



SIMI VALLEY YOUTH COUNCIL
Tuesday, April 16, 2019, 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 Ventura County Continuum of Care (VC CoC) Youth Homelessness
 - b. Review and Approval of the 2019 Youth Summit Debrief
 - c. Discussion of May as Mental Health Awareness Month
 - d. Discussion of the Talent Show on Friday, May 31, 2019
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 21, 2019, 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., in the 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

Youth Council Chair Humna Ahmad called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m., and Secretary Om Patel took attendance, verifying that a quorum was present.

Selection Districts		Members-At-Large			
A	Charo Matos-AHS	E	Michelle Boland	E	Alexandra Thompson
P	Humna Ahmad -RHS	P	Shane Desilets		
P	Joshua Jiwanmall -RHS	P	Aditya Gaiki	Alternates	
P	Pranav Krishnamoorthi-SSHS	P	Parsa Karamat	P	Paige Barrella
P	Om Patel -SSHS	P	Annie Kroll	P*	Grace Fausett
P*	Nick Judge-SVHS	P	Riya Manimaran	P	Yicheng "Tobby" Zheng
P	Sneha Sundaram -SVHS	P	Chandler Nelson	P = Present E = Excused A = Absent V = Vacant	
P	Gaurav "Gary" Pandher-HMS	P	Frances 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

Guests: Abhishek (AJ) Jagannathan; Faylyn and Josie Hirsch.

2. Agenda Review

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

3. Approval of Minutes

ACTION: A motion to approve the March 19, 2019, minutes as written was made by Chandler Nelson and seconded by Annie Kroll.

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

The motion passed.

4. Correspondence

Ms. Tignac stated that correspondence received from the Simi at the Garden (Garden) inviting the Youth Council to participate in its April 28, 2019 Earth Day event at the Garden from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The Simi Valley Historical Society at Strathearn Park invited Youth Council, their families and the entire community to attend the Simi Valley Time Warp event from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., on Saturday, April 27, 2019, at the Strathearn Historical Park and Museum to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Simi Valley's incorporation.

Ms. Tignac announced that she had spoken with staff at the Simi Valley Animal Shelter to arrange a date to drop off donations received during the Youth Summit.

5. Public Statements/Comments

AJ greeted the Youth Council and stated his interest in becoming a Youth Council member next term.

6. Continued Business

No continued business was discussed.

7. New Business

a. 2019 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.

Youth Council members shared a positive comment regarding the 2019 Youth Summit and one recommendation to improve the 2020 Youth Summit.

Ms. Tignac reminded the Youth Council that they are expected to debrief the City Council on issues and concerns identified during the 2019 Youth Summit. Youth Council members discussed clarifications to their selected top issues of concern and related solutions.

ACTION: A motion to approve the top prioritized issues and proposed solutions identified during the 2019 Youth Summit to be presented to the City Council was made by Grace Fausett and seconded by Annie Kroll.

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

The motion passed.

The following prioritized issues and proposed solutions will be presented to the City Council:

1. Group Topic: Social Injustice

Issue: Negative attitudes and behavior toward those whose opinions, beliefs, racial or ethnic origins, etc. differ from their own.

Solution: To increase tolerance and/or acceptance of others, host an acceptance week combining the ideas of Simi Valley High School's International Week and Royal High School's Kindness Week into one, preferably during the month of October 2019 to coincide with national Stop Bullying Month.

2. Group Topics: Substance Abuse and Crime

Issue: Significant increase in teen vaping use

Solution: Recommend that the Simi Valley City Council ban e-cigarettes and vaping products in Simi Valley.

3. Group Topic: Education
Issue: Limited life skills education for ninth grade students
Solution: Enhance life skills training in ninth grade to include items such as; interviewing skills, college and vocational training options, and career exposure.
4. Group Topic : Homelessness
Issue: Unemployment and current work history
Solution: Staff homeless shelters with those experiencing homelessness; thus creating jobs and recent work history.
5. Group Topic: Social Injustice
Issue: Lack of awareness of current mentor programs available that teach awareness, acceptance and respectfulness
Solution: Increase awareness of programs, such as the Friday Night Live Mentoring (FNLM) that matches high school students in mentoring students from middle schools.

Ms. Tignac reported that Youth Council event volunteer Gloria Bowman, after hearing the idea discussed during the Youth Summit breakout sessions for a multicultural day, had stated that she would be presenting the idea to hold a multicultural day event to the Cultural Arts Center Foundation on Wednesday, April 10, 2019.

ACTION: A motion to approve the Youth Council's support of the Cultural Arts Center Foundation hosting a Multicultural Day event was made by Annie Kroll and seconded by Shane Desilets.

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

The motion passed.

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

Ms. Tignac gave a brief overview of the Youth Council recruitment process. Current Youth Council members interested in applying should submit their applications before the Friday, April 19, 2019, application deadline.

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 for high school students and hardcopy applications for middle school students.

As out-going Youth Council members, the following stated an interest in serving on the Interview Sub-committee for returning Youth Council members: Humna Ahmad, Joshua Jiwanmall, Nick Judge, Pranav Krishnamoorthi, and Annie Kroll.

If nominated to serve on the 2019-20 Youth Council, the following members stated an interest in serving on the Interview Panel to interview new Youth Council applicants: Paige Barrella, Shane Desilets, Parsa Karamat, Riya Manimaran, Chandler Nelson, Om Patel, Ashlyn Ro, Frances Salvanera, Anna Sorensen, Sneha Sundaram, Nikhita Sundarapandian, and Toby Zheng.

- c. Discussion Regarding Cancellation of the May 7, 2019, Youth Council Meeting

After a brief discussion, the majority of members stated that they would not be available to attend the May 7, 2019, Youth Council meeting.

ACTION: A motion to approve cancelling the May 7, 2019, Youth Council meeting was made by Joshua Jiwanmall and seconded by Paige Barrella.

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

The motion passed.

8. Representative Reports

Youth Council Reports and Comments

Nick Judge presented pins on behalf of City Council Member Mike Judge as a special gift for doing an exceptional job running the 18th annual Youth Summit.

9. Coordinator's Report

Ms. Tignac stated that Frances Salvanera and Nikhita Sundarapandian would be participating in the Youth Council cohort for the Reagan Summer Leadership Program for the third session beginning on July 8, 2019.

Ms. Tignac reminded Youth Council members to promote the Youth Council recruitment for the 2019-20 term.

Ms. Tignac announced that the Talent Show audition applications and videos were due by Friday, April 26, 2019. The online form would go live by April 5, 2019.

10. Adjournment: Tuesday, April 16, 2019, 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., in the City Hall Community Room.

Youth Council Chair Humna Ahmad adjourned the meeting at 6:16 p.m.