



SIMI VALLEY YOUTH COUNCIL
Tuesday, October 18, 2022, 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center Community Room
3050 East Los Angeles Avenue

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AGENDA
Special Meeting Location

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 October 4, 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, November 1, 2022, 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., City Hall Community Room.



Anna M. Medina
Deputy Community Services Director

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DRAFT MINUTES

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Welcome

Youth Council Vice Chair Abhishek Jagannathan called the meeting to order at 5:01 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	P	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	E	Chloe Drury
P	Isaac Tieu-SSHS	P	Nandhiha Krishnamoorthi	P	Maya Maizland
P	Rashi Khandare-SVHS	P	Advaith Nair	P	Rylan Downey
E	Ashlyn Ro-SVHS	P	Anika Nedunuri	P = Present	
P	Christopher Kricorian-HMS	P	Ian Nelson	E = Excused	
P	Jetta Rose-SMS	P	Jacob Salvanera	A = Absent	
P	Abigale Potter-VVMS	P	Zehong Situ	V = Vacant	
*Arrived after approval of the minutes					

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

Guest: Dr. Ranjini Kaushik with SciArtsRUs.

2. Agenda Review

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

3. Approval of Minutes from September 20, 2022

Youth Council Vice Chair Abhishek Jagannathan asked members if they had reviewed the minutes from September 20, 2022 and then requested a motion for approval.

ACTION: A motion to approve the September 20, 2022 minutes as written was made by Advaith Nair and seconded by Christopher Kricorian.

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

The motion passed.

4. Correspondence

Ms. Tignac reported that correspondence had been received from Jamie Roark with Adventist Health Simi Valley Foundation (Foundation). As a past participant, the Foundation invited the Youth Council to again participate in its annual Festival of Trees fundraiser.

Ms. Tignac also reported that correspondence had been received by Ms. Aleyah Ewing who invited Youth Council members to attend a virtual candidate forum she would host and moderate on Zoom on October 15, 2022.

5. Public Statements/Comments

Dr. Ranjini Kaushik introduced herself and gave a brief background on the SciArtsRUs organization, a non-profit promoting arts, science, and how the two are connected. Dr. Kaushik invited Youth Council members to attend and promote their upcoming Hexagram event on October 18, 2022. The program, beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center, would be free for students.

6. Continued Business

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

Before discussing the Work Plan, Youth Council volunteers signed up for the following events:

1. Acceptance of the Stop Bullying Month Proclamation at the City Council Meeting on Monday, October 10, 2022 – Christopher Kricorian, Nandhiha Krishnamoorthi, Maya Maizland, and Advaith Nair;
2. Heritage Halloween and Movie in the Park on Saturday, October 22, 2022, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. – Rylan Downey, Serena Jetely, Jasleen Khangura, Krish Kothiya, Christopher Kricorian, Nandhiha Krishnamoorthi, Maya Maizland, Ella McCrossan (tentative), Advaith Nair, Anika Nedunuri, Ian Nelson, Abigale Potter, Jacob Salvanera, Daniel Situ, Rikka Tignac, Hannah Wang; and
3. City Expo on Saturday, October, 29, 2022, various shifts – 8:45 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Serena Jetely, Jasleen Khangura, Maya Maizland, Advaith Nair, Daniel Situ, Rikka Tignac, Yihan Wang; from 11:25 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Rashi Khandare, Amanda Kilmnick, Nandhiha Krishnamoorthi, Maya Maizland; Jasleen, Khangura, and Rikka Tignac; and 1:25 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. Anika Nedunuri, Abigale Potter, Jacob Salvanera, Ella McCrossan (tentative).

Vice Chair Jagannathan reviewed the results of the Google survey with the main issue of concern being mental health, followed by issues related to the internet and social media. Two other prominent concerns gathered from the survey were school-related stress and discrimination and divisiveness.

Youth Council members then discussed what their peers viewed as the major issues within the community, with the following issues of concern: bullying/cyberbullying and increase in school fights; mental health; internet/social media; discrimination; substance abuse; school related issues.

Members discussed the issue brought up regarding lack of resources (mirrors, soap, etc.) and poor behavior in school bathrooms on specific campuses, including at Royal High School, Sinaloa Middle School, Valley View Middle School, and Hillside Middle School.

Vice Chair Jagannathan continued the discussion and final vote on the Work Plan to the October 18, 2022 meeting due to time constraints.

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

Vice Chair Jagannathan continued the discussion of this item to the October 18, 2022 meeting due to time constraints.

7. New Business

None.

8. Representative Reports

Youth Council Reports and Comments

Social Media Chair, Ella McCrossan, asked members to respond to the email they received regarding introduction posts for the Instagram account. She also reminded everyone to follow the Youth Council @simivalleyyouthcouncil on Instagram, Facebook, and YouTube.

Sergeant-at-Arms, Ian Nelson, double checked that all members received his reminder about the meeting on the previous day.

Youth Council Treasurer, Jacob Salvanera, reported that \$200 had been raised from snack sales at the Rock Painting Night to donate to NAMI Ventura County.

9. Coordinator's Report

Youth Council Coordinator Kristin Tignac stated that if any Youth Council members belonged to clubs that may have an interest in running a booth at the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District's annual Halloween Carnival on Monday, October 31, 2022, they should contact Nikki Collier.

Ms. Tignac congratulated everyone on another extremely successful suicide prevention event, the Rock Painting Night.

Ms. Tignac reminded Anika Nedunuri that she will be presenting the next Youth Council Informational Report to the City Council on Monday, October 24, 2022.

10. Adjournment: Tuesday, October 18, 2022, 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center.

Vice Chair Jagannathan stated that the Youth Council had the opportunity to move the meeting location for the next meeting to the Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center if members were interested in attending the Hexagram event.

ACTION: A motion to approve moving the October 18, 2022 Youth Council meeting to the Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center was made by Rylan Downey and seconded by Jasleen Khangura.

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

The motion passed.

Youth Council Vice Chair Abhishek Jagannathan adjourned the meeting at 6:10 p.m.