



SIMI VALLEY YOUTH COUNCIL

Tuesday, April 18, 2017, 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

*Simi Valley Senior Center, Room 122

3900 Avenida Simi

AGENDA

***Special Meeting Location**

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
2017 Simi Valley Youth Summit Debrief
7. New Business
 - a. Discussion of the Simi Valley Community Garden's @SocialFeed; a Citywide Hunger Project
 - b. Discussion of the Youth Council's Participation at the City of Simi Valley's 2017 EXPO on Saturday, May 13, 2017
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, May 16, 2017, 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 5:01 p.m., and 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	P*	Gurvardaan Bal		
P	Emily Ramirez -RHS	E	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	E	Adrian Schemm	P = Present E = Excused A = Absent V = Vacant	
P	Ashley Zook-HMS	P	Lindsay Scholbrock		
P	Ziren Mo - SMS	P	Natalie Smith		
P	Aditya Gaiki-VVMS	E	Anushka Vakil		
*Arrived after approval of the minutes					

Staff: Kristin Tignac, Youth Council Coordinator.

Guests: Michelle Karamooz, All It Takes; and Students Christian Sanders, Jacob Strellner and Pranav Krishnamoorthi.

2. Agenda Review

The agenda was approved as presented.

3. Approval of Minutes

ACTION: A motion to approve the March 21, 2017, minutes as written was made by Aaron Williams and seconded by Shanaya Sidhu.

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

The motion passed unanimously.

4. Correspondence

Ms. Tignac stated that she had received a meeting request from Congressman Steve Knight's Office to discuss youth issues.

Ms. Tignac stated that the Youth Council received a thank you card from Ventura County Community College District Trustee Bernardo Perez congratulating them on another successful Youth Summit. He also thanked the Youth Council for the opportunity to participate in the breakout group and luncheon discussions.

5. Public Statements/Comments

Jacob Strellner introduced himself and stated that he was interested in learning more about what the Youth Council does.

Pranav Krishnamoorthi and Christian Sanders both introduced themselves and stated that they both felt the Youth Summit went really well.

Michelle Karamooz, former Valley View Middle School and Simi Valley High School alumna stated that she was representing the non-profit group All It Takes. She stated that All It Takes offers camps designed to develop leadership skills and provides an opportunity for high school students to serve as mentors to middle school students.

6. New Business

a. Discussion and Vote on Youth Council's Participation at the YES Job and Career Expo on Saturday, April 22, 2017

Ms. Tignac stated that the Youth Council has traditionally reserved a table at the Job and Career Expo to promote civic engagement and volunteer opportunities. She stated it would also be an opportunity to promote the Youth Council recruitment.

ACTION: A motion to approve Youth Council's participation in the YES Job and Career Expo was made by Leah Nohrenberg and seconded by Humna Ahmad.

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

The motion passed.

The following Youth Council members volunteered to staff the table at the event:

9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. - Humna Ahmad, Nick Judge, and Emily Ramirez

11:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. - Aditya Gaiki and Ashley Zook

b. Discussion of Youth Council Recruitment and New Youth Council Member Interviews

Ms. Tignac gave a brief overview of the Youth Council recruitment process. Youth Council applications were distributed for the 2017-18 term. Current Youth Council members interested in applying should submit their applications before the application deadline of Monday, April 24, 2017.

Ms. Tignac stated that all Youth Council members should be promoting the Youth Council recruitment and that applications may also be submitted online at www.simivalley.org/YouthCouncilApp.

Out-going Youth Council members, Prachi Patel and Natalie Smith volunteered to sit on the Interview Sub-committee for returning Youth Council members. Gurvardaan Bal volunteered as a back-up interviewer, if needed.

Ms. Tignac asked which Youth Council members planning to apply for next term would be interested in serving on the interview panel for the incoming Youth Council applicants. The following Youth Council members volunteered; Humna Ahmad, Aditya Gaiki, Timothy Ho, Leah Nohrenberg, Emily Ramirez, Phoebe Ruiz, ,Shanaya Sidhu, and Aaron Williams.

c. Discussion Regarding Cancellation of the May 2, 2017, Youth Council Meeting

After a brief discussion, the majority of members stated that they would not be available to attend the May 2, 2017, Youth Council meeting.

ACTION: A motion to approve cancelling the Youth Council May 2, 2017, meeting was made by Aditya Gaiki and seconded by Prachi Patel.

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

The motion passed.

d. 2017 Simi Valley Youth Summit Debrief

Ms. Tignac recognized and praised all Youth Council members for the amazing job they did as small group facilitators, as well as their hard work in organizing, setting up and breaking down the event.

Ms. Tignac reported that per the Youth Summit participant evaluations, 99% of the participants felt that the Youth Summit was meaningful to them, which was a strong statement towards the value of the event. Also, all non-graduating participants stated that they were planning on attending the Summit again next year. A few student participant quotes included:

- “The Youth Summit inspires me to see my voice is heard.”
- “The event was perfect!”
- The Youth Summit motivated me to be a better leader.”
- “Made me feel my opinions and ideas are worthwhile and will be considered.”

Members shared two positives and one idea to make next year’s summit even better.

Youth Summit small group leaders met and reviewed their breakout sessions and lunch discussion ideas. Each team compiled notes from each breakout session and lunch discussion.

Due to time constraints, Chair Emily Ramirez continued this agenda item to the April 18 Youth Council meeting.

7. Representative Reports

Elizabeth Lopez announced that she and Phoebe Ruiz had both been selected as finalists in the 2017 Miss Simi Valley Days Pageant. She encouraged members to attend the pageant final on Saturday, April 22, 2017; from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., in the Simi Valley High School gym.

Phoebe Ruiz congratulated Anushka Vakil on receiving a National Merit Scholarship.

8. Coordinator's Report

Ms. Tignac announced that the Simi Valley Youth Employment Service (YES) Advisory Board would offer mock interview sessions for interested youth job seekers on Saturday, April 8, 2017.

Ms. Tignac reminded Zalma Quezada that her draft speech for the April Youth Council Comments was due on Monday, April 17, 2017.

9. Adjournment: Tuesday, April 18, 2017, 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., *Simi Valley Senior Center, Room 122

Youth Council Chair Emily Ramirez adjourned the meeting at 6:13 p.m.