



SIMI VALLEY YOUTH COUNCIL
Tuesday, September 15, 2020, 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Zoom Online Meeting
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AGENDA

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE STAY AT HOME ORDER AND THE COUNTY OF VENTURA HEALTH OFFICER DECLARED LOCAL HEALTH EMERGENCY AND LOCAL ORDER RESULTING FROM THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS, THE CITY IS NOT CONDUCTING IN-PERSON MEETINGS. TO FIND OUT HOW YOU MAY ELECTRONICALLY PARTICIPATE IN THE YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING AND PROVIDE PUBLIC COMMENT, PLEASE REFER TO AGENDA ITEM 6.

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 from September 1, 2020
5. Correspondence
6. Public Statements/Comments

Time allotted for public statements on all items on the agenda, as well as matters not on the agenda but within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Youth Council. The following information is provided to help you understand, follow, and participate in the Youth Council meeting:

NEW COMMENT PROCEDURE DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.

Public comment is the opportunity for members of the public to participate in meetings by addressing the Youth Council in connection with one or more agenda or non-agenda items.

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- b. If you wish to make a comment on a specific agenda item, please sign-on via this Zoom Link <https://simivalley.zoom.us/j/93076652848> and use the raise hand function when this agenda item is called. If you wish to make a public comment, you must be signed into the meeting and available at the time this agenda item is called.
 - c. Or, if you are unable to sign-on to Zoom and wish to make a comment on a specific agenda item, please submit your comment via email by 4:00 p.m. on the Monday prior to the Youth Council meeting to youthcouncil@simivalley.org and include the Agenda Item topic and/or your comments. These emails will be provided to the Youth Council prior to the meeting and made a part of the record.
7. Continued Business
- a. Discussion of the 2020 Suicide Prevention Campaign
8. New Business
- a. Discussion of the Youth Council's Participation in the Simi Valley Public Library's Simi Valley Community Reads Program
 - b. Discussion of the 2020 Stop Bullying Campaign
 - c. Discussion of the YES Near-Term COVID-19 Action Plan Survey for Job Seekers
 - d. Discussion of the 2020-21 Youth Council Work Plan
9. 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.
10. Coordinator's Report
11. Adjournment: Tuesday, October 6, 2020, 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Online Zoom Meeting.



Anna M. Medina
Deputy Community Services Director

If any interested individual has a disability that may require accommodation to participate in this meeting, please contact the Youth Council Coordinator at (805) 583-6766. Upon advance notification, reasonable arrangements will be made to provide accessibility to the meeting.

DRAFT MINUTES

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Acting Youth Council Chair AJ Jagannathan called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m., and Youth Council Coordinator Kristin Tignac took attendance, verifying that a quorum was present.

Selection Districts		Members-At-Large		
V	Vacant-AHS	P	Sumaiya Akbar	P Peter Wang
P	Riya Manimaran-RHS	P	Mattheus Brocchi	
P	Anna Sorensen-RHS	E	Synthia Mahmud	Alternates
P	Abhishek AJ Jagannathan-SSHS	P	Ella McCrossan	P Monishka Tanwani
P	Vivek Tarapara-SSHS	P	Rahul Naveen	P Jasmine Esmail
P	Ashley Kilmnick-SVHS	P	Zainab Neemuchwala	P Thaen-Mozhi Anand
P	Ashlyn Ro-SVHS	P	Ian Nelson	P = Present E = Excused A = Absent V = Vacant
P	Priyaank Srinivasan-HMS	P	Alden Ta	
V	Vacant – SMS	P	Maya Tauber	
P	Sanchita Karthik - VVMS	P	Rikka Tignac	
*Arrived after approval of the minutes				

Staff: David Yoshitomi, Community Services Manager; and Kristin Tignac, Community Services Coordinator.

Guest: City Council Member Ruth Luevanos.

2. Welcome/Introduction of Youth Council Members

Youth Council members participated in an icebreaker activity.

3. Agenda Review

Acting Chair Ashlyn Ro asked if members had any requested changes for the agenda. There being no objections, the agenda was approved as presented.

4. Approval of Minutes from August 18, 2020

ACTION: A motion to approve the August 18, 2020 minutes as written was made by Ian Nelson and seconded by AJ Jagannathan.

Youth Council Vote: 21 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstentions

The motion passed.

5. Correspondence

Acting Chair Maya Tauber asked if any members or the Youth Council Coordinator had received any correspondence.

Ms. Tignac reported that David Rosenberg, Young Adult Librarian at the Simi Valley Public Library, had sent an email requesting the Youth Council's participation in the first Simi Valley Community Reads program of *Seedfolks*

beginning September 12, 2020 and culminating on October 17, 2020 with a virtual author talk and questions and answers with the author Paul Fleischman.

6. Public Statements/Comments

Acting Youth Council Chair Vivek Tarapara reviewed the public statement and comment procedure required due to the Zoom meeting format.

City Council Member Ruth Luevanos announced that the State of California had recently passed legislation banning flavored tobacco products that will go in effect on January 1, 2021.

7. Continued Business

a. Discussion of Social Media Strategies

Social Media Committee Chair Ella McCrossan gave a brief update on the recommendations the committee was presenting for the Youth Council's consideration regarding requesting additional social media platforms to increase the Youth Council's reach in the community, in particular to middle and high school youth.

Ms. McCrossan provided an overview of the top three social media platforms the committee recommended and justification:

- YouTube
 - Able to give youth more content in the ways they use the internet. While researching internet use, members found that while not all Youth Council members use Instagram, they all consistently view content on YouTube.
 - Able to livestream virtual events with no cap on viewers (i.e. the 2020 Youth Council Talent Show).
 - Able to share videos of post-COVID in-person events, (i.e. Workshops on topics of interest to youth).
 - Able to share videos of Youth Council meetings or program highlights for each month or at regular intervals.
- Facebook
 - Able to promote Youth Council events and program announcements to older youth, parents, and community at large.
 - Using Hootsuite, all content posted to Instagram page is able to be posted at the same time to Facebook page.
- Twitter
 - Able to make announcements and repost content to extend reach and build awareness of the Youth Council program and events.

Acting Youth Council Chair Zainab Neemuchwala asked for a motion to approve the Social Media Committees recommendations.

ACTION: A motion to approve request establishing a Youth Council YouTube Channel, activating the Youth Council's current Facebook page, and starting a Youth Council Twitter account was made by Riya Manimaran and seconded by AJ Jagannathan.

Youth Council Vote: 21 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstentions

The motion passed.

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: Riya Manimaran, Rahul Naveen, and Anna Sorensen. Riya Manimaran received the most votes and was selected as Chair.

The following Youth Council members volunteered to serve as Vice Chair: Ashley Kilmnick, Vivek Tarapara, and Rahul Naveen. Rahul Naveen received the most votes and was selected as Vice Chair.

Ian Nelson volunteered to serve as Sergeant-at-Arms. Mr. Nelson ran unopposed, therefore was selected as Sergeant-at-Arms.

The following Youth Council members volunteered to serve as Secretary: Sumaiya Akbar, AJ Jagannathan, and Ella McCrossan. Sumaiya Akbar received the most votes and was selected as Secretary.

The following Youth Council members volunteered to serve as Treasurer: Ashley Kilmnick, Zainab Neemuchwala, Ashlyn Ro, Monishka Tanwani, Vivek Tarapara, and Peter Wang. Vivek Tarapara received the most votes and was selected as Treasurer.

ACTION: A motion to approve Riya Manimaran as Youth Council Chair, Rahul Naveen as Vice Chair, Ian Nelson as Sergeant-at-Arms, Sumaiya Akbar as Secretary and Vivek Tarapara as Treasurer was made by Maya Tauber and seconded by Peter Wang.

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

The motion passed.

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

Peter Wang volunteered to serve to serve as Youth Council representative to the Youth Employment Service (YES) Advisory Board.

ACTION: A motion to approve Peter Wang as the Youth Council representative to the YES Advisory Board was made by Ian Nelson and seconded by Sumaiya Akbar.

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

The motion passed.

c. Discussion of the 2020 Suicide Prevention Campaign

Youth Council member discussed ways to virtually coordinate a Suicide Prevention Campaign during the month of September. Ideas included; hosting an online panel discussion with suicide prevention experts, hosting a virtual rock painting event, and hosting a social media art challenge to include a variety of art mediums.

A Motion to approve coordinating a Suicide Prevention Art Campaign was made by Monishka Tanwani and seconded Jasmine Esmail.

Youth Council Vote: 21 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstentions

The motion passed.

Action Item: The Social Media Committee would meet to develop the Suicide Prevention Art Campaign, including name of the campaign, details for community participation, and creation of social media content to build awareness of suicide prevention resources.

9. Representative Reports

Youth Council Reports and Comments

Online Social Distancing Activity Committee Chair AJ Jagannathan announced that the Youth Council's Scribbl.io Game Night on Friday, August 21, 2020, had been a success and thanked everyone for helping to promote and participate in the event. Mr. Jagannathan reported that the committee had met and selected to host four additional online events through December; including a Jeopardy-style Game Night on September 25, Virtual Escape Room, Art Themed Online Event, ending with a holiday or winter themed Open Mic Night in December.

Vaping Research and Policy Recommendation Committee Chair Rahul Naveen reported that the committee had met with Vicky Gonzales with Ventura County Public Health and reviewed Tobacco Retailer License ordinances passed by the cities of Oxnard and Ventura. Mr. Naveen asked that each member complete the Tobacco Retail Licensing Checklist to help the committee determine policy recommendations.

AJ Jagannathan requested that a discussion item be included on the agenda for the September 15, 2020 Youth Council meeting regarding the request made by David Rosenberg with the Simi Valley Public Library to participate in the Simi Valley Community Reads program.

10. Coordinator's Report

Ms. Tignac thanked all of the committees that have been regularly meeting and working on projects, including; the Online Social Distancing Committee and great online events they have been hosting, the Social Media Team that had been working hard to provide meaningful Instagram content; and the Vaping Research and Policy Recommendation Committee that has been diligently reviewing best practices for Secondhand Smoke Ordinance and Tobacco Retail License Ordinance options.

Ms. Tignac stated that September is looking to be one of the Youth Council's most productive Septembers to date.

11. Adjournment Tuesday, September 15, 2020, 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Online Zoom Meeting.

Youth Council Chair Riya Manimaran adjourned the meeting at 6:36 p.m.