SIMI VALLEY YOUTH COUNCIL



Tuesday, March 21, 2023, 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. City Hall Community Room 2929 Tapo Canyon Road

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AGENDA

- 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 7, 2023
- 4. Correspondence
- 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 Annual Talent Show on Thursday, April 6, 2023
 - b. Discussion of the Teen Wellness Night on Friday, May 19, 2023
- New Business
 - a. Discussion of the Youth Council's Participation at the YES Job and Career Fair on Saturday, April 22, 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, April 4, 2023, 5:00 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

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Youth Council Chair Ashlyn Ro called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and Youth Council Secretary Ella McCrossan took attendance, verifying that a quorum was present.

Selection Districts		Members-At-Large			
Р	Victoria Schumacher-AHS	Р	Serena Jetely	Р	Rikka Tignac
Р	Ella McCrossan-RHS	Р	Jasleen Khangura		,
Р	Yihan Wang-RHS	E	Amanda Kilmnick	Alternates	
Р	Abhishek Jagannathan-SSHS	Α	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	Р	Anika Nedunuri	P = Present	
Р	Christopher Kricorian-HMS	E	lan Nelson	E = Excused A = Absent V = Vacant	
Р	Jetta Rose-SMS	Р	Jacob Salvanera		
Р	Abigale Potter-VVMS	Р	Zehong Situ		
*Arrived after approval of the minutes					

Staff:

Kristin Tignac, Community Services Coordinator.

Guests:

City Council Member Elaine Litster; Julia Sears-Hartley, Simi Valley Interfaith Council representative; and students Ethan Bhat, Saanvi

Daga, Kirtan Ijju, Tanvi Ijju, Kalyssa Ro and Saydee Ro.

Agenda Review

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

3. Approval of Minutes from February 21, 2023

ACTION: A motion to approve the February 21, 2023 minutes as written was made by Zehong Situ and seconded by Serena Jetely.

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

The motion passed.

4. Correspondence

No correspondence had been received.

5. Public Statements/Comments

Julia Sears-Hartley thanked Youth Council members for their service and stated she was impressed by the number in attendance at the meeting. Ms. Sears-Hartley invited youth to participate in the Simi Valley Interfaith Council's Unity Project Contest. For information regarding the contest or to register before the April 17, 2023 deadline, visit https://bit.ly/unityproject23.

Students in attendance introduced themselves.

6. Continued Business

a. Discussion of the 2023 Youth Summit on Friday, March 10, 2023

Youth Summit Chair Anika Nedunuri confirmed the cancelation of the Youth Summit was due to an insufficient number of permission forms received to meet the threshold to hold the event. Ms. Nedunuri stated that even though the event had been canceled, those registered would still be able to voice their concerns and ideas for solutions through an online survey.

Ms. Nedunuri announced that the book and school supply drive would still be coordinated to support the Soroptimist International Simi Valley's Live Your Dream scholarship recipients. The donation drive would be held from March 13, 2023 to March 19, 2023 with a donation collection bin located at the Simi Valley Public Library.

Members discussed strategies to be used for the next Youth Summit, including having a PDF available on the Youth Council webpage with all permission forms for the event.

Jasleen Khangura reported that Director Brian Dennert had an idea to give students an opportunity to provide input to the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park Board (Board) followed by an invite to attend a Board meeting.

b. Discussion of the Annual Talent Show on Thursday, April 6, 2023

Ms. Tignac announced that eight acts were registered for the Talent Show.

Talent Show Chair Rikka Tignac reminded members that the deadline for acts to register at https://bit.ly/yctalent23 was on March 14, 2023.

Members discussed creating a video to promote registering to perform.

Fundraising Chair Jacob Salvanera asked members to help secure donations for both cash prizes and silent auction items for the event. Each member received two generic donation request letters to give to local businesses and/or family members.

7. New Business

a. Discussion of the Teen Wellness Night on Friday, May 19, 2023

Substance Use Prevention and Teen Wellness Night Committee Chair Anika Nedunuri led a discussion on ways to encourage school clubs and local businesses and organizations to participate by coordinating an activity or informational booth at the Teen Wellness Night on Friday, May 19, 2023. Interested groups were encouraged to reserve their free booth space at tinyurl.com/teenwellnessreg.

Fundraising Chair Jacob Salvanera announced that a restaurant fundraiser at Yogurtland had been scheduled from 11:30 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., on May 19, 2023.

Action Item: Members to encourage school clubs to host booths at the Teen Wellness Night.

b. Discussion of Canceling the May 2, 2023 Youth Council Meeting

Chair Ashlyn Ro led a discussion regarding members' availability to attend the May 2, 2023 meeting due to advanced placement testing schedules.

ACTION: A motion to approve canceling the May 2, 2023 Youth Council meeting was made by Rylan Downey and seconded by Nandhiha Krishnamoorthi.

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

The motion passed.

8. Representative Reports

Youth Council Reports and Comments

Social Media Chair Ella McCrossan reminded members and guests to follow the Youth Council @simivalleyyouthcouncil on Instagram, Facebook, and YouTube.

Ella McCrossan wished both Christopher Kricorian and Abigale Potter good luck in their upcoming Simi Valley middle school mock trial competition.

9. Coordinator's Report

Ms. Tignac announced that Youth Council recruitment for the 2023-24 term was officially open.

Ms. Tignac reminded committees of their upcoming meeting dates.

10. Adjournment: Tuesday, March 21, 2023, 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.