



SIMI VALLEY YOUTH COUNCIL
Tuesday, February 21, 2017, 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. Discussion of Research Reports on Assigned Group Topics by Small Group Leaders
 - c. Discussion and Selection of Group Topic Specialists for the 2017 Youth Summit
7. New Business
 - a. Discussion of Recycling Programs at the Simi Valley Public Library
 - b. Discussion of Beverage Recycling Grant Opportunity
 - c. 2017 Simi Valley Youth Town Hall Debrief
 - d. Selection of a Simi Valley Youth Town Hall Follow-up Ad Hoc Committee
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 7, 2017, 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., City Hall Community Room

/s/

Anna M. Medina
Deputy Community Services Director

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DRAFT MINUTES

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Welcome

Youth Council Chair Emily Ramirez called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m., and Youth Council 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
E	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	A	Yue Dan Chen
P	Nick Judge-SVHS	E	Phoebe Ruiz	V	Vacant
P	Shanaya Sidhu -SVHS	P	Adrian Schemm	P = Present E = Excused A = Absent V = Vacant	
P	Ashley Zook-HMS	A	Lindsay Scholbrock		
A	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: Bruce Yi, Boys and Girls Club of Simi Valley, Director of Teen Programs and Outreach; Savannah Speerstra, Simi Valley Conserves, and students Jasanpreet Kaur and Pranav Krishnamoorthi.

2. Agenda Review

The agenda was approved as presented.

3. Approval of Minutes

ACTION: A motion to approve the January 17, 2017, minutes as written was made by Nick Judge and seconded by Adrian Schemm.

Youth Council vote: 15 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstentions

The motion passed unanimously.

4. Correspondence

Ms. Tignac stated that the Simi Valley Acorn published an article on the Youth Town Hall in its February 3, 2017, edition. A nice thank you was also published in the Letters to the Editor section from Royal High School Teacher Brian Dennert.

5. Public Statements/Comments

Ms. Speerstra with the Simi Valley Conserves introduced herself and stated that she was representing the non-profit organization that offers free in-home energy consultations. She stated that she had attended the meeting to observe a Youth Council meeting to learn more about the program.

Students Pranav Krishnamoorthi and Jasanpreet Kaur introduced themselves. Ms. Kaur stated that she was a member of the 2015/16 Youth Council and would be participating as a Youth Summit facilitator in March.

6. Continued New Business

a. Discussion of Youth Summit Facilitator Training and Debrief Practice

As part of small group practice training, the following ice breaker activities were led and debriefed by the following Youth Summit committee members:

- Emily Ramirez – “The Knot”
- Humna Ahmad – “Name Aerobics”

b. Discussion of Outreach to Peers, School Clubs and Organizations for the 16th Annual Youth Summit

Youth Summit Committee Chair Zalma Quezada explained the importance of all Youth Council members in promoting the Youth Summit at their schools and on social media. She asked that high school members coordinate brief presentations in each of their classes to announce that Youth Summit registration is open. She also reminded members to encourage students to register early due to a limited number of participant spaces available.

The following members were selected to present at the following clubs or other classes at each school:

Apollo High School: Leadership class, Key and Interact Clubs – Keyla Pech;

Grace Brethren: Leadership class – Adrian Schemm;

Royal High School: Leadership class – Humna Ahmad, Key Club – Timothy Ho, and Interact Club – Emily Ramirez;

Santa Susana High School: Leadership class – Zalma Quezada, Key Club – Natalie Smith, National Honor Society and Interact Club – Anushka Vakil and Jasanpreet Kaur; and

Simi Valley High School: Leadership class and Renaissance classes – Elizabeth Lopez, Key and Interact Clubs – Shanaya Sidhu.

c. Discussion of Research Reports on Assigned Group Topics by Small Group Leaders

Due to time constraints, research reports were presented to small groups during agenda item 7. New Business c. Discussion and Selection of Group Topic Specialists for the 2017 Youth Summit.

7. New Business

- a. Discussion of the Boys and Girls Club of Simi Valley Teen Events and Teen Center Recommendations

Bruce Yi, Director of Teen Programs and Outreach, gave a brief overview of the types of teen events the Boys and Girls Club (Club) has offered previously. He asked Youth Council members to make recommendations on events and activities they would like to see the Club offer during 2017.

Some ideas recommended included: job shadow or internships for career exposure, college school visits to east coast colleges or Ivy League; and forming a Boys and Girls Club teen cabinet to steer ideas.

- b. Discussion of the Youth Council's Participation I the Teen Volunteer Fair on Thursday, April 6, 2017

After a brief discussion, action below was taken.

ACTION: A motion to approve the Youth Council's participation in the Teen Volunteer Fair on April 6, 2017, was made by Aditya Gaiki and seconded by Aaron Williams.

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

The motion passed unanimously.

- c. Discussion and Selection of Group Topic Specialists for the 2017 Youth Summit

Small group topic leaders were given time to briefly discuss research, ideas for topic specialists and to coordinate creating either a PowerPoint, Prezi or Google Slides presentation due during the February 21 Youth Council meeting. Due to time constraints, Chair Ramirez continued the discussion items to the February 21 Youth Council meeting.

8. Representative Reports

Aditya Gaiki reported that he would be volunteering at the Simi Valley Public Library's Hats Off to Reading event from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., on Saturday, March 4, 2017. He also stated that volunteers were still needed to assist at this event hosted by the Library and the Simi Educators Association.

9. Coordinator's Report

Ms. Tignac thanked Humna Ahmad for presenting the Youth Council Comments to the City Council on February 6, 2017. She stated that Humna did an excellent job representing the Youth Council.

Ms. Tignac announced that the Ask the Mayor – A Town Hall Meeting with Mayor Bob Huber is scheduled from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., on Saturday, February

25, 2017, at the Simi Valley Town Center. For more information, call (805) 583-6701.

10. Adjournment: Tuesday, February 21, 2017, 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., City Hall Community Room

Youth Council Chair Emily Ramirez adjourned the meeting at 6:09 p.m.