



SIMI VALLEY YOUTH COUNCIL

Tuesday, November 19, 2019, 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

City Hall Community Room

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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
 - a. Discussion of the 2020 Youth Town Hall
 - b. Discussion of the Location for the 2020 Youth Summit
7. New Business
 - a. Selection of the Decoration Theme for the Wreath for the Simi Valley Festival of Trees
 - b. Selection of the 2020 Youth Summit Theme
 - c. Discussion and Selection of the 2020 Youth Summit Community Service Project
 - d. Discussion and Selection of Committees to Address the 2019-20 Youth Council Work Plan
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



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10. Adjournment: Tuesday, December 3, 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/Welcome

Youth Council Chair Paige Barrella called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m., and Acting Secretary Ashley Kilmnick took attendance verifying that a quorum was present.

Selection Districts		Members-At-Large			
V	Vacant-AHS	P	Joshua Chandran	P	Tashya Vakil
E	Riya Manimaran-RHS	P	Xiaoze "Leo" Hou	Alternates	
E	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	Abhishek AJ Jagannathan-HMS	P	Ian Nelson	E	Nikhita Sundarapandian
P	Meghna Behera- SMS	P	Frances Salvanera	P = Present E = Excused A = Absent V = Vacant	
P	Kalyssa Ro-VVMS	P	Vivek Tarapara		
*Arrived after approval of the minutes					

Staff: Anna Medina, Deputy Community Services Director; Kristin Tignac, Youth Council Coordinator.

Guests: City Council Member Ruth Luevanos, Liaison to the Youth Council; Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute representatives Rebekah Harding, Associate Director of Learning and Engagement, and Ruben Lugo, Student Leadership Program Coordinator.

2. Agenda Review

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

3. Approval of Minutes

ACTION: A motion to approve the October 15, 2019, minutes as written was made by Chandler Nelson and seconded by Sneha Sundaram.

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

The motion passed.

4. Correspondence

Ms. Tignac stated that she had received correspondence from Nikki Collier on behalf of Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District (RSRPD) Board Member and Royal High School teacher Brian Dennert, inviting Youth Council members to attend a future RSRPD Board of Directors meeting, with the next two meetings scheduled on Thursday, November 21, 2019, and Thursday, December 5, 2019.

Ms. Tignac also stated that she received an email from RSRPD Strathearn Historical Park Site Director Carolyn Valdez, thanking Youth Council members for volunteering at their Dia de los Muertos event on October 27, 2019, at Strathearn Historical Park.

Ms. Tignac also reminded Youth Council members that correspondence was received from Ranna Battocchio, Entertainment Chair for the annual Simi Valley Festival of Trees that raises money to help cancer patients and their families. Ms. Tignac stated that Youth Council was invited to participate by donating a decorated wreath or tree.

5. Public Statements/Comments

Council Member Luevanos and Liaison to the Youth Council stated that she had spoken to State Senator Henry Stern on November 4, 2019, regarding a Public Hearing scheduled on November 18, 2019 regarding Southern California Edison's Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS) and issues surrounding them. Council Member Luevanos asked Youth Council members to contact her directly regarding feedback.

6. Continued Business

a. Discussion of the 2020 Youth Town Hall

Rebekah Harding and Ruben Lugo, with the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute, gave a brief background of the annual Youth Town Hall, a student-centered, student-led event.

Ms. Harding reported that she and Mr. Lugo had attended the Simi Valley Unified School District's (SVUSD) Principals' meeting to announce the panel topics public safety, with emphasis on substance abuse and vaping. She stated they received positive feedback as both of the selected topics were of high priority for the District.

Youth Council members discussed and made recommendations for potential panel speakers with field expertise, including State Senator Henry Stern, Simi Valley Police Chief Dr. David Livingstone, Not One More President Pat Montoya, SVUSD Superintendent Dr. Jason Peplinski, a School Resource Officer or medical expert such as a physician or nurse.

Council Member Luevanos recommended a youth trauma counselor she knows based in Camarillo.

Ms. Harding asked Youth Council members to select a date for the Youth Town Hall auditions in December. Members agreed to hold the auditions during their upcoming Youth Council meeting on Tuesday, December 17, 2019, to be held at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Museum.

Ms. Harding stated that Youth Council members were also tasked with selecting the menu choice for the luncheon.

Ms. Harding announced that the Reagan Leadership Summit would be held on Friday, December 20, 2019. Registration for this free event would be available online the week of November 12, 2019.

b. Discussion of the 2019-20 Youth Council Work Plan

Each Work Plan Topic team selected a representative to present their brainstormed issues and solutions from the October 15 Youth Council meeting. Youth Council members then completed a dot vote to rank the issues and corresponding solutions.

ACTION: A motion to approve the 2019-20 Youth Council Work Plan presented below was made by Ian Nelson and seconded by Daniel Situ.

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

The motion passed.

The 2019-20 Youth Council Work Plan will be as follows:

1. Advocate for an anonymous tip system where friends can submit mental health issue concerns regarding friends or student peers to school counselors. The school counselors could then "check-in" with the student to see if they have any issues to discuss, such as mental health or substance use;
2. Research increasing WI-Fi strength/accessibility on school campuses to allow students consistent use on chrome books and other technology for homework, research and online test/quiz taking;
3. Reduce vaping on school campuses by establishing student awareness patrols as a deterrent;
4. Increase number of routine drug checks at school campuses; and
5. Increase awareness of college grant and scholarship opportunities via websites, online promotion like social media, school papers like newsletters, flyers and posters, and local/national news outlets.

7. New Business

a. Discussion of the Location for the 2020 Youth Summit

There being no objections, Chair Paige Barrella continued the discussion to the November 19, 2019 Youth Council meeting due to time constraints.

8. Representative Reports

Youth Council Reports and Comments

Paige Barrella congratulated both Grace Brethren High School and Santa Susana High School's robotics teams for their awards received at a recent competition. She also congratulated Santa Susana High School's mock trial team for an eighth place finish in the Empire World Championship the weekend of October 12, 2019.

9. Coordinator's Report

Ms. Tignac announced that the City of Simi Valley, California Lutheran University's HUB101, Simi Valley Chamber of Commerce and the Youth

Employment Service would host an Inspire Entrepreneurship event for teens and adults once the Youth Council meeting ended that same night November 5, beginning at 6:45 p.m. She stated that walk-ins were welcome.

Ms. Tignac announced that the YES Advisory Board was recruiting for two youth representatives, from ages 16 to 22 years of age.

Ms. Tignac reminded Youth Summit committee members that the next meeting would be held at 4:30 p.m., on Tuesday, November 19, 2019 in the City Hall Community Room.

10. Adjournment: Tuesday, November 19, 2019, 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., City Hall Community Room.

By consensus, the Youth Council meeting was adjourned at 6:06 p.m.