



SIMI VALLEY YOUTH COUNCIL
Tuesday, December 19, 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
7. New Business
 - a. Discussion of 2018 Youth Town Hall
 - b. Selection of the 2018 Youth Council Comments Presenters to City Council on January 29, April 23, and May 14
 - c. Discussion of Youth Summit Facilitator Training and Debrief Practice
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, January 16, 2018, 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

Youth Council Chair Leah Nohrenberg called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m., and Secretary Denise Gonzales 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	E	Aaron Williams
P	Leah Nohrenberg -RHS	P*	James Chu		
P	Emily Ramirez -RHS	E	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
A	Sage Bilsland -SVHS	P	Pranav Krishnamoorthi	P = Present E = Excused A = Absent V = Vacant	
P	Ethan Strubbe-HMS	P	Jasanpreet Pandher		
E	Kshitij Patibandla - SMS	P	Om Patel		
P	Michelle Boland-VVMS	E	Sneha Sundaram		
*Arrived after approval of the minutes					

Staff: Kristin Tignac, Youth Council Coordinator.

Guests: Soroptimist International of Simi Valley members Sandy Schmid and Debbie Thomas.

2. Agenda Review

The agenda was approved as presented.

3. Approval of Minutes

ACTION: A motion to approve the November 7, 2017, minutes as written was made by Annie Kroll and seconded by Chandler Nelson.

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

The motion passed.

4. Correspondence

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

5. Public Statements/Comments

No public statements or comments were made.

6. Continued Business

Discussion of Youth Council Work Plan

Youth Council members completed a final brainstorming activity to address issues of concern to youth raised during the October 17 and November 7, 2017, Youth Council meetings.

ACTION: A motion to approve the 2017-18 Youth Council Work Plan presented below was made by Om Patel and seconded by James Chu.

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

The motion passed.

The 2017-18 Youth Council Work Plan will be as follows:

Research and recommend additional curriculum that teaches and builds tolerance;

Increase education on personal finance, including how to manage money;

Increase career exposure and awareness of interviewing skills to prepare students to enter the workforce;

Increase awareness of mental health resources;

Increase awareness of stress reduction techniques and coping skills;

Decrease drug and alcohol use by building awareness of negative effects on the body; and

Research and recommend integrating curriculum to teach tax filing basics possibly in conjunction with National Tax Day.

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

Debbie Thomas, President of the Soroptimist International of Simi Valley (SISV), gave an overview of the SISV and its mission. She also stated that they were seeking volunteers to help promote their first annual STOP Human Trafficking Awareness Day in Simi Valley scheduled on January 11, 2018, at Santa Susana High School.

SISV Member Sandy Schmid routed a signup sheet for members interested in volunteering from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 6, 2018.

- b. Discussion of Youth Summit Group Leader Designation

Youth Summit Committee Chair Humna Ahmad explained the responsibilities of group leaders and stated that the committee was tasked with assigning group leaders for each topic group. Ms. Ahmad stated that group leader assignments would be finalized once Youth Summit

applications were received. The following group leader teams were formed:

- Bullying and Social Injustice – James Chu, Shray Grover and Annie Kroll.
- Concerns Related to Schools/Higher Education – Jasanpreet Pandher and Chandler Nelson.
- Substance/Alcohol Use and Crime – Connor Hilbert, Pranav Krishnamoorthi, Leah Nohrenberg and Om Patel.
- Environmental Concerns combined with Homelessness – Humna Ahmad, Michelle Boland and Juan Maldonado.
- Teen Health & Wellness and Teen Activities – Denise Gonzales, Timothy Ho, Emily Ramirez, and Aaron Williams.
- Event Photographer – Anushka Vakil.
- Group Floaters – Nick Judge and Zalma Quezada.
- Pending – Sage Bilsland, Shane Desilets, Kshitij Patibandla, Ethan Strubbe, and Sneha Sundaram.

c. Selection of the 2018 Youth Summit Application Design

Youth Summit Committee Chair Humna Ahmad distributed the application graphic designs created by the City's graphics department and stated that the committee had selected the second design as its top design choice.

Members recommended changing the font on the theme title "A World of Possibilities", switching graphic from design four and increasing the font on event title "Simi Valley Youth Summit".

ACTION: A motion to select the second application design as the top choice with a few recommended revisions was made by Timothy Ho and seconded by Zalma Quezada.

Youth Council vote: 18 Ayes; 1 No; 0 Abstentions

The motion passed.

d. Discussion and Selection of 2018 Youth Summit Community Service Project

Youth Summit Committee Chair Humna Ahmad gave a brief overview of past community service projects led by the Youth Council in conjunction with past Youth Summits. She also stated that the Youth Summit Committee had met and selected the top three potential donation drive recipients to present to the Youth Council as the 2018 Community Service Project.

ACTION: A motion to approve the School on Wheels as the 2018 Youth Summit Community Service Project recipient was made by Connor Hilbert and seconded by Michelle Boland.

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

The motion passed.

8. Representative Reports

Youth Council Reports and Comments

Timothy Ho and Leah Nohrenberg announced that they were assisting with a toy drive organized by Attention to Detail Moving as part of their Citizen Scholar Institute project to help foster youth. They stated that donations of unwrapped toys for infant to 18 years of age would be accepted through December 15, 2017.

Chandler Nelson reminded members 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 members to bring new or gently used coats to the December 19, 2017 Youth Council meeting.

Nick Judge and Shray Grover announced that Simi Valley High School was holding Giving Tree donation drive and blanket collection drive.

Nick Judge asked members to be safe from the fire, especially while driving.

9. Coordinator's Report

Mrs. Tignac thanked Humna Ahmad for presenting the Youth Council Comments to the City Council on December 4, 2017.

Ms. Tignac announced that the Youth Employment Service Advisory Board was hosting a Graphics Design Contest for its upcoming Job and Career Expo on March 24, 2018. She encouraged students to submit online submissions at www.simivalley.org/2018Graphics by December 20, 2017.

Mrs. Tignac announced that letters and waivers for the broomball activity on Thursday, December 21, 2017, would be mailed to parents/guardians the week of December 11, 2017.

10. Adjournment: Tuesday, December 19, 2017, 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., City Hall Community Room

Youth Council Chair Leah Nohrenberg adjourned the meeting at 6:12 p.m.