



SIMI VALLEY YOUTH COUNCIL
Tuesday, October 4, 2016 *5:00 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.
Simi Valley Senior Center
3900 Avenida Simi

AGENDA

**Special Meeting Location and Time*

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. Informational Presentations
 - a. Overview of the Role of the City Attorney and Ralph M. Brown Act
 - b. Code of Ethics and Conduct for Elected Officials and Members of Appointed Boards, Commissions and Committees
7. Continued Business
 - a. Discussion of Stop Bullying Awareness Campaign for October 2016, including a Cyberbullying Forum on Thursday, October 6, 2016
 - b. Discussion of Volunteer Opportunities at the Free Clinic of Simi Valley's Tooth Fairy Run and Community Showcase on Saturday, October 15, 2016
8. New Business
 - a. Discussion and Selection of Recommendations for Youth Town Hall Panel Speakers
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.



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10. Coordinator's Report
11. Adjournment: Tuesday, October 18, 2016, 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., City Hall Community Room.

/s/

Anna M. Medina
Acting Deputy Director

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DRAFT MINUTES

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Youth Council Chair Emily Ramirez called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m., and Secretary Zalma Quezada 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	A	Ryan Rosenstein
P	Zalma Quezada -SSHS	P	Elizabeth Lopez	P	Yue Dan Chen
P	Nick Judge-SVHS	A	Phoebe Ruiz	V	Vacant
A	Shanaya Sidhu -SVHS	P	Adrian Schemm	P = Present E = Excused A = Absent V = Vacant	
P	Ashley Zook-HMS	E	Lindsay Scholbrock		
P	Ziren Mo - SMS	P	Natalie Smith		
P	Aditya Gaiki-VVMS	P	Anushka Vakil		
*Arrived after approval of the minutes					

Staff: Kristin Tignac, Youth Council Coordinator.

Guests: Rebekah Harding, Education Outreach Manager for the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Institute; Nicolette Munoz, Volunteer Marketing Coordinator for the Free Clinic of Simi Valley; and students James Chu, Pranav Krishnamoorthi and Yaqi Wang.

2. Welcome/Introduction of Youth Council Members

Chair Emily Ramirez 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 8 a and b to accommodate guest presenters' schedules. There were no objections.

4. Approval of Minutes

ACTION:

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

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

The motion passed unanimously.

5. Correspondence

Ms. Tignac stated that Youth Council Chair Emily Ramirez, along with members Zalma Quezada and Adrian Schemm, spoke with a reporter from the Simi Valley Acorn newspaper regarding an article on suicide prevention for the newspaper's September 23, 2016 edition.

6. Public Statements/Comments

The following students in audience introduced themselves; James Chu and Yaqi Wang from Royal High School, and Pranav Krishnamoorthi from Santa Susana High School.

7. Continued Business

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 Vice Chair: Zalma Quezada and Adrian Schemm. Adrian Schemm received the most votes and was selected as Vice Chair.

The following Youth Council members were nominated for the position of Sergeant-at-Arms: Aditya Gaiki, Nick Judge and Leah Nohrenberg. Leah Nohrenberg received the most votes and was selected as Sergeant-at-Arms.

The following Youth Council members were nominated for the position of Secretary: Aditya Gaiki and Zalma Quezada. Zalma Quezada received the most votes and was selected as Secretary.

ACTION: A motion to approve Emily Ramirez as Chair, Adrian Schemm as Vice Chair, Leah Nohrenberg as Sergeant-at-arms and Zalma Quezada as Secretary was made by Aditya Gaiki and seconded by Aaron Williams.

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

The motion passed.

8. New Business

b. Discussion of the Timeline for Partnered Events with the Walter and Leonore Annenberg Presidential Learning Center

Rebekah Harding, Educational Outreach Manager, announced that the Presidential Learning Center had a new official name. They are now the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute. Ms. Harding gave a brief overview of last year's Youth Town Hall event that was held at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Museum with a panel that was comprised of; 25th Congressional District Congressman Steve Knight,

Simi Valley Mayor Bob Huber, Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District Board Member Dee Dee Cavanaugh and Simi Valley Unified School District Superintendent Dr. Jason Peplinski. She stated that last year more than 500 middle and high school students attended.

Ms. Harding stated that similar to last year, Youth Council would assist in coordinating this youth-driven event, including making recommendations on potential panel speakers.

Ms. Harding stated that Youth Council members would be included in the school visit polling sessions in December 2016. She stated that members could create a survey to poll classmates on what issues they would like to discuss with the panel speakers during the month of October.

Ms. Tignac stated that Youth Council members would discuss and develop a list of potential Youth Town Hall panel speakers' names during the October 4 Youth Council meeting.

Ms. Harding announced that the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute would hold a Women's Leadership Conference on Saturday, November 19, 2016, in honor of the 35th anniversary of Sandra Day O'Connor's appointment to the Supreme Court of the United States, as the first woman appointed to hold that honorable position. She invited all of the female Youth Council members to attend.

- a. Discussion of Volunteer Opportunities at the Free Clinic of Simi Valley's Tooth Fairy Run and Community Health Expo on Saturday, October 15, 2016

Nicolette Munoz, Volunteer Marketing Director for the Free Clinic of Simi Valley, gave a brief overview of services provided at the Free Clinic.

Ms. Munoz provided information about the Tooth Fairy Run and Community Health Expo scheduled on Saturday, October 15, 2016, from 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Additionally, Ms. Munoz announced that they had multiple volunteer opportunities available for a "Social Media Team". Youth Council members signed up for various social media assignments.

Ms. Munoz also stated that they were offering the Youth Council a free booth space for the Community Health Expo. Ms. Tignac stated that last year the Youth Council had a Stop Bullying pledge banner for attendees to sign as part of the citywide Stop Bullying Pledge campaign.

ACTION: A motion to approve Youth Council members participating as the Free Clinic of Simi Valley's Tooth Fairy Run and Community Health Expo's Social Media Team and manning a booth on Saturday, October 15, 2016 was made by Nick Judge and seconded by Prachi Patel.

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

The motion passed.

Ms. Tignac stated that ideas for the booth would be discussed during the October 4 Youth Council meeting.

7. Continued Business - continued

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

Ms. Tignac gave a brief overview of the Task Force on Homelessness and Youth Employment Service Advisory Board, as well as, the Youth Council representative's required responsibilities.

The following Youth Council members were nominated for the position of Youth Council representative for the Task Force on Homelessness: Timothy Ho and Nick Judge. Nick Judge received the most votes and was selected as the Youth Council representative for Task Force on Homelessness and Timothy Ho was selected as the alternate, if Nick is unavailable to attend a meeting.

ACTION: A motion to approve Nick Judge as the Task Force on Homelessness representative and Timothy Ho as the alternate was made by Leah Nohrenberg and seconded by Natalie Smith.

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

The motion passed.

The following Youth Council members were nominated for the position of Youth Council representative for the Youth Employment Service Advisory Board: Gurvardaan Bal and Keyla Pech. Gurvardaan Bal received the most votes and was selected as the Youth Council representative for the Youth Employment Service (YES) Advisory Board.

ACTION: A motion to approve Gurvardaan Bal as the Youth Council representative to the YES Advisory Board was made by Adrian Schemm and seconded by Aditya Gaiki.

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

The motion passed.

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

Ms. Tignac stated that volunteers were needed to help lead group discussion during the Suicide Prevention event on Thursday, September 29, 2016. She reminded members that 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 following volunteered to attend the September 29 Suicide Prevention Event to help lead the group discussion, as well as, serve as greeters at the beginning of the event: Humna Ahmad, Yue Dan Chen, Timothy Ho, Ziren Mo, Leah Nohrenberg, Keyla Pech, Emily Ramirez, Adrian Schemm, Natalie Smith, and Anushka Vakil.

ACTION: A motion to approve the Youth Council members listed above to represent the Youth Council in leading a group discussion during the Suicide Prevention event on Thursday, September 29, 2016, was made by Timothy Ho and seconded by Zalma Quezada.

Youth Council vote: 18 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

The following Youth Council members volunteered to be guest speakers for the Cyberbullying Workshop for teens and tweens during the Thursday, October 6, 2016, Cyberbullying Workshop event at the Simi Valley Public Library.

The following Youth Council members volunteered to attend and represent the Youth Council during the October 6, 2016, Cyberbullying Workshop, including acting as greeters at the beginning of the event: Denise Gonzales, Elizabeth Lopez, Keyla Pech, and Anushka Vakil. Anushka also volunteered to take event photographs.

ACTION: A motion to approve the Youth Council members listed above to represent the Youth Council at the co-hosted Cyberbullying Workshop from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., on Thursday, October 6, 2016 was made by Elizabeth Lopez and seconded by Denise Gonzales.

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

The motion passed.

8. New Business – continued

- c. Selection of the 2017 Youth Summit Committee

Ms. Tignac gave a brief overview of the role and responsibilities of members of the Youth Summit Committee. She stated that Youth Summit Committee meetings would be held at 4:15 p.m. immediately preceding the regular Youth Council meetings held on the first and third Tuesdays of each month.

Chair Emily Ramirez asked for volunteers to participate on the Youth Summit Committee. After a lengthy discussion, Humna Ahmad, Denise Gonzales, Timothy Ho, Nick Judge, Ziren Mo, Leah Nohrenberg, Zalma Quezada, Adrian Schemm, Natalie Smith, and Anushka Vakil, with Keyla

Pech and Emily Ramirez as alternates were selected to serve on the 2017 Youth Summit Committee.

ACTION: A motion to approve the committee as presented was made by Adrian Schemm and seconded by Zalma Quezada.

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

The motion passed.

- d. Scheduling and Appointment of Youth Council Presenters to the City Council on October 17, November 14 and December 5

Ms. Tignac gave a brief presentation on the role and expectations of Youth Council presenters. She stated that presenters were needed for the October 17, November 14 and December 5 City Council Meetings.

The following members volunteered to present the Youth Council Comments: Aditya Gaiki, Timothy Ho, Leah Nohrenberg, Zalma Quezada and Anushka Vakil. Zalma Quezada, Timothy Ho and Leah Nohrenberg received the most votes.

ACTION: A motion to approve Timothy Ho, Zalma Quezada and Leah Nohrenberg as the Youth Council Comments Presenters to the City Council at the following meeting dates respectfully, October 17, 2016, November 14, 2016 and December 5, 2016, was made by Nick Judge and seconded by Elizabeth Lopez.

Youth Council vote: 16 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstentions

The motion passed.

- e. Discussion of Youth Council Shirts

Youth Council members briefly discussed what color of polo shirt to select for the 2016-17 Youth Council term.

ACTION: A motion to approve ordering black Youth Council polo shirts for the 2016/17 Youth Council term was made by Aditya Gaiki and seconded by Ashley Zook.

Youth Council vote: 16 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstentions

The motion passed.

9. Representative Reports

Zalma Quezada stated that she had attended the Soroptomist International of Simi Valley's iMatter Girls Conference last October and strongly encouraged high school girls to attend this year's event to be held on October 8, 2016 at the Best Western Hotel.

Aditya Gaiki stated that he had noticed limited information directed towards teens and tweens in the Simi Valley Acorn. He stated that he would like to see an "Ask Column" for youth written by youth.

10. Coordinator's Report

Ms. Tignac reminded the Youth Council members that had signed up to volunteer at the Living Green Expo that the event would be held on Saturday, September 24, 2016.

11. Adjournment: Tuesday, October 4, 2016, *5:00 p.m. to 6:15 p.m., Simi Valley Senior Center

Youth Council Chair Emily Ramirez adjourned the meeting at 6:27 p.m.

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