

## 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  
Discussion of Youth Council Work Plan
7. New Business
  - a. Discussion of Volunteer Opportunities for the Soroptimist International of Simi Valley's First Annual STOP Human Trafficking Awareness Day in Simi Valley
  - b. Discussion of Youth Summit Group Leader Designation
  - c. Selection of the 2018 Youth Summit Application Design
  - d. Discussion and Selection of 2018 Youth Summit Community Service Project
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, December 19, 2017, 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., City Hall Community Room

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Anna M. Medina  
Deputy Community Services Director

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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

Youth Council Acting Chair Denise Gonzales called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m., and Acting Secretary Emily Ramirez took attendance verifying that a quorum was present.

2017-18 Youth Council Members					
Selection Districts		Members-At-Large			
P*	Juan Maldonado-AHS	P	Humna Ahmad	P	Aaron Williams
E	Leah Nohrenberg -RHS	P*	James Chu		
P	Emily Ramirez -RHS	P	Shane Desilets	Alternates	
E	Zalma Quezada -SSHS	P	Denise Gonzales	P	Annie Kroll
E	Anushka Vakil -SSHS	P	Shray Grover	P	Chandler Nelson
P	Nick Judge-SVHS	P*	Timothy Ho	P	Connor Hilbert
A	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	*	Sneha Sundaram		
*Arrived after approval of the minutes					

Staff: April Rosser, Management Analyst; and Kristin Tignac, Youth Council Coordinator.

Guests: Robbie Hidalgo, Vice President of the Simi Valley Community Garden.

2. Agenda Review

The agenda was approved as presented.

3. Approval of Minutes

**ACTION:** A motion to approve the October 17, 2017, minutes as written was made by Annie Kroll and seconded by Michelle Boland.

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

**The motion passed.**

4. Correspondence

Youth Council members each received certificates of recognition from Assemblyman Dante Acosta, recognizing members for their advocacy efforts to eradicate food insecurity in the community.

Ms. Tignac reported that she received an email from Debbie Thomas, President of the Soroptimist International of Simi Valley, requesting the Youth Council’s help in promoting their first annual STOP Human Trafficking Awareness Day in Simi Valley on January 11, 2018.

5. Public Statements/Comments

Robbie Hidalgo announced that the Simi Valley Community Garden and Food Forward held the first Free Farmers Market in Ventura County on October 17, 2017. He stated that two additional dates for Free Farmers Markets at the Simi Valley Community Garden were scheduled on Tuesday, November 14, 2017, and Tuesday, December 12, 2017, both from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

6. Continued Business

Discussion of Youth Council Work Plan

Youth Council members continued discussions regarding their 2017-18 Work Plan. They divided into small groups and then brainstormed issues and solutions for the following categories:

- Overall Health (mental, physical, and nutritional)
- Higher Education (college and Career Pathways)
- Finance
- Education (life skills)
- Discrimination
- Drug and Alcohol Awareness
- Teen Activities

Due to time constraints, Acting Youth Council Chair Timothy Ho tabled the final dot vote to prioritize the issues and solutions to the December 5 Youth Council meeting.

7. New Business

Discussion of a Youth Council Team Building Activity at the Iceoplex in Simi Valley

Ms. Tignac stated that the owner of the Iceoplex Simi Valley had provided two dates as options for a broomball team building activity for Youth Council members. After a brief discussion and hand vote, the majority of Youth Council members would be available on Thursday, December 21, 2017.

**ACTION:** A motion to approve Thursday, December 21, 2017, as the date for the broomball teambuilding activity at the Iceoplex Simi Valley was made by Sneha Sundaram and seconded by Om Patel.

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

**The motion passed**

Youth Council members were advised to wear athletic shoes and warm clothing. Permission forms would be mailed to Youth Council parents and guardians. Those not able to play broomball were encouraged to attend and could serve as Team Managers. Ms. Tignac reminded Youth Council members that this event was completely optional.

8. Representative Reports

Youth Council Reports and Comments

Youth Council member Annie Kroll suggested that Simi Valley Community Garden promote their @SocialFeed's events by including information in each school's weekly bulletins.

Youth Summit Committee Chair Humna Ahmad stated that the committee had met and selected breakout topic groups to be included on the Youth Summit application form. She also stated that the committee members had been assigned to research new ideas for ice breakers and team building activities.

Chandler Nelson announced that Grace Brethren Junior/Senior High School was hosting a coat drive for people in need during the first two weeks in December 2017. He encouraged all schools to participate in collecting donations.

Ethan Strubbe reported that the Stop Bullying Pledge held at Hillside Middle School was successful with more than 100 signatures gathered.

Emily Ramirez announced that Youth Council Chair Leah Nohrenberg's absence was due to an interview for the Air Force Academy. Emily asked that all members join her in wishing Leah good luck in the acceptance process.

9. Coordinator's Report

Mrs. Tignac thanked Youth Council members Shane Desilets, Shray Grover, Nick Judge, Juan Maldonado, Chandler Nelson, and Aaron Williams for volunteering at the Heritage Halloween event held on October 21, 2017.

Mrs. Tignac reminded Shray Grover that he would be presenting the Youth Council Comments to the City Council on November 13th, 2017. She thanked him for turning in his draft speech on time.

Mrs. Tignac reminded members that the Youth Council meeting that had been scheduled for November 21 had been cancelled. She wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving!

10. Adjournment: Tuesday, December 5, 2017, 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., \*Simi Valley Senior Center in Room 106

Acting Youth Council Chair Timothy Ho adjourned the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

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