



SIMI VALLEY YOUTH COUNCIL
Tuesday, September 17, 2019, *4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
City Hall Community Room
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AGENDA
*Special Meeting Time

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance
2. Welcome/Introduction of Youth Council Members
3. 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.
4. Approval of Minutes
5. Correspondence
6. 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.
7. Information Presentation
Introduction of City Council Liaisons to the Youth Council
8. Continued Business
 - a. Discussion of Suicide Prevention Campaign, including Rock Painting Night: Messages of Hope Event in Collaboration with the Simi Valley Public Library on Thursday, September 26, 2019
 - b. Discussion of Bullying Prevention Campaign, including A Multi-Cultural Festival Event in Collaboration with the Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center Foundation
9. New Business
 - a. Scheduling and Appointment of Youth Council Presenters to City Council on September 23, October 14 and November 18
 - b. Discussion of the 2019 Youth Council Cohort Ronald Reagan Student Leadership Program Action Plan



10. 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.

11. Coordinator's Report

12. Adjournment: Tuesday, October 1, 2019, 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., City Hall Community Room.



Anna M. Medina
Deputy Community Services Director

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DRAFT MINUTES

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Acting Youth Council Chair Ashley Kilmnick called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m., and Acting Secretary Om Patel took attendance verifying that a quorum was present.

Selection Districts		Members-At-Large			
V	Vacant-AHS	P	Joshua Chandran	P	Tashya Vakil
P	Riya Manimaran-RHS	P	Xiaoze "Leo" Hou	Alternates	
P	Anna Sorensen-RHS	P	Abigail Jiwanmall	P	Ashley Kilmnick
P	Paige Barrella-SSHS	E	Daniella Jones	P	Ella McCrossan
P	Om Patel-SSHS	P	Parsa Karamat	P	Ze "Daniel" Situ
P	Ashlyn Ro-SVHS	P	Rahul Naveen	Youth Council Cohort	
P	Sneha Sundaram-SVHS	P	Chandler Nelson	E	Grace Fausett
P	Abishek AJ Jagannathan-HMS	P	Ian Nelson	E	Nikhita Sundarapandian
P	Meghna Behera- SMS	E	Frances Salvanera	P = Present E = Excused A = Absent V = Vacant	
V	Vacant-VVMS	P	Vivek Tarapara		
*Arrived after approval of the minutes					

Staff: Kristin Tignac, Youth Council Coordinator.

Guests: City Council Member Ruth Luevanos and student Kalyssa Ro.

2. Welcome/Introduction of Youth Council Members

Acting Youth Council Chair Anna Sorensen welcomed Youth Council members and guests. All members participated in two brief icebreaker activities led by Anna Sorensen and Sneha Sundaram.

3. Agenda Review

The agenda was approved as presented.

4. Approval of Minutes

Acting Youth Council Chair Parsa Karamat asked members if they had reviewed the minutes from August 20, 2019 then asked for a motion to approve.

ACTION: A motion to approve the August 20, 2019, minutes as written was made by Anna Sorensen and seconded by Chandler Nelson.

Youth Council vote: 20 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstentions

The motion passed.

5. Correspondence

Acting Youth Council Chair Paige Barrella asked staff and members if they had received any correspondence for Youth Council. No correspondence had been received.

6. Public Statements/Comments

Acting Youth Council Chair Abigail Jiwanmall explained that time was allotted for public statements and comments. She also stated that public statements and comments were limited to five minutes per speaker.

City Council Member Ruth Luevanos greeted the 2019-20 Youth Council. She stated that with the Youth Council's upcoming Suicide Prevention and Stop Bullying Months' campaigns, she offered to share teacher resources, as well as lists of anti bullying, diversity, and tolerance building films and book titles, such as J. K. Rowling's Harry Potter series.

7. Continued Business

- a. Discussion of Suicide Prevention Campaign, including Rock Painting Night: Messages of Hope Event in Collaboration with the Simi Valley Public Library on Thursday, September 26, 2019

The following Youth Council members volunteered to represent the Youth Council in accepting the September as Suicide Prevention Month proclamation during the September 9, 2019 City Council Meeting: Joshua Chandran, Ashley Kilmnick, Rahul Naveen, Chandler Nelson, Ian Nelson, Anna Sorensen and Sneha Sundaram.

The following Youth Council members volunteered to run the Rock Painting Night on Thursday, September 26, 2019 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., on the Rose Garden Patio at the Simi Valley Public Library: Paige Barrella, Meghna Behera, Joshua Chandran, Leo Hou, AJ Jagannathan, Abigail Jiwanmall, Parsa Karamat, Ashley Kilmnick, Riya Manimaran, Ella McCrossan, Rahul Naveen, Chandler Nelson, Ian Nelson, Om Patel, Ashlyn Ro, Daniel Situ, Anna Sorensen, and Vivek Tarapara.

Action Item: Ms. Tignac to forward the teacher resources to all Youth Council members once she receives them from Council Member Luevanos.

- b. Discussion of Bullying Prevention Campaign, including A Multicultural Festival Event in Collaboration with the Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center Foundation on Saturday, October 5, 2019

Ms. Tignac announced that the Multicultural Festival Event needed to be postponed to the spring to allow adequate time to coordinate a successful event.

Multicultural Festival Event Committee Chair Chandler Nelson led a discussion on selecting the theme days for Inclusivity Week. The following days were selected for the Inclusivity Week beginning on October 7, 2019:

- Monday, October 7 – “Mix It Up Monday” where students will be encouraged to sit and eat lunch with someone they have never met before or don’t know well. We’ll also want to have a world map posted for students to put dots on to indicate their ancestry/heritage (up all week or one day depending on school preference);
- Tuesday, October 8 – “Tie Dye Tuesday” where students will be asked to wear tie dyed shirts or accessories;
- Wednesday, October 9 – school is out for the observance of Yom Kippur;
- Thursday, October 10 – “Trivia Thursday” where students will be encouraged to take a google quiz on their knowledge of different cultural traditions, languages, and more; and
- Friday, October 11 – “Food Friday” where students will be asked to share family favorite recipes of traditional heritage dishes.

Additionally, students will be asked to share photos on Instagram tagging #InclusivityWeek2019.

Students will also have the opportunity to anonymously indicate their personal ancestry locations on a world map to be displayed on school campuses.

Action Items: The following students volunteered to request authorization from school administrators or Associated Student Body coordinators at their respective schools to organize Inclusivity Week theme days: Meghna Behera, Sinaloa Middle School; Chandler Nelson, Grace Brethren Junior/Senior High School; AJ Jagannathan, Hillside Middle School; Rahul Naveen, Oak Park High School; Parsa Karamat, Santa Susana High School; Ashley Kilmnick, Simi Valley High School; and Riya Manimaran, Royal High School.. Leadership classes or on-campus clubs may also be asked to help coordinate Inclusivity Week.

- c. Discussion of Youth Council Participation in Upcoming City of Simi Valley’s 50 Years of Service Events on September 5, September 21, and October 12, 2019

The following Youth Council members volunteered to help and represent the Youth Council at the following City of Simi Valley 50 years of service celebration events:

Thursday, September 5, 2019 free Country Western Dance Lesson night from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at 99.1 the Ranch radio station – Paige Barrella, Ashley Kilmnick, Rahul Naveen, Ashlyn Ro, Anna Sorensen and Sneha Sundaram

Saturday, September 21, 2019 Barn Dance and Dinner from 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., at the Strathearn Historical Park and Museum – Parsa Karamat, Ashley Kilmnick, Chandler Nelson, Om Patel, Anna Sorensen, Sneha Sundaram, and Vivek Tarapara.

Saturday, October 12, 2019, Anniversary Celebration from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., at the Simi Valley Civic Center – all Youth Council members.

8. New Business

a. Officer Duties and Election of Youth Council Officers

Ms. Tignac gave a brief overview of the Youth Council Officer's duties and responsibilities.

The following Youth Council members volunteered to serve as Chair: Paige Barrella, Om Patel, Anna Sorensen, and Sneha Sundaram. Paige Barrella received the most votes and was selected as Chair.

The following Youth Council members volunteered to serve as Vice Chair: Om Patel, Anna Sorensen, and Sneha Sundaram. Om Patel received the most votes and was selected as Vice Chair.

The following Youth Council members volunteered to serve as Sergeant-at-Arms: Chandler Nelson ran unopposed; therefore he was selected as Sergeant-at-Arms.

The following Youth Council members volunteered to serve as Secretary: Ashley Kilmnick, Riya Manimaran and Tashya Vakil. Riya Manimaran received the most votes and was selected as Secretary.

The following Youth Council members volunteered to serve as Treasurer: Parsa Karamat, Anna Sorensen and Sneha Sundaram. Parsa Karamat received the most votes and was selected as Treasurer.

ACTION: A motion to approve Paige Barrella as Youth Council Chair, Om Patel as Vice Chair, Chandler Nelson as Sergeant-at-Arms, Riya Manimaran as Secretary and Parsa Karamat as Treasurer was made by Vivek Tarapara and seconded by Ella McCrossan.

Youth Council vote: 19 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstentions

The motion passed.

b. Selection of the 2020 Youth Summit Committee

Youth Council Chair Paige Barrella gave a brief history of the Youth Summit Committee.

The following Youth Council members were selected as the 2020 Youth Summit Committee: Parsa Karamat, Ashley Kilmnick, Rahul Naveen, Chandler Nelson, Om Patel, Anna Sorensen, Sneha Sundaram, Vivek Tarapara and Tashya Vakil.

The following Youth Council members volunteered to be alternates for the 2020 Youth Summit Committee: Abigail Jiwanmall, Leo Hou, Joshua Chandran, Ian Nelson, Ella McCrossan, Ashlyn Ro, Daniel Situ and Meghna Behera.

ACTION: A motion to approve the 2020 Youth Summit Committee as presented above was made by Ashlyn Ro and seconded by Ian Nelson.

Youth Council vote: 19 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstentions

The motion passed.

- c. Discussion of Youth Council Participation as a Historic Home Sponsor at the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District's 3rd Annual Heritage Halloween and Movie in the Park on Saturday, October 19, 2019

Ms. Tignac stated that the Youth Council had an opportunity to again sponsor a historic home for youth to trick-or-treat at during the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District's 3rd Annual Heritage Halloween and Movie in the Park event on Saturday, October 19, 2019, at Strathearn Historical Park. Ms. Tignac stated that sponsorship was free and Youth Council members would be allowed to decorate a small area in front of their assigned building.

After a brief discussion, the following Youth Council members volunteered to attend and hand out candies to young trick-or-treaters: Paige Barrella, Rahul Naveen, Chandler Nelson, Ian Nelson and Anna Sorensen.

The following Youth Council members stated they would check their schedules regarding availability: Meghna Behera, Joshua Chandran, Leo Hou, AJ Jagannathan, Parsa Karamat, Ashlyn Kilmnick, Ella McCrossan, Ashlyn Ro, Daniel Situ, Sneha Sundaram and Vivek Tarapara.

ACTION: A motion to approve the Youth Council's participation as a historic home sponsor at the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District's 3rd Annual Heritage Halloween and Movie in the Park on Saturday, October 19, 2019, and to have volunteers dress up in costumes was made by AJ Jagannathan and seconded by Meghna Behera.

Youth Council vote: 19 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstentions

The motion passed.

- d. Selection of Youth Council Representative to the Youth Employment Service Advisory Board

Anna Sorensen and Ashley Kilmnick volunteered to serve to serve as Youth Council representative to the Youth Employment Service (YES) Advisory Board. Anna Sorensen received the most votes and was selected as the representative and Ashley Kilmnick as the alternate.

ACTION: A motion to approve Anna Sorensen as Youth Council representative to the YES Advisory Board with Ashley Kilmnick as the alternate was made by Abigail Jiwanmall and seconded by Leo Hou.

Youth Council vote: 19 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstentions

The motion passed.

- e. Discussion of Youth Council Polo Shirts

Youth Council members discussed what would be the preferred color of polo shirt to select for the 2019-20 Youth Council term.

ACTION: A motion to approve selecting black as the color for the Youth Council polo shirts for the 2019-20 Youth Council term was made by Sneha Sundaram and seconded by Daniel Situ.

Youth Council vote: 17 Ayes; 2 Noes; 0 Abstentions

The motion passed.

9. Representative Reports

Youth Council Reports and Comments

Paige Barrella announced that Santa Susana High School's Senior Class fundraiser would be held on Friday, September 6, 2019 from 12:00 p.m. until close of business at Boba Time.

Om Patel announced that a fundraiser for the Simi Valley Police Department Explorer Post 2910 would be held on Friday, September 6, 2019, at the Canyon Club in Agoura Hills. Tickets for the country western music lineup were available for \$20.00 per ticket.

Anna Sorensen announced that Friday, September 6, 2019 would be a wear Hawaiian day for school spirit at Royal High School.

10. Coordinator's Report

Ms. Tignac reminded Youth Council members that had volunteered to greet attendees at Thursday, September 5, 2019 free Barn Dance Lessons to arrive by 6:00 p.m., at 99.1 the Ranch radio station.

11. Adjournment: Tuesday, September 17, 2019, 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., City Hall Community Room. Please note the special meeting time.

By consensus, the Youth Council meeting was adjourned at 6:14 p.m.