



SIMI VALLEY YOUTH COUNCIL

Tuesday, September 20, 2016 *4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

**Simi Valley Senior Center
3900 Avenida Simi

AGENDA

***Special Meeting Location and Time*

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance
2. Welcome/Introductions
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. Continued 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
8. New Business
 - a. Discussion of Volunteer Opportunities at the Free Clinic of Simi Valley's Tooth Fairy Run and Community Showcase on Saturday, October 15, 2016
 - b. Discussion of Timeline for Partnered Events with the Walter and Leonore Annenberg Presidential Learning Center
 - c. Selection of the 2017 Youth Summit Committee
 - d. Scheduling and Appointment of Youth Council Presenters to City Council on October 17, November 14 and December 5
 - e. Discussion of Youth Council Shirts



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10. 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.

11. Coordinator's Report

12. Adjournment: Tuesday, October 4, 2016, **Simi Valley Senior Center

/s/

Anna M. Medina
Acting Deputy Director

**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.

DRAFT MINUTES

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Welcome

The Youth Council Coordinator Kristin Tignac called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m., and took attendance verifying that a quorum was present.

2016-17 Youth Council Members					
Selection Districts		Members-At-Large			
P	Keyla Pech-AHS	P	Humna Ahmad	P	Aaron Williams
P	Leah Nohrenberg -RHS	P	Gurvardaan Bal		
P	Emily Ramirez -RHS	P	Denise Gonzales	Alternates	
P	Prachi Patel -SSHS	P	Timothy Ho	P	Ryan Rosenstein
P	Zalma Quezada -SSHS	P	Elizabeth Lopez	P	Yue Dan Chen
P	Nick Judge-SVHS	P	Phoebe Ruiz	V	Vacant
A	Shanaya Sidhu -SVHS	P	Adrian Schemm	P = Present	
P	Ashley Zook-HMS	E	Lindsay Scholbrock	E = Excused	
P	Ziren Mo - SMS	P	Natalie Smith	A = Absent	
P	Aditya Gaiki-VVMS	P	Anushka Vakil	V = Vacant	
*Arrived after approval of the minutes					

Staff: City Manager Eric Levitt; and Kristin Tignac, Youth Council Coordinator.

Guests: City Council Member Mike Judge; Mary Bandini, District Representative for Congressman Steve Knight’s office; and students Zichen Chu, Yi Long Shi, and Yagi Wong.

2. Welcome/Introduction of Youth Council Members

Ms. Tignac welcomed the 2016/17 Youth Council. All members participated in a brief icebreaker activity.

3. Agenda Review

Ms. Tignac recommended that the Youth Council be flexible with moving Agenda Items 7 a, b, c, to accommodate guest presenters’ schedules. There were no objections.

4. Approval of Minutes

ACTION:

A motion to approve the June 6, 2016, minutes as written was made by Leah Nohrenberg and seconded by Adrian Schemm.

Youth Council vote: 21 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstentions

The motion passed unanimously.

5. Correspondence

On Behalf of Congressman Steve Knight's office Mary Bandini, District Representative, presented all Youth Council members with Certificates of Special Congressional Recognition for their recent appointment by the City Council to serve on the 2016-17 Youth Council.

Ms. Tignac stated that she had received correspondence requesting the Youth Council's participation at the Clinic's annual Tooth Fairy Fun Run, providing volunteers to act as the event's Social Media Team, as well as, Youth Council members manning their own booth in the concurrent Community Health Expo as they did last year. Ms. Tignac stated that this item would be discussed during the September 20 Youth Council meeting.

Ms. Tignac reported that Breanna Gonzales had resigned via email from the Youth Council on August 22, 2016.

6. Public Statements/Comments

No public statements or comments were received.

7. Informational Presentations

a. Youth Council Purpose, Goals, By-laws, Organization and Meetings

Ms. Tignac provided an overview of the Youth Council Purpose, Goals, By-Laws and Organization of the Youth Council and highlighted some of the Youth Council accomplishments to date.

Ms. Tignac also discussed the importance of the Youth Council's Work Plan in order to accomplish the Youth Council goals that members would set during the October Youth Council meetings

b. Overview of How the City of Simi Valley and City Council Operate, City Manager Eric J. Levitt

City Manager Eric Levitt provided a presentation on City of Simi Valley's government, his role as City Manager, and answered Youth Council members' questions regarding City administration, environmental, planning and safety. Mr. Levitt also discussed his personal background and career path leading to his current role.

c. Introduction of City Council Liaisons to the Youth Council

Council Member Mike Judge introduced himself as one of the City Council Liaisons to the Youth Council and briefly discussed his personal background and the importance of the Youth Council to the City Council. He explained how funds are generated locally for City programs, including law enforcement.

d. Volunteer Opportunities at Simi at the Garden

Robbie Hidalgo gave a brief history and purpose of Simi Valley's first and only community garden called Simi at the Garden. Mr. Hidalgo stated that through the organization's Garden of Dreams Initiative they started the Sharity Garden, utilizing three acres of land to farm fresh produce for the

Samaritan Center, which provided 400 pounds of produce last year. The group has also been researching other community gardens looking for best practices and new ideas. Mr. Hidalgo stated that the community garden is in need of volunteers and new ideas to make an even greater positive impact on our community.

8. New Business

- c. Discussion of Suicide Prevention Awareness event in collaboration with the Simi Valley Public Library on Thursday, September 28, 2016

Ms. Tignac announced that the Youth Council had an opportunity to collaborate with the Simi Valley Public Library and Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District for a suicide prevention awareness event on Thursday, September 29, 2016. The event would include a film screening and discussion of the California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA) Directing Change Student Public Service Announcement (PSA) Contest regional and statewide winners in the categories of suicide prevention and ending the silence of mental illness, along with details on the 2017 contest. The PSA screening would be followed by a Youth Council-led group discussion.

Ms. Tignac stated that the City Council will be declaring that September 2016 as Suicide Prevention Month at its meeting on September 19, 2016.

ACTION: A motion to approve the Youth Council's involvement in co-hosting a suicide prevention PSA film screening and group discussion from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., on Thursday, September 29, 2016, was made by Emily Ramirez and seconded by Timothy Ho.

Youth Council vote: 20 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstentions

The motion passed.

- d. Discussion of Stop Bullying Awareness Campaign for October 2016, including a Cyberbullying Workshop on Thursday, October 6, 2016

Ms. Tignac gave brief history and overview of the Youth Council's previous work on Stop Bullying campaigns. She also reported the opportunity for Youth Council to co-host another anti-bullying event with the Simi Valley Public Library and the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District on October 6, 2016.

ACTION: A motion to approve the Youth Council participation in co-hosting a Cyberbullying Workshop from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., on Thursday, October 6, 2016, and coordinating a Citywide Stop Bullying Pledge during the month of October was made by Adrian Schemm and seconded by Nick Judge.

Youth Council vote: 20 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstentions

The motion passed

- e. Discussion of the Youth Council's potential participation in the Living Green Expo on Saturday, September 24, 2016

Ms. Tignac gave a brief overview of the City's annual Living Green Expo event and stated that Youth Council volunteers are being requested to assist at the seventh annual event scheduled on Saturday, September 24, 2016, at the Simi Valley Town Center from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

ACTION: A motion to approve the Youth Council's participation as volunteers at the Living Green Expo on Saturday, September 24, 2016, was made by Leah Nohrenberg and seconded by Aditya Gaiki.

Youth Council vote: 20 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstentions

The motion passed.

The following Youth Council members signed up to volunteer during the following shifts:

From 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Humna Ahmad, Zalma Quezada and Phoebe Ruiz;

From 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Rosa Chen, Timothy Ho, and Ziren Mo; and

From 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Keyla Pech and Emily Ramirez

- a. Officer Duties and Election of Youth Council Officers

Ms. Tignac gave a brief overview of the Youth Council Officer's duties and responsibilities. The following Youth Council members were nominated for the position of Chair: Aditya Gaiki, Nick Judge, Prachi Patel and Emily Ramirez. Emily Ramirez received the most votes and was selected as Chair.

The election of the Youth Council Vice Chair, Secretary, Sergeant-at-arms, and final vote was continued until the September 20 Youth Council meeting.

- b. Selection of Youth Council Representatives to: Task Force on Homelessness and Youth Employment Service Advisory Board

Due to time restraints, this agenda item was continued to the September 20 Youth Council meeting.

- 9. Representative Reports

Due to time restraints, no reports or comments were made.

- 10. Coordinator's Report

Due to time restraints, no report was given.

- 11. Adjournment: *Tuesday, September 20, 2016, 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Simi Valley Senior Center

Youth Council Chair Emily Ramirez adjourned the meeting at 6:37 p.m.

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