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**SIMI VALLEY YOUTH COUNCIL**  
Tuesday, May 16, 2023, 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.  
**Simi Valley Senior Center**  
**3900 Avenida Simi**

**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 April 18, 2023

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. Informational Presentation

a. Teen Advisory Group and Other Volunteer Opportunities at the Simi Valley Public Library

7. Continued Business

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

b. Discussion of the Mental Health Awareness Month Campaign

8. New Business

a. Discussion and Selection of the Teen Crisis Resource Number Review Committee

9. 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.

10. Coordinator's Report



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11. Adjournment: Tuesday, June 6, 2023, 5:00 p.m., City Hall Community Room

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Anna M. Medina". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

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 Ashlyn Ro called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m. and Youth Council Secretary Ella McCrossan took attendance, verifying that a quorum was present.

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

Staff: Kristin Tignac, Community Services Coordinator.

Guests: Students Santeev Akundi, Ethan Bhat, Saanvi Daga, Evan Ali, Abhishek Humbe, Kirtan Ijju, Tanvi Ijju, Ranbir Jain, Lalit Kondra, Rithmika Naveen, Sandy Phan, Kalyssa Ro, Saydee Ro, Chloe Sigler, Ashitha Singh, and Sunchana Sridharan.

2. Agenda Review

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

3. Approval of Minutes from April 4, 2023

**ACTION:** A motion to approve the April 4, 2023 minutes as written was made by Jacob Salvanera and seconded by Krish Kothiya.

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

**The motion passed.**

4. Correspondence

Ms. Tignac announced that Youth Council received a request from Purvi Pathak, SKY Breath Meditation Teacher, Sri Sri Yoga Teacher, and Art of Living Volunteer, in regards to collaborating with the Youth Council in hosting a Power of Breathing and Meditation session.

5. Public Statements/Comments

The students in attendance introduced themselves, along with their grade levels and schools they attend.

## 6. Continued Business

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

Substance Use Prevention and Teen Wellness Night Committee Chair Anika Nedunuri reported that there were six vendors registered to participate in the Teen Wellness Night event; a Girl Scout Ambassador, Baha'i Faith of Simi Valley, Los Robles Health System, Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District, Simi Valley Unified School District, and the Art of Living Foundation and International Association for Human Values. Anika strongly encouraged all members to reach out to clubs, organizations, and businesses to ask them to host booths at the event. Interested groups need to reserve their free booth space at <https://tinyurl.com/teenwellnesreg>.

Members discussed the items that the TUPE grant would cover, such as water bottles, journals, wellness stickers, stress balls and wellness bracelets.

Mental Health Committee Chair Abhishek Jagannathan reminded members that Youth Council would promote an "unplugged" day to be held on May 18, 2023, with an opportunity drawing of Beats Headphones selected from the students that participated in the unplugged day to be given out at the Teen Wellness Night and/or a prize given to the person with the lowest daily or weekly screen time usage at the event. Members discussed ideas for the prize.

**ACTION:** A motion to approve spending up to \$500.00 to purchase the incentive items for the unplugged day was made by Anika Nedunuri and seconded by Jasleen Khangura.

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

**The motion passed.**

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

## b. Discussion of the Mental Health Awareness Month Campaign

Mental Health Committee Chair Abhishek Jagannathan stated that the Youth Council had the opportunity to attend and accept the May as Mental Health Awareness Month Proclamation at the May 1, 2023 City Council Meeting.

The following Youth Council members volunteered to attend with Mr. Jagannathan; Serena Jetely, Jasleen Khangura, Christopher Kricorian, and Nandhiha Krishnamoorthi.

Mr. Jagannathan reported that Purvi Pathak and Dr. Jeffrey Knepper, from the Art of Living Foundation, had attended the last committee meeting to discuss the Power of Breathing and Meditation workshop they would like to cohost. The Foundation will not only have a booth at the Teen Wellness Night; they will also host a time specific breathing and meditation session.

7. New Business

a. Recap of the Annual Talent Show held on Thursday, April 6, 2023

Talent Show Chair Rikka Tignac thanked the Talent Show committee and all Youth Council members for their hard work hosting the annual Talent Show. They announced that the Talent Show raised \$2,890.00.

Rikka led the event debrief with members, highlighting the positives of the sold out event and addressing challenges.

The following recommendations for next year were mentioned; for all members to act professionally at all times and to fully understand their assigned roles, all acts to turn in audio tracks as mp3 files only and to use specific naming conventions for files, to reduce acts from leaving the green room have audio of the live performances relayed into the room, have more seating available in the green room, have more volunteers to help with raffle and silent auction during the intermissions, affix the people's choice voting tickets to the programs, when asking acts for their bios, also ask for their on-stage introductions, have a strict cap on number of acts allowed, and to have additional trainings or crew run-throughs so that everyone knows what they should be doing the night of the event.

b. Discussion of New Youth Council Member Interviews

Ms. Tignac reviewed the Youth Council by-laws that addresses the interviewing panel of up to four members nominated for appointment. The following Youth Council members volunteered to serve on the new Youth Council Member Interview panel if they are selected to return; Abhishek Jagannathan, Serena Jetely, Jasleen Khangura, Rashi Khandare, Krish Kothiya, Nandhiha Krishnamoorthi, Ella McCrossan, Advait Nair, Anika Nedunuri, Jetta Rose, and Jacob Salvanera.

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.

9. Coordinator's Report

Ms. Tignac congratulated all Youth Council members on their extremely successful Talent Show.

She also reminded all members that the Youth Council meeting on May 2, 2023 is cancelled and the next meeting will be held on May 16, 2023 at the Simi Valley Senior Center in Room 106/107.

Ms. Tignac reminded Christopher Kricorian that his draft script for his Youth Council Informational Report to the City Council on May 15, 2023, was due on Monday, May 8, 2023.

Youth Council

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10. Adjournment: Tuesday, May 16, 2023, 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Simi Valley Senior Center, Room 106/107.

Youth Council Chair Ashlyn Ro adjourned the meeting at 6:04 p.m.