



SIMI VALLEY YOUTH COUNCIL
Tuesday, September 19, 2017, *5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
City Hall Community Room
2929 Tapo Canyon Road

AGENDA
*Special Meeting 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. Continued Business
 - a. Officer Duties and Election of Youth Council Officers
 - b. Selection of the 2018 Youth Summit Committee
 - c. Discussion of Bullying Prevention Campaign, including Awareness Event in Collaboration with the Simi Valley Public Library on Thursday, October 5, 2017
 - d. Discussion of the Simi Valley Community Garden's Citywide Hunger Project @SocialFeed's Harvest Collection in October 2017
 - e. Selection of Youth Council Representatives to: Task Force on Homelessness and Youth Employment Service Advisory Board
 - f. Discussion of the 2018 Youth Town Hall
7. New Business
 - a. Discussion of Additional 2018 Youth Summit Motivational Speaker Recommendations
 - b. Scheduling and Appointment of Youth Council Presenters to City Council on October 16, November 13 and December 4
 - c. Discussion of Youth Council Shirts



- d. Discussion of Volunteer Opportunities at the Free Clinic of Simi Valley's Fredrick Michael Gibson 5k/10k Run for Depression Awareness, Tooth Fairy 1k Kid's Fun Run, and Community Health Expo on Saturday, October 14, 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, October 3, 2017, *5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., City Hall Community Room

/s/

Anna M. Medina
Deputy Community Services Director

* Please note special meeting time.

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

The Youth Council Coordinator Kristin Tignac called the meeting to order at 4:34 p.m., and Acting Secretary Chandler Nelson took attendance verifying that a quorum was present.

2016-17 Youth Council Members					
Selection Districts		Members-At-Large			
P	Juan Maldonado-AHS	P	Humna Ahmad	P	Aaron Williams
P	Leah Nohrenberg -RHS	P	James Chu		
P	Emily Ramirez -RHS	P	Shane Desilets	Alternates	
P	Zalma Quezada -SSHS	P	Denise Gonzales	P	Annie Kroll
P	Anushka Vakil -SSHS	P	Shray Grover	P	Chandler Nelson
P	Nick Judge-SVHS	P	Timothy Ho	P	Connor Hilbert
P	Sage Bilsland -SVHS	P	Pranav Krishnamoorthi	P = Present E = Excused A = Absent V = Vacant	
P	Ethan Strubbe-HMS	P	Jasanpreet Pandher		
P	Kshitij Patibandla - SMS	P	Om Patel		
P	Michelle Boland-VVMS	P*	Sneha Sundaram		
*Arrived after approval of the minutes					

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

Guests: Robbie Hidalgo, Vice President of Simi at the Garden; and student Ziren Mo.

2. Welcome/Introduction of Youth Council Members

Ms. Tignac welcomed the 2017/18 Youth Council. All members participated in a brief introduction activity.

3. Agenda Review

Ms. Tignac recommended that the Youth Council be flexible with moving Agenda Items 7 a and b and 9 c to accommodate guest presenters' schedules. There were no objections.

4. Approval of Minutes

ACTION: A motion to approve the August 22, 2017, minutes as revised to reflect Shane Desilets and James Chu's attendance was made by Annie Kroll and seconded by Leah Nohrenberg.

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

The motion passed unanimously.

5. Correspondence

No correspondence was received.

6. Public Statements/Comments

Royal High School student and former Youth Council member Ziren Mo introduced himself.

7. Informational Presentations

a. 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 public administration philosophy.

b. Introduction of City Council Liaisons to the Youth Council

Mayor Pro Tem Mike Judge and City Council Member Glen Becerra introduced themselves as the City Council Liaisons to the Youth Council and discussed their personal backgrounds and the importance of the Youth Council to the City Council. They explained the history of the City Council liaisons to Youth Council, how funds are generated locally for City programs, and anticipated costs that will pose a challenge for the City in the future, such as significant CalPERS retirement pension increases.

8. Continued Business

a. Discussion of Suicide Prevention Campaign, including Awareness Event in Collaboration with the Simi Valley Public Library on Thursday, September 28, 2017

Youth Council member discussed logistics for the September 28 Suicide Prevention Month event. The following Youth Council members volunteered to serve as moderators for the panel discussion following the Talk Saves Lives training: Humna Ahmad, Sage Bilsland, Pranav Krishnamoorthi, Annie Kroll, Leah Nohrenberg, Chandler Nelson, and Emily Ramirez. The moderators would meet after the September 19 Youth Council meeting to develop dialog and questions to ask the suicide prevention panel.

The following members volunteered to represent the Youth Council at September 11 City Council Meeting for the City Council's proclamation of September as Suicide Prevention Month: Humna Ahmad, Sage Bilsland, Leah Nohrenberg, Ethan Strubbe. The following members would also volunteer to attend if their schedules allowed: Michelle Boland, Annie Kroll, Chandler Nelson and Sneha Sundaram

b. Discussion of Bullying Prevention Campaign, including Awareness Event in Collaboration with the Simi Valley Public Library on Thursday, October 5, 2017

Action Item updates: Emily Ramirez, Annie Kroll and Sage Bilslund stated that they had each contacted the theater departments at their respective schools. They reported that Royal, Santa Susana and Simi Valley High Schools' all were eager to participate in the Stop Bullying event on October 5, 2017. After a brief discussion, each school would be allotted 25 minutes to do an interactive Stop Bullying-related performance or program similar to Straight Up Ventura County's social change theater approach. Royal and Santa Susana High Schools would work together with Straight Up Ventura County staff.

Youth Council members discussed coordinating a citywide Stop Bullying pledge, that would include giving orange pledge bracelets to those students and community members that sign the pledge. Members also discussed coordinating Stop Bullying pledge booth at the Free Clinic of Simi Valley's annual Tooth Fairy 5k/10k Run and Community Health Expo on Saturday, October 14, 2017.

ACTION: A motion to approve the Youth Council participation in co-hosting a Stop Bullying Event from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., on Thursday, October 5, 2017, and coordinating a Citywide Stop Bullying Pledge during the month of October was made by Timothy Ho and seconded by Michelle Boland.

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

The motion passed.

Action Items for the bullying prevention event on October 5, 2017:

- Ms. Tignac to contact Mrs. Melissa Albertson at Santa Susana High School to coordinate Santa Susana High School's participation.
- Emily Ramirez to contact Katherine Kasmir, Director of Straight Up Ventura County for interactive program ideas.
- Sage Bilslund to keep Royal and Santa Susana High Schools informed about Simi Valley High School's performance idea for event, so as to not duplicate focus.
- Sneha Sundaram to draft a Stop Bullying event flyer by September 15, 2017.

9. New 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 Chair: Sage Bilslund, Annie Kroll, Leah Nohrenberg, Zalma Quezada, and Ethan Strubbe. Leah Nohrenberg received the most votes and was selected as Chair.

ACTION: A motion to approve Leah Nohrenberg as Youth Council Chair was made Emily Ramirez and seconded by Sneha Sundaram.

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

The motion passed unanimously.

The election of the Youth Council Vice Chair, Secretary, and Sergeant-at-arms was continued to the September 19 Youth Council meeting

- b. Selection of the 2018 Youth Summit Committee

Due to time limitations, Youth Council Chair Leah Nohrenberg continued this agenda item to the September 19 Youth Council meeting.

- c. Discussion of the Simi Valley Community Garden's Citywide Hunger Project @SocialFeed's Harvest Collection in October 2017

Mr. Hidalgo, Vice President of the Simi at the Garden explained the @SocialFeed planting and harvesting process for the sweet potato slips given out to community members in May.

Youth Council members discussed best dates for harvest collection and task assignments for retail store outreach to request collection sites.

ACTION: A motion to approve Saturday, October 7, 2017 as the @SocialFeed Harvest Collection date and the outreach task assignments was made by Denise Gonzales and seconded by Chandler Nelson.

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

The motion passed.

Action Items:

The following Youth Council members volunteered to contact retail store to request permission to use location as @SocialFeed harvest collection sites:

- Sage Bilisland – Smart & Final
- Shray Grover – Trader Joe's
- Nick Judge – Albertsons on Madera Road, Sprouts Farmers Market, and Stater Bros. Market
- Pranav Krishnamoorthi, Om Patel and Sneha Sundaram – Costco Wholesale
- Leah Nohrenberg – Vons on Cochran Street
- Chandler Nelson - Pavilions

Nick Judge also volunteered to contact Lisa Hemenway at Waste Management to request cardboard trashcans to use as collection bins.

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

Due to time limitations, Youth Council Chair Leah Nohrenberg continued this agenda item to the September 19 Youth Council meeting.

- e. Discussion of the 2018 Youth Town Hall

Ms. Tignac stated that the Youth Town Hall panel topic theme to address concerns related to education and work/life preparedness had been considered. Due to time limitations, Youth Council Chair Leah Nohrenberg continued this agenda item to the September 19 Youth Council meeting.

10. Representative Reports

No reports or comments were made.

11. Coordinator's Report

Ms. Tignac that the Simi Valley Public Library would host an "Ask Anything" for Teens event from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., on Thursday, September 7, 2017. Teens were encouraged to visit the Library's website at www.simivalleylibrary.org for more information.

12. Adjournment: Tuesday, September 19, 2017, 5:00 p.m. to *6:30 p.m., City Hall Community Room

Youth Council Chair Leah Nohrenberg adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

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