



SIMI VALLEY YOUTH COUNCIL
Tuesday, September 6, 2016 *4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
**Simi Valley Senior Center
3900 Avenida Simi

AGENDA

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance
2. Welcome/Introduction of Youth Council Members
3. 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.
4. Approval of Minutes
5. Correspondence
6. 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.
7. Informational Presentations
 - a. Youth Council Purpose, Goals, By-laws, Organization and Meetings
 - b. Overview of How the City of Simi Valley and City Council Operate, City Manager, Eric J. Levitt
 - c. Introduction of City Council Liaisons to the Youth Council
 - d. Volunteer Opportunities at Simi at the Garden
8. New Business
 - a. Officer Duties and Election of Youth Council Officers
 - b. Selection of Youth Council Representatives to: Task Force on Homelessness and Youth Employment Service Advisory Board
 - c. Discussion of Suicide Prevention Awareness event in collaboration with the Simi Valley Public Library on Thursday, September 29, 2016
 - d. Discussion of Stop Bullying Awareness Campaign for October 2016, including a Cyberbullying Forum on Thursday, October 6, 2016
 - e. Discussion of the Youth Council's potential participation in the Living Green Expo on Saturday, September 24, 2016
9. 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.

10. Coordinator's Report
11. Adjournment: Tuesday, September 20, 2016, *4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m., **Simi Valley Senior Center

/s/ _____
Anna M. Medina
Acting Deputy Director

*Please note special time.

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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

Acting Youth Council Chair Elisabet Lindskog called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m., and acting Secretary Humna Ahmad 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	A	Marina Vicente
P	Leah Nohrenberg -RHS	E	Gurvardaan Bal		
P	Emily Ramirez -RHS	E	Janhavi Damerla		
E	Nicolas Mintzer -SSHS	P	Sal Gulino	Alternates	
P	Zalma Quezada -SSHS	P	Jeffrey Ho	P	Samantha Feig
E	Alex Judge-SVHS	P	Nicolas Judge	A	Nikolas Morrison-Welch
E	Kellie McManamon -SVHS	E	Prachi Patel	A	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					

2016-17 New Nominees					
P	Yue Dan Chen	P	Elizabeth Lopez	P	Lindsay Scholbrock
P	Aditya Gaiki	P	Ziren Mo	P	Natalie Smith
E	Breanna Gonzales	E	Keyla Pech	P	Anushka Vakil
P	Denise Gonzales	E	Ryan Rosenstein	P	Aaron Williams
P	Timothy Ho	P	Phoebe Ruiz	E	Ashley Zook

Staff: Kristin Tignac, Youth Council Coordinator.

Guests: Pierrette Authier, Youth Specialist, PathPoint.

2. Agenda Review

The agenda was approved as presented.

3. Approval of Minutes

ACTION: A motion to approve the May 17, 2016, minutes as written was made by Leah Nohrenberg and seconded by Zalma Quezada.

Youth Council vote: 13 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstentions

The motion passed.

4. Correspondence

Ms. Tignac stated that a request for a quote from the City regarding the impact of the partnership between the Youth Council and the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation for use on their redesigned website was received from Rebekah Harding, the Education Outreach Manager for the Walter and Leonore Annenberg Presidential Learning Center, the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation. On May 31, 2016, Mayor Bob Huber sent a letter in response to the request with an assortment of quotes regarding our valued partnership.

5. Public Statements/Comments

No public statements or comments were received.

6. Continued Business

No continued business was discussed.

7. New Business

a. Introduction of Incoming 2016-17 Youth Council Members

All current and nominated Youth Council members introduced themselves, indicating their grade level and the schools they attend, as well as an interesting fact about themselves. All members participated in icebreaker and teambuilding activities.

b. Recommendations for the 2016-17 Youth Council

The following recommendations were made by 2015-16 Youth Council members:

1. Be on time and attend all meetings;
2. Be outgoing, outspoken, and participate in all discussions;
3. Make time to be as involved as possible, including joining a number of ad hoc committees;
4. Contribute your ideas and don't be afraid to join in discussions;
5. Request to discuss what you are most interested and passionate about;
6. Commit to getting to know everyone. Youth Council will be like a second family and you'll have more fun when you know everyone better; and
7. Go outside your comfort zone, Youth Council members don't judge each other, they build each other up. Be yourself!

c. Discussion of the Teen Crisis Resource Number Review Committee

Ms. Tignac gave a brief overview of the Youth Council's teen crisis resource telephone numbers listed on the back of all Simi Valley Unified School District high school identification cards. She stated that a review

committee was needed to verify all resource numbers listed and to discuss possible recommendations of alternate resources.

The following 2016-17 Youth Council members volunteered to participate on the Teen Crisis Resource Number Review committee: Aditya Gaiki, Denise Gonzales, Nick Judge, Timothy Ho, Leah Nohrenberg, Zalma Quezada, Phoebe Ruiz, Adrian Schemm and Natalie Smith.

ACTION: A motion to approve the committee as listed and grant them the authority to recommend changes was made by Emily Ramirez and seconded by Adrian Schemm.

Youth Council vote: 13 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstentions

The motion passed.

8. Representative Reports

Samantha Feig wished good luck to all incoming and outgoing Youth Council members.

Nick Judge reported that his sister Alex was unable to attend the meeting due to a planned trip.

9. Coordinator's Report

Ms. Tignac announced that the Simi Valley Public Library was forming a new Teen Cabinet. Interested students were encouraged to apply online at www.simivalleylibrary.org/teens before the June 20, 2016, deadline date.

10. Adjournment: *Tuesday, September 6, 2016, 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Simi Valley Senior Center

Acting Youth Council Chair Elisabet Lindskog adjourned the meeting at 5:34 p.m.

*Please note the change in the meeting date and location.