

AGENDA

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
Discussion of the 2018-19 Youth Council Work Plan
7. New Business
 - a. Selection of the 2019 Youth Summit Theme
 - b. Discussion of the 2019 Youth Town Hall
 - c. Discussion of the Youth Council Holiday Party
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, November 6, 2018, 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m., City Hall Community Room. Please note special meeting time.

/s/

Anna M. Medina
Deputy Community Services Director

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DRAFT MINUTES

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Welcome

Youth Council Vice Chair Pranav Krishnamoorthi called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m., and Secretary Om Patel took attendance verifying that a quorum was present.

Selection Districts		Members-At-Large			
A	Charo Matos-AHS	P	Michelle Boland	P	Alexandra Thompson
E	Humna Ahmad -RHS	P	Shane Desilets		
P	Joshua Jiwanmall -RHS	P	Aditya Gaiki	Alternates	
P	Pranav Krishnamoorthi -SSHS	P	Parsa Karamat	E	Paige Barrella
P	Om Patel -SSHS	P	Annie Kroll	E	Grace Fausett
P	Nick Judge-SVHS	P	Riya Manimaran	E	Yicheng "Tobby" Zheng
E	Sneha Sundaram -SVHS	P	Chandler Nelson	P = Present E = Excused A = Absent V = Vacant	
P	Gaurav "Gary" Pandher-HMS	P	France Salvanera		
P	Delany James - SMS	P*	Anna Sorensen		
P	Ashlyn Ro-VVMS	P	Nikhita Sundarapandian		
*Arrived after approval of the minutes					

Staff: Kristin Tignac, Youth Council Coordinator.

Guest: Robbie Hidalgo, Vice President of Simi at the Garden

2. Agenda Review

There being no objections, the agenda was approved as presented.

3. Approval of Minutes

ACTION: A motion to approve the September 18, 2018, minutes as revised to reflect that Anna Sorensen had attended the City Council Meeting with Chandler Nelson to help accept the Suicide Prevention and Stop Bullying Month proclamations as mentioned during the Coordinator's Report was made by Joshua Jiwanmall and seconded by Gary Pandher.

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

The motion passed.

4. Correspondence

Ms. Tignac announced that she had received correspondence from the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute offering Youth Council members 50 percent off the registration fee to attend the Reagan Leadership Summit on October 12 and October 13, 2018.

Ms. Tignac stated that she had also received correspondence from the Free Clinic of Simi Valley's 5k/10K Run offering \$5.00 off for those wishing to run or walk in the race. Those interested in registering for the run were asked to enter FREE2018 in the coupon code section when submitting registration materials on www.freeclinicsv.com.

Ms. Tignac announced that she received correspondence from the staff at the Simi Valley Public Library gaging interest in the Youth Council participating in an after-Library-hours dance in December.

Ms. Tignac stated that she had also received correspondence from a teacher at Moorpark High School to coordinate the sweet potato harvesting with her special needs class and a member of the Youth Council.

5. Public Statements/Comments

Robbie Hidalgo announced that the Ventura County Behavioral Health Department had launched an online survey as a way to conduct a mental health needs assessment of county residents. He stated that Simi Valley residents were encouraged to submit an online survey by visiting www.wellnesseveryday.org as soon as possible.

6. Informational Presentation

PACER's National Bullying Prevention Center by Judy French

Due to unforeseen circumstances, Ms. French was unable to attend the meeting.

7. Continued Business

- a. Discussion of Bullying Prevention Campaign, including the Awareness Event in Collaboration with the Simi Valley Public Library on Thursday, October 11, 2018

Nick Judge reported that Simi Valley High School held their Stop Bullying pledge on Friday, September 28, 2018. He also stated that the Cool to be Kind club would be creating a botanical rock garden with painted rocks.

The following Youth Council members had previously volunteered to coordinate and run the Stop Bullying Pledge at the Free Clinic of Simi Valley's Fredrick Michael Gibson 5k/10k run for Depression Awareness and Tooth Fairy 1k kids' fun run and Community Health Expo on Saturday, October 13, 2018, at the Simi Valley Town Center:

7:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. shift: Joshua Jiwanmall, Riya Manimaran and Nikhita Sundarapandian.

9:45 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. shift: Humna Ahmad, Pranav Krishnamoorthi and Om Patel; and, as social media photographers Shane Desilets and Nick Judge.

- b. Discussion of the Simi Valley Community Garden's Citywide Hunger Project @SocialFeed's Harvest Collection on Saturday, October 6, 2018

The following Youth Council members provided status updates on contacting their respective schools' leadership programs or clubs to coordinate an @SocialFeed sweet potato donation drive during the week of October 8, 2018:

- Santa Susana High School - Paige Barrella and Parsa Karamat reported that the Young Social Activists Club (YSAC) club had committed to coordinating the sweet potato drive; and
- Valley View Middle School – Ashlyn Ro stated that she would be coordinating the donation drive at her school.

The following Youth Council members volunteered to help at the @SocialFeed donation collections sites on Saturday, October 6, 2018 (revised from September 4, 2018 Youth Council meeting):

Vons at 1855 Cochran Street – From 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. – Humna Ahmad and Toby Zheng; and from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. – Pranav Krishnamoorthi, Riya Manimaran, Om Patel and Nikhita Sundarapandian.

Vons Pavilions at 2938 Tapo Canyon Road - From 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. – Paige Barrella, Shane Desilets, Parsa Karamat, Ashlyn Ro and Frances Salvanera; and from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Joshua Jiwanmall and three other volunteers from Royal High School's Key Club.

8. New Business

- a. Discussion of Youth Council Participation at the Reagan Leadership Summit; Uniting the Divide on Friday, October 12, 2108

Ms. Tignac stated that the Youth Council had an opportunity to participate as an exhibitor at their Reagan Leader Summit; Uniting the Divide on Friday, October 12, 2018, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. She also stated that the \$250 booth fee would be waived. Up to two Youth Council representatives were needed if the Youth Council elected to participate to promote the Youth Council program and upcoming events.

ACTION: A motion to approve the Youth Council's participation as an exhibitor at Reagan Leadership Summit; Uniting the Divide on Friday, October 12, 2108, was made by Annie Kroll and seconded by Chandler Nelson.

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

The motion passed.

Nick Judge and Chandler Nelson volunteered to represent the Youth Council at the booth in the Exhibit Hall.

b. Discussion of Youth Council Reminders

Nick Judge led the discussion on behalf of Sergeant-at-arms Sneha Sundaram. He stated that the Remind application (app) was the preferred method to remind students of school work and upcoming events, so Ms. Sundaram was recommending that app as the method for her to remind Youth Council members of future Youth Council meetings.

Members asked if they could receive Remind messages on to their emails instead of a text message to their cellular phone. Mr. Judge stated that when signing up for Remind online to indicate their preference on how reminders are received.

Mr. Gaiki and Mr. Nelson stated that they would need reminders sent via email.

ACTION: A motion to approve using the Remind App for future Youth Council meeting reminders by the Sergeant-at-Arms was made by Michelle Boland and seconded by Alex Thompson.

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

The motion passed unanimously.

Action Item: Sneha Sundaram to send Youth Council members instructions on how to sign up for Remind.

c. Selection of the Top Three Preferred 2019 Youth Summit Motivational Speakers

Nick Judge, Youth Summit Chair, stated that the Youth Summit Committee had met and developed a list of seven potential motivational speakers, with the committee's top three choices of Robert Rosenberg, Annika Pasetta and Allyson Felix.

ACTION: A motion to approve Robert Rosenberg, Annika Pasetta and Allyson Felix as the top three ranked choices for the 2019 Youth Summit Motivational Speaker was made by Annie Kroll and seconded by Parsa Karamat.

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

The motion passed.

d. Discussion of the 2018-19 Youth Council Work Plan

Youth Council members discussed issues and problems that Simi Valley youth are faced with that Youth Council can tackle. Nick Judge led members in a brainstorm activity. Members then completed a dot vote, highlighting the top problems thought most important.

After much discussion, the following seven issues were voted as the most prominent for Youth Council to consider including in their work plan:

1. Overall Health (mental and physical)

2. Education (high school and college)
3. Employment
4. Drug and Alcohol Awareness
5. Racism
6. Bullying/Cyberbullying

Other issues that did not receive as many votes, but are still notable are as follows; physical violence, lack of Youth Council Advertisement (awareness), natural disaster relief, homelessness, extracurricular activities, crime, litter/trash, graffiti, smoking on school campuses, and fundraisers.

The following Youth Council members volunteered to serve on the Social Media Committee; Joshua Jiwanmall, Nick Judge, Parsa Karamat, Pranav Krishnamoorthi, Annie Kroll, Riya Manimaran, Chandler Nelson, Om Patel, Nikhita Sundarapandian

ACTION: A motion to approve the Social Media Committee as listed above was made by Anna Sorensen and seconded by Aditya Gaiki.

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

The motion passed.

Due to time constraints, Mrs. Tignac stated that the Youth Council would continue its Work Plan development during the October 16, 2018 Youth Council meeting.

9. Representative Reports

Youth Council Reports and Comments

Nick Judge stated that he dined at the new Burgerim restaurant on Madera Road and reported that the food was very good.

10. Coordinator's Report

Ms. Tignac thanked everyone for their help with the Rock Painting Night on September 20, 2018. More than 150 people of all ages attended the event and numerous requests were received to do another rock painting night in the future.

11. Adjournment: Tuesday, October 16, 2018, 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., City Hall Community Room.

Youth Council Vice Chair Pranav Krishnamoorthi adjourned the meeting at 6:22 p.m.