



SIMI VALLEY YOUTH COUNCIL
Tuesday, December 7, 2021, **5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.**
City Hall Community Room
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AGENDA
Special Meeting Time

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance
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 November 16, 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. Continued Business
7. New Business
 - a. Discussion Regarding the Simi Valley Public Library's Strategic Plan Led by Kelly Behle
 - b. Youth Council End of the Year Celebration
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, January 4, 2022, 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., City Hall Community Room.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Anna M. Medina".

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.



CITY OF SIMI VALLEY

DRAFT MINUTES

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Welcome

Youth Council Chair Rahul Naveen called the meeting to order at 4:59 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	P	Mingxin (Dora) Deng
P	Abhishek/AJ Jagannathan-SSHS	P	Ian Nelson	E	Mingxuan Li
P	Joshua Chandran-SVHS	E	Aneri Pillai	V	Vacant
P	Ashlyn Ro-SVHS	P	Kalyssa Ro	P = Present	
P	Gracie Kim-HMS	P	Jacob Salvanera	E = Excused	
P	Jordan Downey – SMS	P	Rohith Saju	A = Absent	
P	Saydee Ro - VVMS	P	Alden Ta	V = Vacant	
*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; and the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute Education Team Members Megan Gately, Tyler McAnany, and Annabelle Sbarbatti.

2. Agenda Review

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

3. Approval of Minutes from November 2, 2021

Youth Council Chair Rahul Naveen asked members if they had reviewed the minutes from November 2, 2021 and then requested a motion for approval.

ACTION: A motion to approve the November 2, 2021 minutes as written was made by Ian Nelson and seconded by Abhishek Jagannathan.

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

The motion passed.

4. Correspondence

Youth Council Coordinator Kristin Tignac stated that she had received an email from David Rosenberg, Young Adult Librarian with the Simi Valley Public Library thanking the Youth Council for the discussion questions submitted for their Community Reads' Rising Strong book discussions. Ms. Tignac reminded members that they could still add questions for the discussion to the Google share

file. Additionally, Ms. Tignac asked members to save the date on December 11, 2021 for the Community Reads event finale.

Ms. Tignac also stated that she had received correspondence from Simi Valley Public Library Director Kelly Behle inviting members to participate in the Library's Strategic Planning sessions. Since the sessions were during regular school hours, Ms. Behle will attend the December 7, 2021 Youth Council meeting to discuss ideas for future teen programming.

5. Public Statements/Comments

Youth Council Chair Rahul Naveen reviewed the public statement and comment procedure.

City Council Member Elaine Lister commended the Youth Council on all they have done and thanked the members who volunteered at the Simi Valley Street Fair and City Expo. She also reported that the City Council announced that the interim City Attorney, David Caceres, had been selected as the new City Attorney.

6. Continued Business

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

Youth Council Chair Rahul Naveen reviewed the results of the dot vote completed during the November 2 Youth Council Meeting. The top five solutions were as follows:

- To decrease the stigma surrounding mental health issues and allow for self-care when needed, request that the Simi Valley Unified School District (District) consider allowing three to five excused absences specifically for mental health (26 votes);
- To decrease sexual assaults, request school assemblies at the middle school level to address the issue and to educate students on what constitutes as sexual assault and harassment (17 votes);
- To help upgrade school infrastructure (specifically Wi-Fi/internet access), encourage the District to apply for grant funding or to prioritize infrastructure upgrades when utilizing current funding (15 votes);
- To reduce discrimination and facilitate inclusion, request that the District consider adding or repurposing facilities with more gender inclusive school infrastructure, e.g. gender inclusive bathrooms (10 votes);
- To help those that may have been victims of sexual assault or harassment, request offering support groups on each campus that could lead awareness and prevention activities, such as spirit weeks and social media content. (10 votes).

ACTION: A motion to approve the Youth Council 2021-22 Work Plan as listed above was made by Rikka Tignac and seconded by Jacob Salvanera.

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

The motion passed.

b. Discussion and Selection of Committees to Address the 2021-22 Youth Council Work Plan

Youth Council Chair Naveen led a discussion to select the method to use in creating the committees to address the Work Plan issues. The following committees were created:

- Mental Health Committee: Ella McCrossan, Joshua Chandran, Jacob Salvanera, Rashi Khandare, Rohith Saju, Dora Deng, Matheus Brocchi, Sumaiya Akbar, Ian Nelson, Ashlyn Ro, and Abhishek Jagannathan. Krish Kothiya and Alden Ta were selected as alternates;
- School Infrastructure Committee: Alden Ta, Isaac Tieu, Krish Kothiya, Jacob Salvanera, Kalyssa Ro, Sadie Ro, Abhishek Jagannathan, Gracie Kim, Ashlyn Ro, and Rikka Tignac;
- Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Committee: Matheus Brocchi, Ian Nelson, Abhishek Jagannathan, Rikka Tignac, Dora Deng, Sumaiya Akbar, Rashi Khandare, Alden Ta, Rohith Saju, and Krish Kothiya.

The following additional committees were also formed:

- Fundraising Committee: Jordan Downey, Abhishek Jagannathan, Ella McCrossan, Ian Nelson, Rohith Saju, Jacob Salvanera, Alden Ta, Isaac Tieu, and Rikka Tignac;
- Youth Summit Committee: Sumaiya Akbar, Matheus Brocchi, Joshua Chandran, Abhishek Jagannathan, Rashi Khandare, Rahul Naveen, Ian Nelson, Ashlyn Ro, Kalyssa Ro, and Isaac Tieu;
- Talent Show Committee: Abhishek Jagannathan, Gracie Kim, Ian Nelson, Sadie Ro, Jacob Salvanera, Alden Ta, Isaac Tieu, and Rikka Tignac; and
- Additions to the Social Media Committee: Jordan Downey and Jacob Salvanera.

ACTION: A motion to approve all committees listed above, including the 2021-22 Work Plan, was made by Jordan Downey and seconded by Mingxin "Dora" Deng.

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

The motion passed.

7. New Business

a. Discussion and Selection of Panelists for the 2022 Youth Town Hall

The Youth Council members separated into smaller groups to review and discuss the list of potential 2022 Youth Town Hall panelists. The groups announced their top selections, which included all groups recommending having at least one youth voice on the panel. The recommendations would be used by the Education Team when vetting potential panelists then formal invitations would be issued.

b. 2022 Youth Town Hall Auditions and Assignments of Roles

Tyler McAnany, Education Leadership Coordinator with The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute, explained each of the roles

needed for the 2022 Youth Town Hall. Youth Council members indicated their top three role choices.

Members wanting to be considered for the emcee and/or moderator positions auditioned for roles. The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute's Education Team would discuss and then make final decisions prior to the December 7 Youth Council meeting.

8. Representative Reports
Youth Council Reports and Comments
No reports or comments were made due to time constraints.
9. Coordinator's Report
No report presented due to time constraints.
10. Adjournment: Tuesday, December 7, 2021, 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., City Hall Community Room.
Youth Council Chair Rahul Naveen adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.