



SIMI VALLEY YOUTH COUNCIL
Tuesday, October 19, 2021, 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
***Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center Community Room**
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AGENDA

*Special Meeting Location

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 of October 5, 2021
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. Informational Presentation
 - a. Didi Hirsch Mental Health Services
7. Continued Business
 - a. Discussion of the 2nd Annual Community Reads Program
 - b. Discussion of the 2021 Stop Bullying Campaign
 - c. Discussion of the 2021-22 Youth Council Work Plan
8. New Business
 - a. Discussion and Selection of Committees to Address the 2021-22 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.



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10. Coordinator's Report
11. Adjournment: Tuesday, November 2, 2021, 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

Youth Council Chair Rahul Naveen called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m. and Youth Council Secretary Ella McCrossan took attendance, verifying that a quorum was present.

Selection Districts		Members-At-Large			
E	Michelle Sanchez - AHS	P	Matheus Brocchi	P	Isaac Tieu
P	Ella McCrossan-RHS	P	Rashi Khandare		
P	Rikka Tignac-RHS	P	Krish Kothiya	Alternates	
P	Sumaiya Akbar-SSHS	P	Rahul Naveen	E	Mingxin (Dora) Deng
P	Abhishek/AJ Jagannathan-SSHS	P	Ian Nelson	A	Mingxuan Li
P	Joshua Chandran-SVHS	P	Aneri Pillai	V	Vacant
P	Ashlyn Ro-SVHS	P	Kalyssa Ro	P = Present E = Excused A = Absent V = Vacant	
P*	Gracie Kim-HMS	P	Rohith Saju		
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: Student Nandhiha Krishnamoorthi.

2. Agenda Review

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

3. Approval of Minutes from September 21, 2021

Youth Council Chair Rahul Naveen asked members if they had reviewed the minutes from September 21, 2021 and then requested a motion for approval.

ACTION: A motion to approve the September 21, 2021 minutes as written was made by Ian Nelson and seconded by Jacob Salvanera.

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

The motion passed.

4. Correspondence

Ms. Kristin Tignac received an email from Wanda Moyer, Environmental Compliance Program Coordinator, specifically the City’s Water Conservation program, asking for volunteers to help out at the Simi Valley Street Fair and City Expo on October 30, 2021. Ms. Tignac also informed the Youth Council that some Boy Scouts would be attending the October 19 Youth Council meeting for some badge work. Finally, Ms. Tignac stated that the Adventist Health Simi Valley Foundation announced that the Festival of Trees event had been cancelled.

5. Public Statements/Comments

Youth Council Chair Rahul Naveen reviewed the public statement and comment procedure. Student Nandhiha Krishnamoorthi introduced herself.

6. Continued Business

a. Discussion of the 2nd Annual Community Reads Program

Youth Council Chair Rahul Naveen led the brainstorm for project ideas for the Book to Action project or activity. Isaac Tieu, Rohith Saju, and Abhishek Jagannathan all shared what they took away as the main message of the novel *Rising Strong* by Brené Brown. The Youth Council decided to have members of the community, as well as Youth Council members, film short videos of themselves describing their relation to a chosen theme to create a video montage. There will also be a themed community art project in which people will decorate paper tiles that will all be put together to make one big mural, to be displayed on the Cultural Art Center's Virtual Art Gallery as well as in the Simi Valley Public Library. There was discussion about a theme for the Book to Action project. Several members shared ideas including Rikka Tignac who suggested "Rising Strong: A Path Through Hardship." The Youth Council liked their suggestion, and agreed that the theme should be used for both the community art project and the video montage. The Social Media Committee will also post about the three step process mentioned in the book.

ACTION: A motion to approve "Rising Strong: A Path Through Hardship" as the theme for the Youth Council's Book to Action Project for the 2nd Annual Community Reads Program was made by Rohith Saju and seconded by Matheus Brocchi.

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

The motion passed.

b. Discussion of the 2021 Stop Bullying Campaign

Youth Council Chair Rahul Naveen led the discussion. Matheus Brocchi and Ella McCrossan both agreed that their schools were too busy to have video production students make videos for an event, leaving the only confirmed plan for a 2021 Stop Bullying Campaign as a Stop Bullying pledge to be signed at schools at the Simi Valley Street Fair and City Expo. Instead of student made videos, Mr. Brocchi suggested a movie night to take place in the month of November. Ian Nelson suggested looking back at movie ideas from last year's screening to find some for this year. There was discussion about different methods to encourage the community to attend a movie screening, such as offering volunteer hours. The members then discussed whether a possible movie screening should be held in person or over zoom, with the final decision being that a movie screening would be held in person. Then, a hand vote was held to decide if a movie theater or the Cultural Arts Center would be the best option to hold the screening. The Culture Arts Center won the hand vote.

There being no objections, Chair Naveen continued the discussion to the October 19 Youth Council meeting due to time limitations.

7. New Business

a. Discussion of the 2021-22 Youth Council Work Plan

Youth Council Chair Rahul Naveen led the discussion. Mr. Naveen began by giving a brief overview of what an annual Work Plan is designed to accomplish and the brainstorming process. Ashlyn Ro and Matheus Brocchi were selected to be scribes for the brainstorm session and were tasked with writing down all suggestions. All of the Youth Council members and guest Nandhiha Krishnamoorthi brainstormed issues of concern for the youth in Simi Valley. Once all the ideas were written, Ms. Tignac explained how a dot vote worked.

The following top six issues were identified:

1. Mental Health
2. School Infrastructure (limited Wi-Fi access)
3. Discrimination (sexism, racism, homophobia, etc.)
4. Peer Pressure
5. Dangers of Social Media
6. The three issues that tied for sixth were Sexual Assault, Harassment, Limited availability of Menstrual Products in School Bathrooms, and Youth Council Tutoring Program

Due to time limitations, Chair Naveen continued the discussion to the October 19 Youth Council Meeting.

b. Scheduling and Appointment of Youth Council Informational Report Presenters to City Council in October, November and December

Youth Council Chair Rahul Naveen explained to new Youth Council members what the presentations to the City Council consisted of. The following dates were available: October 11, November 8, and December 20. Abhishek Jagannathan volunteered to present on October 11, 2021, Ella McCrossan volunteered to present on November 8, 2021, and Matheus Brocchi volunteered to present on December 20, 2021.

ACTION: A motion to approve Abhishek Jagannathan, Ella McCrossan, and Matheus Brocchi as the Youth Council Informational Report Presenters on October 11, November 8, and December 20, 2021 was made by Rikka Tignac and seconded by Isaac Tieu.

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

The motion passed.

c. Discussion of Potential Campaign for October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Youth Council Chair Rahul Naveen led the discussion. Ian Nelson suggested wearing pink and Ella McCrossan built on that idea by suggesting that all Youth Council members wear pink to the October 19 Youth Council meeting. Ms. McCrossan also suggested that after that meeting, a post to the @simivalleyyouthcouncil Instagram account be made including a picture of everyone in pink and information about Breast Cancer Awareness. There was also discussion about wearing some pink at the Simi Valley Street Fair and City Expo on Saturday, October 30, 2021 and handing out pink ribbons or yarn bracelets.

ACTION: A motion to approve wearing pink to the October 19 Youth Council meeting, making an informative post on Instagram after the meeting, wearing some pink to the Simi Valley Street Fair and City Expo, and handing out pink ribbons or yarn bracelets at the Simi Valley Street Fair and City Expo as Youth Council's Breast Cancer Awareness Month campaign was made by Jordan Downey and seconded by Rashi Khandare.

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

The motion passed.

8. Representative Reports

Youth Council Reports and Comments

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

Youth Council Treasurer Abhishek Jagannathan informed the Youth Council that \$153.70 was raised from snack sales at Rock Painting Night.

9. Coordinator's Report

Ms. Kristin Tignac commended members for their efforts at Rock Painting Night, which over 250 people attended! Ms. Tignac told everyone that the rocks have been sealed and were ready to be hidden in locations throughout Simi Valley.

Ms. Tignac stated that she would provide the Stop Bullying Banners and orange yarn bracelets to the following school representatives for their respective schools: Sumaiya Akbar, Jordan Downey, Gracie Kim, Ian Nelson, Ella McCrossan, Ashlyn Ro, Saydee Ro, and Jacob Salvanera.

All members were reminded to save the date of Saturday, October 30, 2021 for the Simi Valley Street Fair and Expo.

Ms. Tignac also reminded members that the next meeting will be held at the Cultural Arts Center in the Community Room.

10. Adjournment: Tuesday, October 19, 2021, 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., *Cultural Arts Center Community Room.

Youth Council Chair Rahul Naveen adjourned the meeting at 6:04 p.m.