



## AGENDA

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 from September 20, 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. Discussion of the 2022-23 Youth Council Work Plan

b. Discussion of the Youth Town Hall on Friday, January 20, 2023

7. New Business

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 18, 2022, 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., **Simi Valley Senior Center, Room 106/107.**

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.

DRAFT MINUTES

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Welcome

Youth Council Chair Ashlyn Ro called the meeting to order at 4:34 p.m. and Youth Council Secretary Ella McCrossan took attendance, verifying that a quorum was present.

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

Staff: Anna Medina, Deputy Community Services Director; and Kristin Tignac, Community Services Coordinator.

Guests: Ryan Fowler, Student Leadership Program Coordinator, the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute (RRPFI); and Jennifer Wigdor, Counselor/Tobacco Use and Prevention Program (TUPE) Coordinator, Simi Valley Unified School District (SVUSD).

2. Agenda Review

There being no objections, Chair Ashlyn Ro recommended that the Youth Council be flexible with agenda items 7b and 7d to accommodate guest presenters' schedules.

3. Approval of Minutes from September 6, 2022

**ACTION:** A motion to approve the September 6, 2022 minutes as written was made by Abhishek Jagannathan and seconded by Jacob Salvanera.

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

**The motion passed.**

4. Correspondence

Ms. Tignac reported that correspondence had been received from Nikki Collier with the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District (District) regarding Youth Council's interest in hosting a carnival booth at the District's Halloween Carnival on Monday, October 31, 2022.

5. Public Statements/Comments

No public statements or comments were made.

6. Continued Business

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

The following dates and events were discussed for inclusion in the 2022-23 Youth Council Work Plan:

- The District's Heritage Halloween and Movie in the Park event on Saturday, October 22, 2022;
- City of Simi Valley City Expo, in conjunction with the Simi Valley Street Fair on Saturday, October 29, 2022;
- Annual Youth Town Hall on Friday, January 20, 2023;
- Potential Talent Show in November/Early December;
- In Mid-November possible Youth Council participation in the City's annual Volunteer Fair;
- Mental Health Awareness Month Campaign in May 2023;
- Wellness Event in collaboration with the SVUSD before the end of May 2023;
- Fun Teen Event in collaboration with the Simi Valley Public Library in Fall 2022;
- 2023 Youth Summit with a potential date of Friday, March 10, 2023 at the District's Activity Center on Guardian Street; and
- Idea for Butterfly Project (in January or April).

Members briefly discussed issues of concern, including mental health, substance abuse, environmental issues, public transportation, college/career and financial education, and inclusivity.

Action Item: Members to gather input from their classmates regarding issues that they are most concerned about, which will also be used to determine the Youth Town Hall discussion topic.

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

Due to unforeseen circumstances Maya Maizland is unable to attend YES Advisory Board meetings, hence a new representative is needing to be selected. Chloe Drury volunteered to be the representative.

**ACTION:** A motion to approve Chloe Drury as the Youth Council Representative to the YES Advisory Board was made by Ian Nelson and seconded by Jasleen Khangura.

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

**The motion passed.**

## 7. New Business

- a. Scheduling and Appointment of Youth Council Informational Report Presenters to the City Council on October 24 and November 14

Youth Council Coordinator Kristin Tignac reviewed the tasks of the Informational Report presenters and asked for volunteers for the upcoming dates: October 24 and November 14. Anika Nedunuri volunteered to present on October 24 and Abhishek Jagannathan volunteered to present on November 14.

**ACTION:** A motion to approve Anika Nendunuri on October 24 and Abhishek Jagannathan on November 14 as the Informational Report Presenters to the City Council was made by Ella McCrossan and seconded by Abigale Potter.

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

**The motion passed.**

- d. Discussion of the Youth Town Hall on Friday, January 20, 2022

Ryan Fowler with RRPFI and Ian Nelson gave an overview of the event. November 15, 2022 was confirmed as the date for Youth Town Hall speaking role auditions. Members discussed potential discussion panel topics to address during the Youth Town Hall.

By consensus, members agreed to hold off on making final decisions until members collected input from classmates on what issues they were concerned about.

- b. Discussion of an Opportunity for an Event Collaboration with the Simi Valley Unified School District

Jennifer Wigdor, counselor and Tobacco Use Prevention Education (TUPE) Coordinator for SVUSD discussed the opportunity for a possible event collaboration with the Youth Council. She reported that the SVUSD was awarded a Tobacco Use and Prevention Grant each year. Ms. Wigdor asked the Youth Council members for input on what type of event they thought would be effective. The idea of a Wellness Expo with several different components was popular among the members. Ideas included, inviting Art Trek and BRITE Youth, as well as having the expo focus on art, music, nutrition, and performing arts. Members discussed potentially holding the event in April or May 2023.

**ACTION:** A motion to approve the Youth Council collaborating to host a TUPE event with SVUSD was made by Yihan Wang and seconded by Christopher Kricorian.

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

**The motion passed.**

## c. Discussion of the 2022 Bullying Prevention Campaign

Youth Council members discussed ideas for a 2022 Bullying Prevention Campaign. Members preferred to coordinate the Stop Bullying Pledge banner at their booth during the City Expo on Saturday, October 29, 2022. They also planned for a social media campaign tasking the Social Media Committee to develop the content.

**ACTION:** A motion to approve a Stop Bullying Pledge and a social media campaign as the 2022 Bullying Prevention Campaign was made by Zehong Situ and seconded by Advait Nair.

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

**The motion passed.**

## 8. Representative Reports

## Youth Council Reports and Comments

Rock Painting Night Volunteer Co-Coordinator Ian Nelson gave an update on the plans for the September 23, 2022 Rock Painting Night. He reviewed the different volunteer roles and asked members to complete and submit the volunteer Google form that would be emailed after the meeting. He also asked all Youth Council members and event volunteers to be at the event for set-up at 5:00 p.m.

Social Media Chair Ella McCrossan asked members to look for an email that would be sent regarding introduction posts for the Instagram Account. She also reminded everyone to follow the Youth Council @simivalleyyouthcouncil on Instagram, Facebook, and Youtube.

## 9. Coordinator's Report

Ms. Tignac asked members to check for conflicts with their schools regarding Friday, March 10, 2023, as a potential day for the 2023 Youth Summit.

Ms. Tignac also thanked Ashlyn Ro for her Informational Report to the City Council. The City Council Members gave her high praise for her work thus far as a Youth Council member.

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

Youth Council Chair Ashlyn Ro adjourned the meeting at 5:51 p.m.