Councils and Youth Employment Service (YES) Advisory Board.

6. Informational Presentation

Economic Development Update by Brian Gabler, Director of Economic Development/Assistant City Manager

Mr. Gabler gave a brief review of the current economic climate and a local initiative to build awareness of high demand occupations in the manufacturing industry. Mr. Gabler stated that many teens have a misconception of manufacturing employment as being dirty, dangerous and low-paying. In actuality the current average salary range is \$80,000 with a specific skill set required that includes knowledge of mathematics and technology. Mr. Gabler recommended that teens visit www.vcjobswithafuture.org to research potential careers in various industries, including those in manufacturing.

Mr. Gabler also presented an update on the Simi Valley Town Center, including a list of stores and restaurants that have recently opened or have plans to open.

As a final piece of advice, Mr. Gabler cautioned that items posted on the internet live there forever. He urged teens to think before they post to social media for it may cost them a future job.

7. Continued Business

a. Discussion of Youth Summit Facilitator Training and Debrief Practice

As part of small group practice training, the following Youth Council members led, and then debriefed the following ice breaker and/or team building activities:

- o Neesha Patel – “Yogurt”
- o Adrian Schemm - “Mafia”

b. Discussion of the 2nd Annual Youth Town Hall

Ms. Tignac reminded Youth Council members that the dress rehearsal for the Youth Town Hall would be held from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., on Wednesday, January 20, 2016, in the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Museum’s Air Force One Pavilion.

Ms. Tignac stated that the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation had requested that Youth Council members’ parents or guardians complete an online media release form in order for them to display an event group photo on the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Museum’s website.

8. New Business

a. Research Reports on Assigned Group Topics by Small Group Leaders

Due to time limitations, Youth Summit Chair Nicolas Mintzer stated that small group leaders would present their research findings on their topics at

the February 2, Youth Council meeting. Ms. Tignac stated that she would send each group a sample template for a PowerPoint to utilize as a tool to help facilitate the breakout sessions. Prezi's could also be used.

Mr. Mintzer asked that the group leaders bring their draft PowerPoints to the next Youth Council meeting.

b. Discussion of the 3rd Annual Intergenerational Wii Bowling Tournament

Ms. Tignac stated that Bryan Horstmanshof with the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District offered the Youth Council two potential dates for the 3rd Annual Intergenerational Wii Bowling Tournament: March 19, 2016, and April 9, 2016. Members discussed preferred dates, and then completed a hand vote.

ACTION: A motion to approve Saturday, April 9, 2016, as that date for the 3rd Annual Intergenerational Wii Bowling Tournament was made by Zalma Quezada and seconded by Adrian Schemm.

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

The motion passed.

The following Youth Council members volunteered to compete in the Tournament: Humna Ahmad, Janhavi Damerla, Sal Gulino, Alex Judge, Nick Judge, Bradley Kahn, Nicolas Mintzer, Nikolas Morrison-Welch, and Zalma Quezada. Samantha Feig and Elisabet Lindskog stated that they needed to check their schedules.

9. Representative Reports

Nick Judge requested that Ms. Tignac arrange a broom ball team building activity for the Youth Council.

Janhavi Damerla requested that a discussion of the Youth Council's role with the Festival Arts Youth Movement (FAYM) Music Festival on Saturday, March 12, 2016, be agendaized for the February 2, 2016, Youth Council meeting.

10. Coordinator's Report

Ms. Tignac announced that the Ask the Mayor – A Town Hall Meeting with Mayor Bob Huber is scheduled on Saturday, January 30, 2016, at the Simi Valley Town Center from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. For more information, call (805) 583-6701.

11. Adjournment: Tuesday, February 2, 2016, 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., City Hall Community Room.

Youth Council Chair Kellie McManamon adjourned the meeting at 6:05 p.m.