



SIMI VALLEY YOUTH COUNCIL

Tuesday, November 3, 2020, 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 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 5.

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 from October 20, 2020

4. Correspondence

5. 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:

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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.

6. Continued Business

7. New Business

- a. Discussion of Tobacco Retailer Licensing Ordinance Recommendations

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, November 17, 2020, 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Online Zoom Meeting.



Anna M. Medina
Deputy Community Services Director

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DRAFT MINUTES

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Welcome

Youth Council Chair Riya Manimaran called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m., and Youth Council Secretary Sumaiya Akbar took attendance, verifying that a quorum was present.

Selection Districts		Members-At-Large			
P*	Mohnish Maini - AHS	P	Sumaiya Akbar	P	Peter Wang
P	Riya Manimaran-RHS	P	Mattheus Brocchi		
P	Anna Sorensen-RHS	P	Synthia Mahmud	Alternates	
P	Abhishek/AJ Jagannathan-SSHS	P	Ella McCrossan	P	Monishka Tanwani
P	Vivek Tarapara-SSHS	E	Rahul Naveen	P	Jasmine Esmail
P	Ashley Kilmnick-SVHS	P	Zainab Neemuchwala	A	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		
P	Madelyn Herzer – 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.

Guests: City Council Member Ruth Luevanos; Vicky Gonzales, Ventura County Public Health; David Rosenberg, Young Adult Librarian, Simi Valley Public Library; and Nikki Collier, Recreation Coordinator, Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District.

2. Agenda Review

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

3. Approval of Minutes from October 6, 2020

ACTION: A motion to approve the October 6, 2020, minutes as written was made by AJ Jagannathan and seconded by Synthia Mahmud.

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

The motion passed.

4. Correspondence

Ms. Tignac reported that Mayor Pro Tem Judge had emailed her with his apologies to the Youth Council for not attending tonight’s meeting. Rahul Naveen also had notified her that he would not be able to attend the meeting.

5. Public Statements/Comments

Chair Riya Manimaran reviewed the public statement and comment procedure required due to the Zoom meeting format.

Nicki Collier thanked the Youth Council for advertising and signing up as volunteers for the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District's Halloween Drive-Through Boo Event on October 31, 2020. Ms. Collier proposed that the Youth Council have a booth at the event.

Council Member Luevanos stated that she would donate candy.

As a reminder, the original Youth Council volunteers were Mohnish Maini, Rahul Naveen, Anna Sorensen, Maya Tauber, Rikka Tignac, Ian Nelson, and Madelyn Herzer. The Youth Council members would follow COVID-19 safety procedures, such as wearing masks and social distancing.

Ashlyn Ro stated that she wanted to also donate candy.

6. Continued Business

No continued business was discussed.

7. New Business

a. Review and Discussion of the Results from the Secondhand Smoke Survey

Ms. Tignac reported that 543 residents completed the survey. The following results were tabulated by Survey Analytics:

Exposure to SHS and Vapor:

- 85% said they have been exposed to secondhand smoke (SHS) in outdoor areas in Simi Valley.
- 67% said they have been exposed to the vapor from an electronic cigarette outdoors in Simi Valley.

Support for Policies:

- The top three percentages of respondents who said outdoor locations should be smoke free:
 - 95% said children's playgrounds
 - 91% said outdoor restaurant seating
 - 91% said waiting lines (at the movies, ATMs)
- 87% thought e-cigarette use should be prohibited at the same places where smoking is prohibited.

Effect on Behavior:

- 74% said that they would be more likely to visit an outdoor place if it did not allow smoking.

- 24% said that it would make no difference to them if an outdoor place did not allow smoking.
- 2% said that they would be less likely to visit an outdoor place if it did not allow smoking.
- 91% said they were aware that SHS outdoors can be harmful to the health of nonsmokers.
- 90% said they were aware that the vapor from e-cigarettes contains harmful chemicals.

Demographics:

- 93% of respondents have not used tobacco and/or ESDs in the last thirty days.
- 63% of respondents identified themselves as Caucasian/White. 15% of respondents identified as Asian/Pacific Islander. 9% of respondents identified as Hispanic/Latino. The remaining 13% are African American, American Indian/Alaskan Native, or declined to state.
- 86% of respondents speak English at home.
- 64% of respondents are adults between the ages of 31 to 65, and the remaining are 15% seniors (over 65), 12% youth (under 18), and 10% young adults (18-30).

In summary, the results build a strong case for why smoke-free outdoor SHS protections are needed in Simi Valley. Respondents strongly support restricting smoking at all types of outdoor locations. Respondents overwhelmingly supported prohibiting ESD use at the same places that smoking is prohibited (87%). Almost three-quarters of respondents (74%) say they would be more likely to visit an outdoor public place if it did not allow smoking.

Vicky Gonzales applauded the Youth Council for their efforts in advertising the survey and for taking initiative.

By a city comparison, seven ordinances were compared. There were differences between each ordinance. Ms. Gonzales said that the document is dated May of 2019. She also shared that smoking is permitted in golf courses, updated in July. This is inclusive of electronic cigarettes.

Chair Riya Manimaran asked Ms. Tignac and Ms. Gonzales on next steps for proposing the Secondhand Smoke ordinance. Ms. Tignac stated that she would contact the Environmental Services Department for direction.

Ms. Gonzales stated that there were a number of varying degrees in options regarding restricting smoking in common areas, such as outdoor dining, entryways, public events, recreation areas, worksites, service

areas, and sidewalks. Ian Nelson asked for clarification on sidewalks. Vivek Tarapara said that it will be difficult to request no smoking on all sidewalks. He suggested that the Youth Council look at specific sidewalks where more pedestrians are present.

Chair Riya Manimaran agreed with Vivek Tarapara, and suggested that we compromise.

Ms. Gonzales said that the sidewalks might be difficult, but the compromise of designating sidewalks is a good idea.

Council Member Luevanos said that our local air quality is declining, and this issue is increasingly affecting more people with respiratory issues.

Vivek Tarapara asked if the Youth Council can recommend a full ban on sidewalks, with a second lesser option of banning in certain sidewalks.

ACTION: A motion to approve following the Model Secondhand Smoke Ordinance with two options for sidewalks was made by Jasmine Esmail and seconded by Monishka Tanwani.

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

The motion passed.

- b. Discussion of the Youth Council's Potential Participation in the Adventist Health Simi Valley Foundation's Annual Festival of Trees Event

Ms. Tignac stated that the Youth Council participated in the event last year and made a "diversity" wreath. She said that this year there will be a virtual auction. The Youth Council discussed possible themes for the wreath.

ACTION: A motion to approve the Youth Council participating Adventist Health Simi Valley Foundation's Annual Festival of Trees Event with the wreath theme of "kindness and peace" was made by Alden Ta and seconded by Rikka Tignac.

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

The motion passed.

- c. Selection of the Name for the Youth Council's November 20, 2020 Art-themed Online Activity Event

AJ Jagannathan asked the Youth Council for name suggestions for the Youth Council's November 20 online event. Maya Tauber suggested "Community Canvas" as a name. Vivek Tarapara suggested "Community Canvas; A Stroke of Kindness," with a majority hand vote of the Youth Council voting for this name.

- d. Discussion of the Youth Council's Potential Participation in the Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center's Virtual Dia De Los Muertos Event

David Yoshitomi shared information about the Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center's Dia De Los Muertos Event. Mr. Yoshitomi said that the event will be a virtual celebration of Dia De Los Muertos on November 1, 2020. He asked the Youth Council to promote the event on social media. Mr. Yoshitomi requested two volunteers to set up and receive items at the event. Chair Riya Manimaran and Zainab Neemuchwala volunteered.

8. Representative Reports

Youth Council Reports and Comments

Online Activities Committee Chair AJ Jagannathan stated that the Stop Bullying event was successful. He also asked that all Youth Council members promote the next online event, the Halloween-themed Escape Room scheduled on Friday, October 30, 2020.

Social Media Committee Chair Ella McCrossan reported that the committee had met and planned the social media content for the next three weeks. They will also be promoting Unity Day on October 21, 2020. Everyone was encouraged to wear orange on that day, post a photo with #UnityDay2020 for a chance to win prizes from the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District. The next committee meeting was scheduled on November 3, 2020.

Monishka Tanwani announced that the Santa Susana High School Tutoring Club had been approved to tutor all schools in the Simi Valley Unified School District.

Sumaiya Akbar requested that the Santa Susana High School HOSA Club's Children's Book Drive event be promoted on the Youth Council's Instagram page.

9. Coordinator's Report

Ms. Tignac reminded Youth Council members to promote the Youth Council's online Halloween-themed Escape Room game night event beginning at 7:30 p.m., on Friday, October 30, 2020. Participants need to register at <http://bit.ly/ycescape> to receive the Zoom link.

10. Adjournment Tuesday, November 3, 2020, 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Online Zoom Meeting.

Youth Council Chair Riya Manimaran adjourned the meeting at 6:18 p.m.