



SIMI VALLEY YOUTH COUNCIL
Tuesday, March 1, 2022, 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Simi Valley Senior Center Room 106/107
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AGENDA

Special Meeting Location

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 from February 15, 2022

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. Statements and comments are limited to no more than five (5) minutes per speaker.

6. Informational Presentation

a. Simi Valley Unified School District's School Social Worker Role by Serena Nguyen, Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW)

7. Continued Business

a. Discussion of the Simi Valley Youth Symposium on Thursday, March 10, 2022 in Collaboration with the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute

8. New Business

a. Discussion of the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District's Arts Festival on Saturday, May 21, 2022

b. Updates on Youth Council Fundraising Efforts

c. Discussion of Cancelling the May 3, 2022 Youth Council Meeting



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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, March 15, 2022, 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., **Simi Valley Senior Center, Room 106/107.**



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

Youth Council Chair Rahul Naveen called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. and Youth Council Vice Chair and Acting Secretary Ashlyn Ro took attendance, verifying that a quorum was present.

Selection Districts		Members-At-Large			
A	Arianna Reyes – AHS	P	Matheus Brocchi	P	Isaac Tieu
E	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	A	Mingxuan Li
P	Joshua Chandran-SVHS	A	Aneri Pillai	P	Jasleen Sidhu
P	Ashlyn Ro-SVHS	P	Kalyssa Ro	P = Present E = Excused A = Absent V = Vacant	
E	Gracie Kim-HMS	P	Jacob Salvanera		
P	Jordan Downey – SMS	P	Rohith Saju		
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: Mayor Keith Mashburn, Mayor Pro Tem Elaine Litster; Jennifer Wigdor, TUPE Coordinator, Simi Valley Unified School District; Katherine Kasmir, Director, BRITE Youth; and students Tayten Han, Nandhiha Krishnamoorthi, and Maya Maizland.

2. Agenda Review

Chair Rahul Naveen recommended moving agenda item 6b to follow agenda item 5 to accommodate the guest presenters' schedules.

ACTION: A motion to approve moving agenda item 6b to follow agenda item 5 was made by Abhishek Jagannathan and seconded by Jacob Salvanera.

Youth Council Vote: 18 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstentions

The motion passed.

3. Approval of Minutes from February 1, 2022

Youth Council Chair Rahul Naveen asked members if they had reviewed the minutes from February 1, 2022 and then requested a motion for approval.

ACTION: A motion to approve the February 1, 2022 minutes as written was made by Jordan Downey and seconded by Sumaiya Akbar.

Youth Council Vote: 18 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstentions

The motion passed.

4. Correspondence

Ms. Tignac reported that she had received correspondence from Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District (District)'s Dave DeMaio requesting the Youth Council's participation in their Arts Festival to be held on May 21, 2022, specifically coordinating a makerspace kid activity area and helping with pre-event planning.

5. Public Statements/Comments

Mayor Mashburn stated that he was very impressed with how the Youth Council meetings were held and the discipline and professionalism of each member.

The following attendees introduced themselves and stated that they were observing the meeting; Tayten Han, Nandhiha Krishnamoorthi, and Maya Maizland.

6. Continued Business

- a. Discussion of the Simi Valley Youth Symposium on Thursday, March 10, 2022 in Collaboration with the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute

Youth Summit Committee Chair Ian Nelson announced each of the groups that had been formed to lead four smaller groups during the Youth Summit portion of the Youth Symposium.

Mr. Nelson reminded Youth Council members of the Facilitator training that would be held on Saturday, February 26, 2022, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the City Hall Community Room.

Mr. Nelson also reminded members that the event walk-through would be held on the evening of Wednesday, March 9, 2022 at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Museum.

- b. Discussion of an Opportunity to Collaborate on a Tobacco Use Prevention Education (TUPE) Service Learning Project with the Simi Valley Unified School District

Chair Rahul Naveen gave a brief overview of the virtual BRITE World event Taking a Deep Dive into the Dangers of Vaping event held in 2021 with BRITE Youth and the Simi Valley Unified School District (SVUSD).

Katherine Kasmir with BRITE Youth stated that there were many options for hosting another service learning project this year and that she would work with the Youth Council with brainstorming ideas.

The following members volunteered to serve on a TUPE Committee to work on a service learning project/event: Matheus Brocchi, Abhishek Jagannathan, Rashi Khandare, Rahul Naveen, Ian Nelson, Ashlyn Ro, Saydee Ro, Rohith Saju, Jasleen Sidhu, and Isaac Tieu.

ACTION: A motion to approve the TUPE Committee as listed above was made by Josh Chandran and seconded by Jacob Salvanera.

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

The motion passed.

7. New Business

a. Discussion of Youth Council Fundraising Events

Fundraising Chair Abhishek Jagannathan reminded all Youth Council members to promote and make plans to attend the Youth Council fundraiser scheduled on Friday, February 25, 2022, from 11:00 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.

Mr. Jagannathan also thanked the members that had picked up their five Jamba Juice Fundraiser Cards. He asked that the rest that had not picked up the cards, do so as soon as possible.

Ms. Tignac stated that members that could not make it to City Hall during regular office hours should contact her to coordinate other arrangements to receive the cards.

8. Representative Reports

Youth Council Reports and Comments

Social Media Committee Member Ian Nelson announced on behalf of Ella McCrossan to follow the Youth Council on all social media platforms @simivalleyyouthcouncil.

Mr. Nelson also congratulated Royal High School's Mock Trial Team and Ella McCrossan as a member of the team on their advancement in the Mock Trial competition.

Talent Show Committee Chair Jacob Salvanera announced that members would be asked to help secure donations for cash prizes for contest winners, general event sponsorships and/or raffle prizes for the Talent Show.

Mental Health Committee Chair Joshua Chandran reported that the committee was continuing its work on a mental health proposal, and a March to Wellness College Panel discussion with Youth Council alumni on the topic of mental health.

School Infrastructure Committee Chair Alden Ta reported that the committee would meet with Ron Todo at the School District office on March 8, 2022 to go over concerns regarding internet access and gender-neutral bathrooms.

Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Committee Chair Matheus Brocchi stated the committee was working towards completing the 2021-22 Work Plan issues related with sexual assault awareness.

Mr. Brocchi also reported that the Young Social Activists Clubs (YSAC) at both Santa Susana High School and Simi Valley High School were planning a Black Lives Matter Open Discussion event tentatively on February 26 or 27, 2022.

9. Coordinator's Report

Ms. Tignac congratulated new Youth Council members Jasleen Sidhu and Arianna Reyes on their recent appointments.

Ms. Tignac announced that this meeting would be the last online meeting barring another COVID surge in positive cases.

Ms. Tignac reminded members of the upcoming committee meetings scheduled to take place on Zoom.

10. Adjournment: Tuesday, March 1, 2022, 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Simi Valley Senior Center, Room 106/107.

Youth Council Chair Rahul Naveen adjourned the meeting at 5:52 p.m.