



SIMI VALLEY YOUTH COUNCIL
Tuesday, *August 31, 2021, 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
City Hall Community Room
2929 Tapo Canyon Road

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AGENDA

*Special Meeting Date and 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. Informational Presentations
 - a. Code of Ethics and Conduct for Elected Officials and Members of Appointed Boards, Commissions and Committees
 - b. Youth Council Purpose, Goals, By-laws, Organization and Meetings
8. Continued Business
 - a. Introduction of City Council Liaisons to the Youth Council
 - b. Discussion of the 2nd Annual Community Reads Program
 - c. Discussion of Suicide Prevention Campaign for September 2021
9. New Business
 - a. Election of Youth Council Officers
 - b. Discussion and Selection of the Youth Council Representative to the YES Advisory Board
 - c. Discussion of the 2022 Youth Town Hall
 - d. Discussion of the 2021 Stop Bullying Campaign
 - e. Review and Discussion of the Proposal for Use of Discord



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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, September 21, 2021, ****4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.**, Cultural Arts Center Community Room. ****Please note special meeting time and location.**



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 Saydee Ro called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m. and acting Youth Council Secretary Ian Nelson took attendance, verifying that a quorum was present.

Selection Districts		Members-At-Large			
V	Vacant - AHS	P	Matheus Brocchi	P	Isaac Tieu
P	Ella McCrossan-RHS	A	Hayden Kelly		
P	Rikka Tignac-RHS	P	Rashi Khandare	Alternates	
P	Sumaiya Akbar-SSHS	P	Krish Kothiya	P	Rohith Saju
P	Abhishek/AJ Jagannathan-SSHS	P	Rahul Naveen	P	Mingxin (Dora) Deng
P	Joshua Chandran-SVHS	P	Ian Nelson	P	Mingxuan Li
P	Ashlyn Ro-SVHS	P	Aneri Pillai	P = Present E = Excused A = Absent V = Vacant	
V	Vacant-HMS	P	Kalyssa Ro		
P	Jordan Downey – SMS	P	Jacob Salvanera		
P	Saydee Ro - VVMS	P	Alden Ta		
*Arrived after approval of the minutes					

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

Guests: City Council Member Elaine Litster; Kelly Behle, Simi Valley Public Library Director; and Meghan Gately and Tyler McAnany, members of the Ronald Presidential Foundation and Institute’s Education Team.

2. Welcome and Introductions

Acting Youth Council Chair Rahul Naveen welcomed all 2021-22 Youth Council members and guests, then led introductions of all members.

3. Agenda Review

Acting Youth Council Chair Ella McCrossan recommended moving Agenda Item 8 New Business to follow Agenda Item 6 Public Statements. By consensus, the agenda was approved with changes to agenda item order.

4. Approval of Minutes from June 1, 2021

Acting Youth Council Chair Abhishek Jagannathan asked members if they had reviewed the minutes from June 1, 2021 and then requested a motion for approval.

ACTION: A motion to approve the June 1, 2021 minutes as written was made by Ella McCrossan and seconded by Ian Nelson.

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

The motion passed.

5. Correspondence

Acting Youth Council Chair Mingxuan Li asked if any correspondence had been received.

Ms. Kristin Tignac reported that Youth Council had received an email from the Adventist Health Simi Valley Foundation inviting the Youth Council to participate in its annual Festival of Trees and Wreaths event by donating a wreath or tree to help raise funds for cancer patients and their families.

6. Public Statements/Comments

Acting Youth Council Chair Rikka Tignac reviewed the public statement and comment procedure. No public statements were received.

8. New Business

a. Introduction of Members of the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute's Education Team and Discussion of the January 21, 2022 Youth Town Hall

Acting Youth Council Chair Kalyssa Ro introduced the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute's Megan Gately, Associate Director of Education, and Tyler McAnany, Education Leadership Coordinator.

Ms. Gately stated that she was excited to kick off another year working with the Youth Council, specifically on the Youth Town Hall scheduled on Friday, January 21, 2022.

Mr. McAnany announced that the auditions for the Youth Town Hall would be held during the Youth Council's November 16, 2021 meeting to be held at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Museum's Presidential Learning Center.

Action Item: Youth Council members to ask peers regarding ideas for Youth Town Hall discussion topics and have top three topics ready to share at the next Youth Council meeting.

Ms. Gately and Mr. McAnany invited Youth Council members to contact them to be their guests at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Museum.

b. Introduction of the City Council Liaisons to the Youth Council

Acting Youth Council Chair Alden Ta introduced Anna Medina, Deputy Community Services Director.

Ms. Medina welcomed the Youth Council and explained the roles of the Youth Council and the City Council Liaisons to the Youth Council. Ms. Medina stated that the Youth Council's purpose is to address issues concerning the youth of Simi Valley. Also, any ideas, issues, recommendations, or the Action Plan, should be from the Youth Council's perspective. Ms. Medina explained City Council Liaisons are responsible for keeping the City Council informed of Youth Council activities. Ms. Medina reported that the Youth Council Liaisons are Council Member Luevanos and Council Member Litster.

City Council Member Elaine Litster commended the Youth Council members on completing the rigorous and competitive interview process, as well as the accomplishment of being appointed to serve on the Youth Council. She shared her background as a City Council Member and explained the structure of the City Council. She also stated her perspective that Youth Council members are the eyes and ears for the City Council on all youth-related issues and the role of the Youth Council is to report to the City Council on what issues need to be fixed.

- c. Discussion of the 2nd Annual Community Reads Initiative with Simi Valley Public Library Director Kelly Behle

Acting Youth Council Chair Rohith Saju introduced Kelly Behle, Director of the Simi Valley Public Library. Ms. Behle gave a brief review of the prior year's Community Reads Initiative and work the Youth Council did leading the Author Talk with *Seedfolks* author Paul Fleischman.

Ms. Behle stated that this year's featured book was *Rising Strong* by Dr. Brené Brown. Dr. Brown, a social scientist and researcher at the University of Houston, had focused the book on vulnerability and a willingness to be seen.

Ms. Behle presented a few options on how the Youth Council could help with the program. Youth Council members discussed ideas for a Book to Action project, such as creating a visual space of highlighted artwork themed on how to reset after hardship or coordinating a multigenerational project to interview seniors about their experiences during the pandemic.

Ms. Behle stated that she would lend the Youth Council ten of the featured Community Reads books for members to read.

- d. Discussion of Canceling or Rescheduling the Tuesday, September 7, 2021 Youth Council Meeting to Tuesday, August 31, 2021 or Tuesday, September 14, 2021

Acting Youth Council Chair Ian Nelson led the discussion on rescheduling the September 7 Youth Council meeting due to the local holiday.

ACTION: A motion to approve rescheduling the September 7, 2021 Youth Council meeting to August 31, 2021 was made by Alden Ta and seconded by Isaac Tieu.

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

The motion passed.

- e. Discussion of the Suicide Prevention Campaign for September 2021

Acting Youth Council Chair Joshua Chandran led the discussion to gather Suicide Prevention ideas. Ideas included, a contest for student films or Public Service Announcement (PSA) videos in conjunction with a film screening, a rock painting night along with a social media campaign, or movie screening of a themed movie.

ACTION: A motion to approve a Suicide Prevention Campaign to include a rock painting night on the Rose Garden Patio at the Simi Valley Public Library in September and series of social media posts was made by Ian Nelson and seconded by Kalyssa Ro.

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

The motion passed.

There being no objections, Acting Youth Council Chair Joshua Chandran continued the discussion of hosting a student film or PSA video contest to the August 31, 2021 Youth Council meeting.

f. Teambuilding Activity

Youth Council members participated in an ice breaker activity called Introduction Interviews.

7. Informational Presentations

a. Code of Ethics and Conduct for Elected Officials and Members of Appointed Boards, Commissions and Committees

This item was continued to the August 31, 2021 Youth Council meeting due to time constraints.

b. Youth Council Purpose, Goals, By-laws, Organization and Meetings

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9. Representative Reports

Youth Council Reports and Comments

Acting Youth Council Chair Jordan Downey asked if any members had any reports or comments to share.

Social Media Committee Chair Ella McCrossan gave a brief report on the committees' activities during the summer and encouraged all Youth Council members and guests to follow the Youth Council on all social media platforms @simivalleyyouthcouncil.

Teen Crisis Resource Number Review Committee Chair Ian Nelson reported that when the committee met in June, they had contacted all resources listed on the back of all Simi Valley Unified School District identification cards the previous year to verify that information was accurate and up-to-date. The committee discussed findings and recommended a few changes to the list.

10. Coordinator's Report

Acting Youth Council Chair Aneri Pillai read the Youth Council Coordinator's report that included the following:

- Reminder that all Youth Council paperwork was due.
- Thank you to those that worked hard over the summer serving on the Social Media and Teen Crisis Resource Number Review Committees.

- Thank you to the Youth Council members that had recently volunteered at the following community events; the Chamber of Commerce and the City of Simi Valley's Job Fair, the Yellow Heart Memorial at the Public Library, and the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District's Family Campout!
11. Adjournment: Tuesday, August 31, 2021, 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Meeting Location to be Determined.
- Acting Youth Council Chair Matheus Brocchi adjourned the meeting at 6:31 p.m.