



SIMI VALLEY YOUTH COUNCIL
Tuesday, February 16, 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. Informational Presentation
One Choice: Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention Program by Ramya Ranganathan, Pharmacist, CVS Pharmacy
7. Continued Business
 - a. Discussion of Youth Summit Facilitator Training and Debrief Practice
 - b. Research Reports on Assigned Group Topics by Small Group Leaders
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, March 1, 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 5:02 p.m., and acting Secretary Alex Judge took attendance and verified that a quorum was present.

2015-16 Youth Council Members					
Selection Districts		Members-At-Large			
A	Sabdi Lucas-AHS	E	Humna Ahmad	P	Marina Vicente
P	Leah Nohrenberg -RHS	P	Gurvardaan Bal		
P	Emily Ramirez -RHS	P	Janhavi Damerla		
P	Nicolas Mintzer -SSHS	A	Sal Gulino	Alternates	
P	Zalma Quezada -SSHS	P	Jeffrey Ho	P	Samantha Feig
P	Alex Judge-SVHS	P	Nicolas Judge	P*	Nikolas Morrison-Welch
P	Kellie McManamon -SVHS	E	Prachi Patel	A	Bradley Kahn
P	Elisabet Lindskog-HMS	P	Jasanpreet Pandher	P = Present	
P	James Chu - SMS	P	Adrian Schemm	E = Excused	
P	Neesha Patel-VVMS	E	Shanaya Sidhu	A = Absent	
V = Vacant					
*Arrived after approval of the minutes					

Staff: Kristin Tignac, Youth Council Coordinator

Guests: Students Jason Ng, Jordan Ng, Steven Ngo, 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 19, 2016, minutes as written was made by Elisabet Lindskog and seconded by Leah Nohrenberg.

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

The motion passed.

4. Correspondence

Youth Council Chair Kellie McManamon reported that she had received correspondence from Joe Saracino from Congressman Steve Knight's Office thanking Youth Council and the Ronald Regan Presidential Foundation for the invitation to participate in the Youth Town Hall. Mr. Saracino stated that the event was a remarkable success. Mr. Saracino also asked Ms. McManamon to share applications for the Congressman's summer internship with all Youth Council members.

5. Public Statements/Comments

No public statements or comments were made.

6. Continued Business

a. Discussion of Youth Summit Facilitator Training and Debrief Practice

Youth Summit Chair Nicolas Mintzer asked each Youth Council member to select two states to highlight for table centerpieces. Each member was then assigned to research teens doing positive things in their respective states.

As part of small group practice training, Marina Vicente led, and then Alex Judge debriefed the ice breaker activity, "Two Truths and a Lie".

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

Youth Summit Chair Nicolas Mintzer asked small group leaders to present their breakout session topic presentations. Two groups stated that they would finalize their presentations and share at the February 16, 2016, Youth Council meeting.

7. New Business

a. Discussion and Debrief of the 2nd Annual Youth Town Hall

Youth Council members discussed their positive experiences hosting the Youth Town Hall.

Member also made recommendations for next year's event, which included:

- Advertising the selected topics in advance to teachers bringing students, so that questions could be submitted via twitter up to a week in advance.
- Social Media Correspondents and Back Channel members to research the topics prior to the event, to include asking non-attending students at their respective schools what questions they would like to ask.
- Offer paper slips for individuals without social media to pose questions. Selected back channel members could coordinate picking up the slips from the audience.
- Recommendations were made to hold the event mid-December or earlier in January.

b. Discussion of the Youth Council's Role with the Festival Arts Youth Movement (FAYM) Music Festival on Saturday, March 12, 2016

Ms. Tignac stated Shanaya Sidhu was unable to attend, and then shared Shanaya's emailed report regarding the FAYM Music Festival and request for Youth Council assistance by the Rotary Interact Clubs.

ACTION: A motion to approve promoting the event and manning a Youth Council booth at the FAYM Music Festival on Saturday, March 12, 2016, was made by Janhavi Damerla and seconded by Leah Nohrenberg.

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

The motion passed.

The following Youth Council members volunteered to man the Youth Council booth during the FAYM Music Festival on Saturday, March 12, 2016:

12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. – Leah Nohrenberg. Samantha Feig stated she would check her availability.

2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. – Gurvardaan Bal and Adrian Schemm.

4:00 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. – Janhavi Damerla and Emily Ramirez.

8. Representative Reports

Nicolas Mintzer announced that Santa Susana High School would present a production of *Dracula* on March 4, 2016 and March 5, 2016. He stated tickets to the play were available online or at the door.

Samantha Feig stated that she would be running for an elected student leadership position at her school and asked for tips on giving election speeches.

Janhavi Damerla reported that Santa Susana High School's Imprint Club was researching fundraising ideas.

Nikolas Morrison-Welch inquired why the soccer goals at Santa Susana Park are locked.

Nick Judge reported that he attended the Ask the Mayor Town Hall meeting on January 30, 2016, and found it very educational. He recommended that Youth Council members attend future Ask the Mayor Town Hall events.

9. Coordinator's Report

Ms. Tignac announced that Simi Valley Reality Party for Parents would be held on Saturday, March 5, 2016. Straight Up Ventura County is seeking volunteer youth actors to portray a typical house party involving underage drinking. Teens interested were encouraged to email info@straightupvc.org.

Ms. Tignac presented Leah Nohrenberg and Janhavi Damerla framed photos to commemorate their time on the City Council dais as the Youth Council Comments presenters on January 11, 2016, and February 1, 2016.

10. Adjournment: Tuesday, February 16, 2016, 5:00 p.m., to 6:00 p.m., City Hall Community Room.

Youth Council Chair Kellie McManamon adjourned the meeting at 6:03 p.m.