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SIMI VALLEY YOUTH COUNCIL

Tuesday, June 6, 2023, 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

City Hall Community Room

2929 Tapo Canyon Road

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 May 16, 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. Continued Business

7. New Business

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

b. Discussion of the Youth Council Escape Room on Friday, June 30, 2023

c. 2022-23 Youth Council Recap and Recommendations for the 2023-24 Youth Council Term

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, August 15, 2022, 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 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

Youth Council Chair Ashlyn Ro called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. and Acting Youth Council Secretary Jetta Rose took attendance, verifying that a quorum was present.

Selection Districts		Members-At-Large			
A	Victoria Schumacher-AHS	P	Serena Jetely	P	Rikka Tignac
E	Ella McCrossan-RHS	P	Jasleen Khangura		
E	Yihan Wang-RHS	P	Amanda Kilmnick	Alternates	
P	Abhishek Jagannathan-SSHS	P	Krish Kothiya	E	Chloe Drury
E	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	P	Ian Nelson		
P	Jetta Rose-SMS	E	Jacob Salvanera		
P	Abigale Potter-VVMS	A	Zehong Situ		
*Arrived after approval of the minutes					

Staff: Kristin Tignac, Community Services Coordinator.

Guests: City Council Member Elaine Litster; and students Ethan Bhat, Saanvi Daga, Abhishek Humbe, Kirtan Iju, Tanvi Iju, Ranbir Jain, Lalit Kondra, Sandy Phan, Sahana Ravikumar, 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 18, 2023

ACTION: A motion to approve the April 18, 2023 minutes as written was made by Krish Kothiya and seconded by Advaith Nair.

Youth Council Vote: 15 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstentions

The motion passed.

4. Correspondence

Ms. Tignac stated that a request for volunteers was received from Daylin Paul, founder of the Femme Fair scheduled on Saturday, June 17, 2023, at the Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center.

Ms. Tignac also announced that Cynthia Herrera with the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute invited Youth Council members and families to attend a complimentary lecture featuring United States Senator Shelley Moore Capito on May 22, 2023 at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library.

Ms. Tignac also received confirmation from Mrs. Serena Nguyen, School Social Worker with the Simi Valley Unified School District, that as of January 1, 2023, mental health was counted as an excused absence.

5. Public Statements/Comments

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

Council Member Litster commended the Youth Council on activities and events, as well as commented on how well represented the Youth Council was at the City Council Meeting on May 15, 2023. She also gave a brief update on action the City Council had taken, including approving funding for a mobile library vehicle.

6. Informational Presentation

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

Young Adult Librarian, David Rosenberg, stated that youth in grades seven and up were eligible to join the Library's Teen Advisory Group (TAG) that meets on the first and third Monday of each month. TAG provides a youth voice on teen programming at the library. For more information regarding TAG, email Mr. Rosenberg at david.rosenberg@simivalleylibrary.org.

Mr. Rosenberg also reviewed the Simi Valley Public Library's upcoming programs and events. He stated that volunteers are still needed for the Library's Summer Reading Program, set to begin on June 3, 2023, and conclude on July 31, 2023. Along with the Summer Reading Program, the Library will be holding Teen Escape Rooms in June and July. To volunteer for the Summer Reading Program or for more information, email volunteer@simivalleylibrary.org.

7. 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 20 booths scheduled to participate in the Teen Wellness Night event, plus a guided meditation session at 6:00 p.m., and a Power of Breathing workshop at 6:30 p.m.

Action Item: All Youth Council members to encourage friends, family, and classmates to attend the event.

b. Discussion of the Mental Health Awareness Month Campaign

Mental Health Committee Chair Abhishek Jagannathan stated that he had attended the City Council Meeting on May 1, 2023, to accept the May as Mental Health Awareness Month Proclamation.

Mr. Jagannathan reminded members to continue promoting the Youth Council's Unplugged Day on May 18, 2023, where students with the lowest phone screen time will have an opportunity to win Beats Solo3 wireless headphones or Air Pod Pro earbuds.

The committee had also created a mental health survey to ask students to complete during the next school year in September and February.

8. New Business

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

Youth Council Chair Ro gave a brief overview of Teen Crisis Resource Numbers printed on the backside of all Simi Valley Unified School District middle and high school identification cards. Ms. Ro also explained the responsibility of the committee.

The following Youth Council members volunteered and were selected to serve on the committee: Abhishek Jagannathan, Serena Jetely, Rashi Khandare, Amanda Kilmnick, Krish Kothiya, Nandhiha Krishnamoorthi, Advait Nair, Ian Nelson, Anika Nedunuri, and Jetta Rose. Jasleen Khangura, Maya Maizland, and Abigale Potter were selected as alternates.

ACTION: A motion to approve the Teen Crisis Resource Number Review Committee listed above and authorize the committee to make recommendation revisions was made by Serena Jetely and seconded by Amanda Kilmnick.

Youth Council Vote: 15 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstentions

The motion passed.

9. 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.

Nandhiha Krishnamoorthi announced that she a founded the Salus Aid Club and would be holding a restaurant fundraiser at It's Boba Time on Saturday, May 20, 2023.

10. Coordinator's Report

Ms. Tignac congratulated Christopher Kricorian on his Youth Council Informational Report to the City Council on May 15, 2023 and Ian Nelson on his graduation with the 2023 CERT class.

Ms. Tignac thanked Abhishek Jagannathan for representing the Youth Council in accepting the May as Mental Health Awareness Month proclamation.

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

Youth Council Chair Ashlyn Ro adjourned the meeting at 5:48 p.m.