



SIMI VALLEY YOUTH COUNCIL
Tuesday, March 7, 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
7. New Business
 - a. Discussion and Selection of Youth Summit Catering Options for Luncheon
 - b. Discussion of Final Youth Summit Group Leader Designation
 - c. Review and Discussion of 2017 Youth Summit Schedule
 - d. Selection of a Youth Council Representative to Serve on the Community Projects Grant Review 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



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10. Adjournment: Tuesday, March 21, 2017, 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., *Simi Valley Senior Center, Room 106

/s/

Anna M. Medina
Deputy Community Services 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

Youth Council Chair Emily Ramirez called the meeting to order at 5:01 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			
E	Keyla Pech-AHS	P	Humna Ahmad	P	Aaron Williams
P	Leah Nohrenberg -RHS	E	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	P	Phoebe Ruiz	V	Vacant
P	Shanaya Sidhu -SVHS	P	Adrian Schemm	P = Present E = Excused A = Absent V = Vacant	
P*	Ashley Zook-HMS	E	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: Matt Hортt, Director, Simi Valley Public Library; Jennifer Santos, Management Analyst; and students Jasanpreet Pandher, Pranav Krishnamoorthi, and Marina Vicente.

2. Agenda Review

Chair Emily Ramirez recommended that the Youth Council be flexible with moving Agenda Items 7a and 7b to accommodate guest presenters’ schedules. There were no objections.

3. Approval of Minutes

ACTION: A motion to approve the February 7, 2017, minutes as written was made by Adrian Schemm and seconded by Leah Nohrenberg.

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

The motion passed unanimously.

4. Correspondence

No correspondence was received.

5. Public Statements/Comments

No public statements or comments were made.

6. Continued Business

a. Discussion of Youth Summit Facilitator Training and Debrief Practice

As part of small group practice training, Natalie Smith led and debriefed the following ice breaker activity: "Hula Hoop Pass".

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

Due to time constraints, the small group slide presentations will be shown at the March 7 Youth Council meeting. There were no objections.

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

Small group topic leaders selected the specialists that they would like to assist their groups during the breakout sessions. The following individuals or organizations would be contacted:

Teen Health & Wellness and Teen Activities – Lorraine Burke, Registered Dietician with the Simi Valley Hospital and Bruce Yi, Director of Teen Programs and Outreach with the Boys & Girls Club of Simi Valley.

Environmental Concerns: Savannah Speerstra with the Simi Valley Conserves.

Social Injustice – A representative from the Police Department and Psychologist Johanna Jones.

Concerns Related to Schools and Higher Education – Dr. Deborah Salgado or Dr. Jason Peplinski with the Simi Valley Unified School District or California Department of Education Superintendent Tom Torlakson.

Crime – Officer Brennan with the Simi Valley Police Department or another representative.

Underage Drinking/Drug Use – Registered Nurse Julia Feig, Director of Emergency Services at Simi Valley Hospital.

7. New Business

a. Discussion of Recycling Programs at the Simi Valley Public Library

Matt Hортt, Director of the Simi Valley Public Library, gave a brief overview of the Cal Recycle Beverage Recycling grant the Library was awarded in partnership with Katherine Elementary School's Parent Teacher Association (PTA). The grant would cover five new recycling receptacles to be placed throughout the Library, an awareness campaign and educational outreach, as well as clean-up projects to be led by an eco-team of volunteers.

Youth Council members discussed additional ideas for beverage recycling including an arts and crafts program reusing beverage containers.

b. Discussion of Beverage Recycling Grant Opportunity

Jennifer Santos, Management Analyst, City of Simi Valley, gave a brief overview of the Cal Recycle Beverage Recycling Grant program and reported that ten million dollars in grant funding was available last year in California, with Simi Valley having received approximately \$32,000.

Some suggestions made by Youth Council members for beverage recycling included: multi-use recycling containers to be located at Grace Brethren High School; and additional locations throughout Simi Valley Unified School District school campuses; a city-wide school recycling competition; an artwork contest for re-useable water bottles; water re-filling stations to encourage re-use; and a recommendation to research possible recycling needs at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Museum.

c. 2017 Simi Valley Youth Town Hall Debrief

Youth Council members discussed positive comments received regarding the Youth Town Hall, as well as ideas to improve next year's event. Comments made by Youth Council members included:

- The youth moderators stated that the video conference with the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation's education team prior to the event and the practice walk-through the night before helped them be better prepared for the event.
- Comments received from teachers and adults at the event were very positive.
- Limit amount of time for youth moderator questions, allowing additional time for questions directly from the audience via comment cards and texts.
- Possible allow the youth moderators to see the questions on handheld iPads.
- Some participants wished more of their questions could have been answered.

d. Selection of a Simi Valley Youth Town Hall Follow-up Ad Hoc Committee

Ms. Tignac reported that close to 650 questions and comments were received via text and social media posts. Unfortunately due to the limited time of the Youth Town Hall, many questions could not be asked of the panel. To help add to the value of the event and to make sure those students that attended felt their voices were heard, the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute shared the questions that were received via text and Poll Everywhere.

After a brief discussion of the tasks the Simi Valley Youth Town Hall Follow-up Ad Hoc Committee would be asked to complete, the following Youth Council members volunteered to serve on the committee: Aditya

Gaiki, Denise Gonzales, Timothy Ho, Elizabeth Lopez, Leah Nohrenberg, Zalma Quezada, Emily Ramirez, Phoebe Ruiz, Adrian Schemm, Anushka Vakil, Aaron Williams and Jasanpreet Pandher.

ACTION: A motion to approve the creation of a Youth Town Hall Follow-up Ad Hoc Committee as listed above was made by Nick Judge and seconded by Phoebe Ruiz.

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

The motion passed unanimously.

After a brief discussion, 4:30 p.m., on Monday, March 6, 2017, was selected as the date of the committee's first of two meetings.

8. Representative Reports

Youth Summit Committee Chair Zalma Quezada stated that the committee had met and was asking that Youth Council members assist with obtaining opportunity drawing prizes as an incentive for the Youth Summit participants that donate items for the Simi Valley Care and Share at the Summit.

Natalie Smith reminded members with social media accounts to post and share information encouraging friends to register for the Youth Summit.

9. Coordinator's Report

Ms. Tignac again thanked Anushka Vakil and Humna Ahmad for presenting the Youth Council Comments to the City Council on January 9 and February 6, 2017. She presented a framed photo sheet to each of them to commemorate their time serving on the City Council dais.

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.

Ms. Tignac reminded Youth Council member Phoebe Ruiz that she had been selected as the March 6 City Council Meeting Youth Council Comments presenter and that her draft speech was due by February 27, 2017.

10. Adjournment: Tuesday, March 7, 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.