

## 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  
Discussion of the Talent Show on Friday, May 31, 2019
7. New Business
  - a. Discussion of the Ventura County Public Health Tobacco Policy Program for Best Practices and Research on Proposing a Policy to Restrict E-cigarettes and Vaping Products in Public Areas in Simi Valley
  - b. Discussion of the Expansion of a Reagan Leadership Service Project
  - c. Discussion of Potential Date for the 2020 Simi Valley Youth Summit
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: \*Monday, June 3, 2019, 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., in Simi Valley Public Library, Community Room. Please note special date and meeting location change.

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_

Anna M. Medina  
Deputy Community Services Director

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**CITY OF SIMI VALLEY**

DRAFT MINUTES

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Acting Youth Council Chair Chandler Nelson called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m., and 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	
E	Pranav Krishnamoorthi-SSHS	E	Parsa Karamat	E	Paige Barrella
E	Om Patel -SSHS	P	Annie Kroll	P*	Grace Fausett
P*	Nick Judge-SVHS	P	Riya Manimaran	P	Yicheng "Tobby" Zheng
E	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	E	Nikhita Sundarapandian		
*Arrived after approval of the minutes					

Staff: Kristin Tignac, Youth Council Coordinator

Guests: City Council Member Ruth Luevanos, Jennifer Harkey; Students Ella McCrossan, Josh Chandran, and Faylyn Hirsch.

2. Agenda Review

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

3. Approval of Minutes

**ACTION:** A motion to approve the April 2, 2019, minutes as written was made by Aditya Gaiki and seconded by Joshua Jiwanmall.

**Youth Council vote: 14 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstentions**

**The motion passed.**

4. Correspondence

Ms. Tignac stated that correspondence was received from the coordinator of the Ventura Council Public Health Tobacco Policy Program to coordinate a meeting to discuss the potential E-products ban in existing tobacco free zones.

Ms. Tignac reported that the Simi Valley Chamber of Commerce had coordinated with the City of Simi Valley to again have space allotted at the Simi Valley Street Fair on Saturday, May 4, 2019, for the City's 2019 EXPO. A booth had been designated for city youth programs, including Youth Council.

5. Public Statements/Comments

The following students interested in applying for the 2019-20 Youth Council term introduced themselves as follows: Ella McCrossan, seventh grade student from Sinaloa Middle School; Josh Chandran, ninth grade student from Simi Valley High School; and Ms. Amber, ninth grade student from Royal High School.

Council Member Luevanos announced that the Samaritan Center of Simi Valley was in the early stages of planning a Panel Discussion on Homelessness and had requested that she mention it to Youth Council members that may be interested in volunteering on the planning committee for the event. She stated that at that time, no date had been set yet for the event.

6. Continued Business

No continued business was discussed.

7. New Business

a. Discussion of Ventura County Continuum of Care (VC CoC) Youth Homelessness

VC CoC Program Administrator Jennifer Harkey stated that the VC CoC Alliance is a collaborative group dedicated to promoting a safe, desirable and thriving community by ending homelessness in Ventura County. Ms. Harkey gave a brief overview of the VC CoC program, where funding comes from, and services provided.

Ms. Harkey stated that the Alliance would be applying for a youth homeless demonstration grant and was in the process of gathering data. She announced that the Alliance would host a focus group for youth ages 13 to 24 years old that had previously experienced homelessness from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., on Monday, April 22, 2019, in Oxnard. Those interested in additional details were encouraged to email [jennifer.harkey@ventura.org](mailto:jennifer.harkey@ventura.org).

Additionally, Ms. Harkey stated that they would eventually be seeking volunteers to serve on a Youth Action Board to provide feedback on programming ideas.

Youth Council members provided feedback on the Alliance's idea of establishing certified host homes for emancipated minors that were being released from juvenile probation and recommendations on what manner a drop-in center should look like.

b. Review and Approval of the 2019 Youth Summit Debrief

Youth Council members reviewed the draft version of the Youth Summit debrief along with supplemental attachments.

Youth Council members recommended a few minor revisions including, adding "Bullying" along with Social Injustice as the group topics for the first prioritized issue on Attachment B, as both groups discussed the same

issue and developed the solution of hosting a positivity or acceptance week, and include the term “exposure” to describe to focus of that event.

**ACTION:** A motion to approve the 2019 Youth Summit Debrief with minor revisions listed above to be presented to the City Council was made by Anna Sorensen and seconded by Annie Kroll.

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

**The motion passed.**

c. Discussion of May as Mental Health Awareness Month

Youth Council members discussed ideas to incorporate in a Mental Health Awareness campaign, including the following:

- Spotighting a few mental health illnesses, symptoms, when to seek help along with resources for depression, bipolar disorder, OCD, PTSD, and anxiety.
- Promoting the Mental Health Panel that Youth Council Chair Humna Ahmad was co-hosting at Royal High School on Wednesday, May 22, 2019
- Distributing Mental Health resources on Saturday, May 4, 2019, at the Youth Council booth at the 2019 City Expo in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce’s Simi Valley Street Fair.
- Researching to place flyers at Simi Valley Public Library and giving to school’s regarding mental health resources.

**ACTION:** A motion to approve the Youth Council Mental Health Awareness Month campaign as listed above was made by Alexandra Thompson and seconded by Grace Fausett.

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

**The motion passed.**

d. Discussion of the Talent Show on Friday, May 31, 2019

Ms. Tignac stated that Youth Council members needed to do outreach to peers to promote the Talent Show audition applications. She stated that those interested in auditioning needed to visit [www.simivalley.org/talentshow](http://www.simivalley.org/talentshow) to apply before the April 26, 2019 deadline.

Council Member Luevanos recommended contacting Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, and local dance groups.

8. Representative Reports

Youth Council Reports and Comments

Annie Kroll requested that the Youth Council agendize a discussion of the Ventura County Public Health Tobacco Policy to research best practices for tobacco and vaping free public spaces.

Chandler Nelson announced that he would be competing with his Grace Brethren Robotics team in a VEX Worlds Championship in Kentucky over Easter weekend.

9. Coordinator's Report

Ms. Tignac reminded Youth Council members to continue to promote the Youth Council recruitment noting that applications could be submitted online at [www.simivalley.org/YouthCouncilApp](http://www.simivalley.org/YouthCouncilApp) for high school students and hardcopy applications for middle school students were available at their schools. All applications must be received by the Friday, April 26, 2019 deadline.

Ms. Tignac reminded Youth Council members to meet at 4:30 p.m., on Wednesday, April 24, 2019, at the Simi Valley Animal Shelter to present the pet adoption center donations collected at the 2019 Simi Valley Youth Summit. Ms. Tignac asked members to wear their Youth Council polo shirts for a planned group photo.

Ms. Tignac reminded members that the next regular Youth Council meeting would be held in five weeks.

10. Adjournment: Tuesday, May 21, 2019, 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., in the City Hall Community Room.

Acting Youth Council Chair Chandler Nelson adjourned the meeting at 6:14 p.m.