



AGENDA
Special Time

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 August 15, 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. Introduction of City Council Liaison to the Youth Council, Mayor Fred Thomas

7. Continued Business

a. Discussion and Selection of the Youth Council Outreach Item

8. New Business

a. Election of Youth Council Officers

b. Selection of the Youth Council Informational Report Presenters to the City Council on September 25, October 23 and November 13

c. Discussion of the Youth Council's 2023 Suicide Prevention Rock Painting Night on Friday, September 22, 2023

d. Discussion of the Youth Council's 2023 Bullying Prevention Campaign



- e. Discussion of the Youth Council's Participation at the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District's Annual Heritage Halloween and Movie in the Park Event on Saturday, October 21, 2023
 - f. Discussion of the Youth Council's Participation at the City Expo in Conjunction With the Simi Valley Street Fair on Saturday, October 28, 2023
 - g. Discussion of the 2023-24 Youth Council Work Plan
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
11. Adjournment: Tuesday, September 19, 2023, 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., City Hall Community Room.



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DRAFT MINUTES

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Acting Youth Council Chair Sunchana Sridharan called the meeting to order at 4:16 p.m. and Acting Youth Council Secretary Ella McCrossan took attendance, verifying that a quorum was present.

Selection Districts		Members-At-Large			
V	Apollo High School Rep	P	Ethan Bhat	P	Jacob Peter Salvanera
P	Ella McCrossan-RHS	P	Pranav Bijith		
P*	Jasleen Khangura-RHS	P	Simran Dhillon	Alternates	
P	Abhishek Jagannathan-SSHS	P	Abhishek Humbe	P	Saydee Ro
P	Advaith Nair-SSHS	P	Tanvi Ijju	P	Junxi Chen
P	Nandhiha Krishnamoorthi - SVHS	P	Sanchita Karthik	P	Sunchana Sridharan
P	Anika Nedunuri-SVHS	P*	Claire Menges	P = Present E = Excused A = Absent V = Vacant	
P	Jiya Bhatt-HMS	P*	Ian Nelson		
P	Rylan Downey-SMS	P	Divya Nunna		
P	Sanjeev Akundi-VVMS	P	Kalyssa Ro		
*Arrived after approval of the minutes					

Staff: Kristin Tignac, Community Services Coordinator.

Guests: City Council Member Elaine Litster; Stacey Roth; students Girish Bhathe and Saanvi Daga.

2. Welcome/Introductions of Youth Council Members

Acting Youth Council Chair Kalyssa Ro shared a Youth Council hype video she had created, then led an ice breaker activity for member introductions.

3. Agenda Review

Acting Youth Council Chair Abhishek Humbe asked if there were any changes to the agenda. There being none, by consensus the agenda was approved as presented.

4. Approval of Minutes from June 6, 2023

Acting Youth Council Chair Rylan Downey asked members if they had reviewed the minutes from June 6, 2023, and then requested a motion for approval.

ACTION: A motion to approve the June 6, 2023, minutes as written was made by Nandhiha Krishnamoorthi and seconded by Ella McCrossan.

Youth Council Vote: 12 Ayes; 0 Noes; 8 Abstentions

The motion passed.

5. Correspondence

Acting Youth Council Chair Sanjeev Akundi asked if any correspondence had been received.

Ms. Tignac stated that she had received an email from Nikki Bim with Strathearn Historical Park and Museum inviting the Youth Council to participate again in the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District's annual Heritage Halloween and Movie in the Park event on Saturday, October 21, 2023.

Ms. Tignac stated that she had also received correspondence from Michelle Scharf, Volunteer Coordinator for the Soroptimist Simi Valley Club's annual Little Black Dress fundraiser event, requesting four volunteers to help sell raffle tickets at the event from 4:45 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., on Thursday, October 5, 2023. Simran Dhillon, Abhishek Humbe, Advait Nair and Divya Nunna volunteered.

Ms. Tignac reported that she had received an announcement from Ventura County Behavioral Health for the 8th annual Preventing Suicide Forum on Tuesday, September 12, 2023.

Ms. Tignac also received an email from Simi Valley Chamber of Commerce and Sum of All Music to share that they were seeking trained musicians of all ages and skill levels to be a part of a community orchestra for a Little House on the Prairie 50th anniversary event to be held in March 2024. An informational meeting will be held on Thursday, August 17, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. at 99.1 The Ranch radio station in the Simi Valley Town Center. For those interested in learning more information, visit www.sumofallmusic.com/simi.

6. Public Statements/Comments

Acting Youth Council Chair Saydee Ro reviewed the public statement and comment procedure.

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

7. Informational Presentations

- a. Introduction of City Council Liaisons to the Youth Council; Mayor Fred Thomas and City Council Member Elaine Litster

Acting Youth Council Chair Ethan Bhat introduced City Council Member Elaine Litster and invited her to speak.

Council Member Litster shared her educational and personal background, along with her path to serving on the City Council. She emphasized the importance of a youth voice in City government and commended the Youth Council members for their contributions and willingness to tackle important issues.

- b. Youth Council Accomplishments and Annual Events

Acting Youth Council Chair Nandhiha Krishnamoorthi invited Youth Council members Abhishek Jagannathan, Ella McCrossan and Ian Nelson to share information on Youth Council accomplishments and annual events.

AJ, Ella and Ian, as a team, reviewed a slide show of various accomplishments and events held during the 2022-23 Youth Council term. They provided detailed descriptions of the purpose, outcome, and roles Youth Council members had in coordinating each event.

8. Continued Business

Acting Youth Council Chair Ella McCrossan stated that there were no continued business items to discuss.

9. New Business

a. Discussion of the Youth Council's 2023 Suicide Prevention Campaign

Acting Youth Council Chair Ella McCrossan led the discussion to gather suicide prevention campaign ideas. Ms. McCrossan gave a brief history and overview of the Youth Council's previous Suicide Prevention campaigns.

Youth Council members reviewed the potential dates to host the Rock Painting Night with the Simi Valley Public Library for suicide prevention awareness and selected Friday, September 22, 2023, as the date with the least amount of school conflicts.

Additional ideas were discussed including incorporating suicide prevention social media content, sending representatives to attend the Annual Preventing Suicide Forum on Tuesday, September 12, 2023, and having representatives attend the City Council meeting on Monday, August 28, 2023, to accept the September 2023 as Suicide Prevention Month proclamation.

ACTION: A motion to approve a Suicide Prevention Campaign to include a Rock Painting Night on Friday, September 22, 2023, to have Youth Council representatives attend the August 28, 2023, City Council meeting to accept the September 2023 as Suicide Prevention Month Proclamation, to send Youth Council representatives to attend the Annual Preventing Suicide Forum on Tuesday, September 12, 2023, and to develop Suicide Prevention social media content was made by Jacob Salvanera and seconded by Sanjeev Akundi.

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

The motion passed.

The following Youth Council members volunteered to represent the Youth Council in accepting the September as Suicide Prevention Month proclamation during the August 28, 2023 City Council Meeting: Sanjeev Akundi, Jiya Bhat, Ethan Bhatt, Pranav Bijith, Simran Dhillon, Abhishek Humbe, Tanvi Ijju, Sanchita Karthik, Jasleen Khangura, Nandhiha Krishnamoorthi, Claire Menges, Advait Nair, Divya Nunna, Kalyssa Ro, Saydee Ro, and Sunchana Sridharan.

The following Youth Council members volunteered to represent the Youth Council in attending the 8th Annual Preventing Suicide Forum on Tuesday,

September 12, 2023 at Oxnard College: Jiya Bhat, Tanvi Ijju, Nandhiha Krishnamoorthi, Claire Menges and Anika Nedunuri.

There being no objections, acting Youth Council Chair Ella McCrossan continued the discussion to finalize the Rock Painting event details to the September 5, 2023 Youth Council meeting.

Action Items: Ms. Tignac to research the possibility of having a restaurant Fundraiser at Boba Time as the first choice or at Yogurtland as the second choice on Friday, September 22, 2023.

- b. Selection of the Youth Council Informational Report Presenter to the City Council on Monday, August 28, 2023

Acting Youth Council Chair Anika Nedunuri reviewed the roles and responsibilities of the Informational Report presenters, including completing a draft speech by August 21, 2023. The following members volunteered to present: Jasleen Khangura and Nandhiha Krishnamoorthi. After a hand vote, Ms. Khangura was selected as the Youth Council Informational Report Presenter to the City Council on Monday, August 28, 2023.

ACTION: A motion to approve Jasleen Khangura as the Youth Council Informational Report Presenter to the City Council on Monday, August 28, 2023, was made by Rylan Downey and seconded by Jiya Bhat.

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

The motion passed.

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

Youth Council Acting Chair Ian Nelson gave a brief review of the Youth Council Representative to the Youth Employment Service (YES) Advisory Board. The following members volunteered to serve as the representative: Sanjeev Akundi, Jasleen Khangura and Anika Nedunuri. Anika Nedunuri received the most votes and was selected to serve as the Youth Council Representative to the YES Advisory Board.

ACTION: A motion to approve Anika Nedunuri as the Youth Council representative to the YES Advisory Board was made by Jasleen Khangura and seconded by Claire Menges.

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

The motion passed.

- d. Discussion of the Youth Council Outreach Item

Acting Youth Council Chair Abhishek Jagannathan led a brainstorm session to determine Youth Council members' preferred outreach item for the 2023-24 term. Members discussed exploring a hoodie option, along with a polo shirt.

Action Item: Ms. Tignac to research pricing of both engraved polo shirt and hoodie.

ACTION: A motion to approve Ms. Tignac researching the cost of both engraved polo shirts and hoodies was made by Divya Nunna and seconded by Ian Nelson.

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

The motion passed.

There being no objections, acting Youth Council Chair Abhishek Jagannathan continued the discussion of selecting the Youth Council outreach item to the September 5, 2023, Youth Council meeting until more information was available on cost.

e. Team Building Activity

There being no objections, acting Youth Council Chair Jacob Salvanera continued this agenda item to a future Youth Council meeting due to time constraints.

10. Representative Reports

Youth Council Reports and Comments

Acting Youth Council Chair Advait Nair asked if any members had reports or comments to present.

2022-23 Youth Council Fundraising Chair Jacob Salvanera gave a brief report on the Train Escape Room fundraiser held on June 30, 2023.

Ella McCrossan requested that a discussion of participating in the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District's Heritage Halloween and Movie in the Park event be added to the September 5 Youth Council Meeting.

Ms. McCrossan also encouraged everyone to follow Youth Council on social media @simivalleyyouthcouncil.

Claire Menges requested to add highlighting suicide prevention resources for LGBTQ community during the continued discussion of the 2023 Suicide Prevention campaign during the September 5 Youth Council meeting.

11. Coordinator's Report

Ms. Tignac reminded all members to turn in their completed Youth Council forms before leaving the meeting.

Ms. Tignac asked members to dress in business casual for the group photo to be taken during the September 5 Youth Council meeting.

12. Adjournment: Tuesday, September 5, 2023, 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., City Hall Community Room.

Acting Youth Council Chair Pranav Bijith adjourned the meeting at 6:14 p.m.