



SIMI VALLEY YOUTH COUNCIL
Tuesday, March 15 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 March 1, 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. Continued Business

a. Updates on Youth Council Fundraising Efforts

7. New Business

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

b. Discussion of the Tobacco Use Prevention Education (TUPE) Service Learning Project on Friday, April 8, 2022 at the Simi Valley Public Library

c. Discussion of the Youth Council's Participation at the Simi Valley Street Fair on Saturday, April 30, 2022

d. Discussion of the Youth Council Talent Show on Friday, May 20, 2022



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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, April 5, 2022, 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., **Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District's Activity Center.**



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	E	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	E	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: Serena Nguyen, School Social Worker, Simi Valley Unified School District; Danielle June, Recreation Coordinator, Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District; and student Serena Jetely.

2. Agenda Review

There being no objections, Chair Rahul Naveen moved agenda item 8a to follow agenda item 6a to accommodate the guest presenters' schedules.

3. Approval of Minutes from February 15, 2022

Youth Council Chair Rahul Naveen asked members if they had reviewed the minutes from February 15, 2022 and then requested a motion for approval.

ACTION: A motion to approve the February 15, 2022 minutes as written was made by Alden Ta and seconded by Krish Kothiya.

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

The motion passed.

4. Correspondence

Ms. Tignac reported she had received correspondence from Simi Valley Public Library Director Kelly Behle regarding an opportunity for female students in 8th through 12th grades to attend the Soroptimist International of Simi Valley's Dream it, Be it annual girls' conference on Saturday, March 5, 2022.

Ms. Tignac also reported that she had received a phone call from Mary Poitier, Moorpark College's Associated Student Body President, to inquire about the Youth Council's interest in assisting with a mental health forum to be hosted at Moorpark College on Wednesday, March 16, 2022. Ms. Tignac stated that the time of the event, 11:00 a.m., would unfortunately conflict with student school schedules.

5. Public Statements/Comments

Royal High School student Serena Jetely stated that she was in attendance to observe the meeting.

6. Informational Presentation

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

Ms. Serena Nguyen, LCSW, gave a brief background on her school and career journey, then presented an overview of her newly created position with the SVUSD as the School Social Worker. She reported that she is meeting with different community organizations to complete a needs assessment. After the needs assessment is completed, she will begin work on connecting resources where gaps may be occurring.

Ms. Nguyen also offered to work with Youth Council members in areas related to mental health.

Ms. Tignac will provide Ms. Nguyen the Zoom link for the upcoming Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention and the Mental Health committee meetings.

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

Mr. Nelson reviewed the Youth Summit timeline for brainstorming and developing action plans.

Gracie Kim and Jacob Salvanera reported that due to school-based competitions, they would not be able to attend the Youth Symposium.

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.

8. New Business

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

Danielle June, Recreation Coordinator, gave a brief overview of the new Art Festival event the RSRPD plans to hold on Saturday, May 21, 2022. Ms. June discussed the available volunteer opportunities, including coordinating a makerspace booth.

Ashlyn Ro stated that Simi Valley High School's ArtBeat Club would like to run the makerspace booth along with student Serena Jetely.

Matheus Brocchi recommended contacting art teachers to give extra credit for students that submit artwork to be displayed at the event. He also offered to be the liaison to Santa Susana High School's art teachers.

Mrs. June also announced the RSRPD's hopes to build a teen hub area at the Activity Center.

Mrs. June discussed alternate facilities available to host teen events, such as the Youth Council's Escape Room Fundraiser. Ms. Tignac to coordinate a date for the Fundraising Committee to tour the Berylwood Park's former teen gaming building.

b. Update on Youth Council Fundraising Efforts

Talent Show Committee Chair Jacob Salvanera asked each Youth Council member to distribute five Talent Show donation request letters to businesses, neighbors and/or family members. He stated that varying sponsorships levels were available.

Fundraising Chair Abhishek Jagannathan announced that \$107.52 had been raised during the restaurant fundraiser held at Yogurtland on February 25, 2022.

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

Members discussed their availability to attend the May 3, 2022 meeting due to advanced placement testing schedules.

ACTION: A motion to cancel the May 3, 2022 Youth Council meeting was made by Jacob Salvanera and seconded by Ashlyn Ro.

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

The motion passed.

9. Representative Reports

Youth Council Reports and Comments

Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Committee Chair Matheus Brocchi reported that he had attended and presented to members of the Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) Council during a recent meeting regarding Youth Council Work Plan goals. He stated that many were open to the ideas for building student awareness and prevention of sexual assault.

Social Media Committee Chair Member Ella McCrossan encouraged all members to follow the Youth Council on all social media platforms @simivalleyyouthcouncil. She also reported that Committee members AJ Jagannathan, Ian Nelson, and Krish Kothiya were scheduled to present the Youth Council's Discord Proposal to Ms. Anna Medina on March 16, 2022.

TUPE Committee Chair Ashlyn Ro reported that the committee was working with Katherine Kasmir with BRITE Youth on coordinating a TUPE Service Learning event in April or May.

Ella McCrossan congratulated Oak Park High School on winning the Mock Trial competition and wished good luck to all students competing in the Mock Trial competition for the middle schools.

Sumaiya Akbar announced that her senior project, a STEM Distinguished Speaker Series, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 19, 2022. Ms. Akbar stated that she would share the event flyer with Ms. Tignac to post on the Youth Council's Instagram account.

Matheus Brocchi announced that he had been impressed with the presentation that Moorpark College's President had made to the City Council on February 28, 2022. He stated that there were exciting programs at the college, including Bachelor's degrees to be offered in Biotechnology and Cybersecurity.

10. Coordinator's Report

Ms. Tignac congratulated Matheus Brocchi on doing an excellent job presenting the Youth Council informational report at the City Council meeting on February, 28, 2022.

Ms. Tignac asked all members to share that acts were sought for the Talent Show. Interested performers should register at bit.ly/yctalentreg before the registration deadline on April 22, 2022.

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

11. Adjournment: Tuesday, March 15, 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 6:06 p.m.