SIMI VALLEY YOUTH COUNCIL



Tuesday, September 20, 2022, **4:30 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.**City Hall Community Room
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AGENDA Special Meeting Time

- 1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Welcome
- 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 September 6, 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.

- Continued Business
 - a. Discussion of the 2022-23 Youth Council Work Plan
 - b. Discussion and Selection of the Youth Council Representative to the YES Advisory Board
- 7. New Business
 - a. Scheduling and Appointment of Youth Council Informational Report Presenters to City Council on October 24 and November 14
 - b. Discussion of an Opportunity for an Event Collaboration with the Simi Valley Unified School District
 - c. Discussion of the 2022 Bullying Prevention Campaign
 - d. Discussion of the Youth Town Hall on Friday, January 20, 2023



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, October 4, 2022, 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., City Hall Community Room.

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/Welcome

Acting Youth Council Chair Chloe Drury called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. and Acting Youth Council Secretary Yihan Wang took attendance, verifying that a quorum was present.

Selection Districts			Members-At-Large		
Р	Victoria Schumacher-AHS	Р	Serena Jetely	Р	Rikka Tignac
E	Ella McCrossan-RHS	Е	Jasleen Khangura		
Р	Yihan Wang-RHS	Р	Amanda Kilmnick	Alternates	
Р	Abhishek Jagannathan-SSHS	Р	Krish Kothiya	Р	Chloe Drury
Р	Isaac Tieu-SSHS	Р	Nandhiha Krishnamoorthi	Р	Maya Maizland
Р	Rashi Khandare-SVHS	Р	Advaith Nair	Р	Rylan Downey
Р	Ashlyn Ro-SVHS	E	Anika Nedunuri	P = Present	
Р	Christopher Kricorian-HMS	Р	Ian Nelson	E = Excused A = Absent	
P*	Jetta Rose-SMS	Р	Jacob Salvanera		
Р	Abigale Potter-VVMS	Р	Zehong Situ	V :	= Vacant
*Arrived after approval of the minutes					

Staff:

Anna Medina, Deputy Community Services Director; and Kristin

Tignac, Community Services Coordinator.

Guests:

Mayor Keith Mashburn; and Dave DeMaio, Recreation Coordinator,

Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District (RSRPD).

2. Agenda Review

Acting Youth Council Chair Advaith Nair asked if any changes to the Agenda were requested by members. There being no objections, Acting Chair Nair recommended that the Youth Council be flexible with agenda items 8a and 8d to accommodate guest presenters' schedules.

3. Approval of Minutes from August 16, 2022

Acting Youth Council Chair Ian Nelson asked members if they had reviewed the minutes from August 16, 2022 and then requested a motion for approval.

ACTION: A motion to approve the August 16, 2022 minutes as written was made by Zehong "Daniel" Situ and seconded by Christopher Kricorian.

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

The motion passed.

4. Correspondence

Acting Youth Council Chair Amanda Kilmnick asked if any correspondence had been received.

No correspondence had been received.

5. Public Statements/Comments

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

Continued Business

a. Discussion of the Youth Council's 2022 Suicide Prevention Campaign

Acting Youth Council Chair Isaac Tieu asked Christopher Kricorian to present an update on his research into local suicide prevention nonprofits, which included the National Alliance for Mental Illness (NAMI).

Ashlyn Ro mentioned that she volunteered with family-based Simi Valley Free Clinic.

After a brief discussion, Youth Council members selected to vote from their top three nonprofits; NAMI, Didi Hirsh Foundation and the Simi Valley Free Clinic.

ACTION: A motion to approve NAMI with Simi Valley Free Clinic as the backup nonprofit to receive the funds raised from snack sale donations at the Rock Painting Night was made by Ian Nelson and seconded by Christopher Kricorian.

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

The motion passed.

Youth Council members also reviewed the past year's event flyer and made recommendations for revisions, including adding language for students that are seeking to earn service hours and that snacks would be available.

<u>Action Item</u>: Rashi Khandare and Ian Nelson volunteered to serve as the volunteer coordinators for the Rock Painting Night and would create a volunteer sign up using the Google platform.

7. New Business

 Introduction of City Council Liaison to the Youth Council; Mayor Keith L. Mashburn

Acting Youth Council Chair Krish Kothiya introduced Mayor Keith Mashburn and gave him the floor to speak.

Mayor Mashburn stated that he had been honored to be the Mayor for the past four years. He conveyed to members that they were a part of a valuable program where they have a unique opportunity to learn about city government and make a difference. He also discussed the importance of the Ralph M. Brown Act.

d. Discussion of the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District Berylwood Teen Center's Programming

Acting Youth Council Chair Abhishek Jagannathan introduced Dave DeMaio and gave him the floor to speak.

Mr. DeMaio announced that the RSRPD had multiple volunteer opportunities to gain service hours at their upcoming Snow Fest on November 6, 2022. To volunteer, students should email him directly at dave@rsrpd.us prior to the event.

Mr. DeMaio reported that the Berylwood Teen Center would open this fall with an Open House scheduled on September 30, 2022. He provided an overview of programs and events planned, as well as job opportunities available.

Election of Youth Council Officers

The following Youth Council members volunteered to serve as Chair: Ashlyn Ro and Rikka Tignac. Ashlyn Ro received the most votes and was selected as Chair.

The following Youth Council members volunteered to serve as Vice Chair: Abhishek Jagannathan, Ella McCrossan and Rikka Tignac. Abhishek Jagannathan received the most votes and was selected as Vice Chair.

The following Youth Council members volunteered to serve as Sergeant-at-Arms: Ian Nelson and Maya Maizland. Ian Nelson received the most votes and was selected as Sergeant-at-Arms.

The following Youth Council members volunteered to serve as Secretary: Nandhiha Krishnamoorthi, Maya Maizland, Ella McCrossan, and Abigale Potter. Ella McCrossan received the most votes and was selected as Secretary.

The following Youth Council members volunteered to serve as Treasurer: Christopher Kricorian, Nandhiha Krishnamoorthi, Abigale Potter, and Jacob Salvanera. Jacob Salvanera received the most votes and was selected as Treasurer.

<u>ACTION</u>: A motion to approve Ashlyn Ro as Youth Council Chair, Abhishek Jagannathan as Vice Chair, Ian Nelson as Sergeant-at-Arms, Ella McCrossan as Secretary, and Jacob Salvanera as Treasurer was made by Rashi Khandare and seconded by Isaac Tieu.

Youth Council vote: 20 Ayes; 1 No; 0 Abstentions The motion passed.

 Discussion and Selection of the Youth Council Representative to the YES Advisory Board

Ian Nelson shared his experience as the Youth Council representative to the YES Advisory Board last term, including his responsibilities at YES events.

Nandhiha Krishnamoorthi, Maya Maizland and Abigale Potter volunteered to serve as Youth Council representative to the Youth Employment Service (YES) Advisory Board. Maya Maizland received the most votes and was selected as the Youth Council Representative to the YES Advisory Board.

<u>ACTION</u>: A motion to approve Maya Maizland as the Youth Council representative to the YES Advisory Board was made by Abhishek Jagannathan and seconded by Jacob Salvanera.

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

The motion passed.

e. Discussion of the 2022-23 Youth Council Work Plan

There being no objections, Youth Council Chair Ashlyn Ro continued the discussion of the 2022-23 Youth Council Work Plan to the September 20 Youth Council meeting due to time constraints.

8. Representative Reports

Youth Council Reports and Comments

Social Media Committee Vice Chair Abhishek Jagannathan gave a brief update on the committees' first meeting, including reporting that Ella McCrossan had been selected as Chair of the committee and him as Vice Chair. He also encouraged all Youth Council members and guests to follow the Youth Council on all social media platforms @simivalleyyouthcouncil.

9. Coordinator's Report

Ms. Tignac reminded the Youth Council members that had volunteered to attend the City Council Meeting on September 12, 2022 to receive the Proclamation for September as Suicide Prevention Month to arrive by 6:25 p.m. at Council Chambers.

Ms. Tignac also reminded Youth Council members to RSVP for the City's Annual Volunteer Dinner if they planned to attend.

10. Adjournment: Tuesday, September 20, 2022, 4:30 p.m. to 5:45 p.m., City Hall Community Room.

Youth Council Chair Ashlyn Ro adjourned the meeting at 6:34 p.m.