



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 October 17, 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
 - a. Discussion of the Youth Town Hall on Thursday, January 18, 2024
7. New Business
 - a. Discussion of Youth Council Fundraising
 - b. Discussion of Holding a Youth Council Holiday Gift Exchange
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 14, 2023, 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., City Hall Community Room.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Anna M. Medina".

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 Abhishek Jagannathan called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m. and Youth Council Secretary Anika Nedunuri took attendance, verifying that a quorum was present.

Selection Districts		Members-At-Large			
V	Apollo High School Rep	P	Ethan Bhat	E	Jacob Peter
P	Ella McCrossan-RHS	P	Pranav Bijith		Salvanera
P*	Jasleen Khangura-RHS	P	Simran Dhillon	Alternates	
P	Abhishek Jagannathan-SSHS	P	Abhishek Humbe	P	Saydee Ro
P	Advait Nair-SSHS	E	Tanvi Ijju	P	Junxi Chen
E	Nandhiha Krishnamoorthi – SVHS	P	Sanchita Karthik	E	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		
E	Sanjeev Akundi-VVMS	P	Kalyssa Ro		
*Arrived after approval of the minutes					

Staff: Kristin Tignac, Community Services Coordinator.

2. Agenda Review

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

3. Approval of Minutes from October 3, 2023

ACTION: A motion to approve the October 3, 2023, minutes as written was made by Divya Nunna and seconded by Junxi David Chen.

Youth Council Vote: 17 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstentions

The motion passed.

4. Correspondence

Ms. Tignac stated that Sandee McGee, Assistant Community Services Manager with the Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center (CAC), had stated that the CAC was in need of volunteers for its annual Holiday Craft Fair on December 2, 2023.

Ms. Tignac also stated that she had spoken to Oscar Rodriguez, Staff Specialist with the County of Ventura’s Environmental Health Division regarding food being served by school clubs at the potential Youth Council Multicultural Fair. Prior to meeting with the Multicultural Fair Committee, Mr. Rodriguez requested that the committee develop an event proposal to include the estimated number of vendors and foods to be offered.

5. Public Statements/Comments

No public statements were made.

6. Continued Business

a. Discussion of the Youth Town Hall on Thursday, January 18, 2024

Chair Abhishek Jagannathan led members in brainstorming a list of potential Youth Town Hall discussion panelists with knowledge of the selected topic.

Youth Council members discussed the following potential panelists; in the area of higher education, Dr. Klive Oh from Pepperdine University or an admissions officer from University of California, Los Angeles; Dr. Hani Youssef, Dr. Angelica Chavez, and Serena Nguyen with the Simi Valley Unified School District; a coach or former athlete; teachers from the District; and a former student, such as Youth Council Alumni Ashlyn Ro.

Action Item: For potential teachers, Youth Council members were assigned to reach out to specific teachers to determine interest in serving on the panel prior to the 11/7 Youth Council meeting.

b. Discussion of the 2023-24 Youth Council Work Plan

Chair Abhishek Jagannathan reviewed each of the committees formed to address the work plan and the three main events being planned in addition to the Youth Town Hall; the Youth Summit, Multicultural Fair, and Teen Wellness Night.

Teen Wellness Committee Chair Jasleen Khangura reported that the committee had met and reviewed the purpose of the Teen Wellness event, which this year would also include anger management techniques. She stated that the committee was looking at ideas to create an engaging event, such as incorporating a non-physical obstacle course or scavenger hunt-type focus.

Youth Summit Committee Chair Aadi Nair reported that the committee discussed hosting the event at the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District's Guardian Street location with a proposed date in early fall 2024.

Multicultural Fair Committee Chair Abhishek Humbe reported that the committee had opted for a goal of having a minimum of 20 participating booths, with each reflecting a culture through art, music, food, etc. He asked members to speak to multicultural clubs at their respective schools, including Santa Susana High School's International Club to gauge interest in participating.

Chair Abhishek Jagannathan thanked members for submitting responses to the rock hiding Google form, which resulted in narrowing down the day, time and location for hiding all of the painted rocks from the Rock Painting Night for Suicide Prevention. He announced that Saturdays at 1:00 p.m. were the best day and time, with Rancho Tapo Community Park, also known as Lemon Park, being the preferred rock hiding location.

ACTION: A motion to approve the Youth Council hiding the painted rocks from the Rock Painting Night at 1:00 p.m., on Saturday, November 25, 2023, at Rancho Tapo Community Park was made by Rylan Downey and seconded by Pranav Bijith.

Youth Council Vote: 18 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstentions

The motion passed.

Ian Nelson announced the following new committee chair and vice chair duties:

- Committee chairs were required to send their committee meeting notes along with next meeting dates to Ms. Tignac by email.
- Committee vice chairs to enter committee meeting attendance on a shared Google spreadsheet for tracking.

Chair Abhishek Jagannathan stated that since committees are meeting more regularly, this system would be more efficient.

7. New Business

- a. Discussion of the Youth Council's Participation at the Annual Volunteer Fair on Wednesday, November 8, 2023

Chair Abhishek Jagannathan gave a brief overview of past participation and the Youth Council discussed interest in participating again.

Ms. Tignac stated that the Youth Council had typically had a booth, along with additional volunteers to help run the event. She announced that this year, nonprofits were encouraged to coordinate on-site service projects, allowing students an opportunity to earn two hours of community service by attending the fair.

ACTION: A motion to approve the Youth Council's Participation in the 2023 Volunteer Fair on November 8, 2023 was made by Jasleen Khangura and seconded by Rylan Downey.

Youth Council Vote: 18 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstentions

The motion passed.

Action Item: Ms. Tignac to email a digital copy of the Volunteer Fair flyer for Youth Council members to share.

- b. Discussion of the Youth Council's Participation in the Simi Valley Festival of Trees Fundraiser

Chair Abhishek Jagannathan gave a brief overview of past participation in the Simi Valley Festival of Trees and Wreaths Fundraiser.

After a brief discussion, members discussed theme ideas with the top three themes being Taylor Swift, Charlie Brown, and Disney.

ACTION: A motion to approve the Youth Council's participation in the Simi Valley Festival of Trees with a wreath themed "a Charlie Brown Christmas" was made by Saydee Ro and seconded by Simran Dhillon.

Youth Council Vote: 14 Ayes; 4 Noes; 0 Abstentions

The motion passed.

c. Discussion of Rescheduling the November 21, 2023 Youth Council Meeting

Chair Abhishek Jagannathan stated that the November 21, 2023, Youth Council meeting, falling on Thanksgiving break, would need to be either canceled or rescheduled.

After a brief discussion, Youth Council members selected to reschedule the meeting.

ACTION: A motion to approve rescheduling the November 21, 2023 Youth Council meeting to November 14, 2023 was made by Ian Nelson and seconded by Ella McCrossan.

Youth Council Vote: 18 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstentions

The motion passed.

8. Representative Reports

Youth Council Reports and Comments

Social Media Chair Ella McCrossan reported that the committee had discussed how to promote events and that they would continue to discuss at the next meeting. Ms. McCrossan reminded everyone to follow Youth Council @simivalleyyouthcouncil on Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube.

Fundraising Vice Chair Anika Nedunuri stated that the committee had met and developed an annual sponsorship letter to give to local businesses. Ms. Nedunuri asked all Youth Council members to brainstorm businesses and organization to ask for donations.

Since Chair Abhishek Jagannathan and Vice Chair Ella McCrossan would not be at the next meeting, it was stated that Ian Nelson would be leading the next meeting.

9. Coordinator's Report

Ms. Tignac announced that the December 5, 2023 Youth Council meeting would be held beginning at 4:30 p.m., at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Museum with a short meeting followed by the Youth Town Hall auditions for main speaking roles.

Ms. Tignac reminded Aadi Nair that he would be presenting the Youth Council Informational Report to the City Council on October 23, 2023.

Ms. Tignac also reminded the Youth Council members that had volunteered to run the Youth Council sponsored booth at the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District's annual Heritage Halloween and Movie in the Park event on Saturday, October 21, 2023, at the Strathearn Historical Park to arrive at 5:00 p.m.

Ms. Tignac thanked the members from Royal High School for presenting during Royal High School's Brown Bag Lunch on October 5, 2023.

The following committees were scheduled to meet:

- Social Media Committee Meeting at 6:00 p.m., on October 18, 2023;
- Multicultural Fair Committee Meeting at 3:00 p.m., on October 22, 2023;

- Fundraising Committee Meeting at 2:30 p.m., on October 22, 2023.

Ms. Tignac also reminded the Youth Council members that had volunteered to run the Youth Council sponsored booth at the City Expo on Saturday, October 28, 2023.

10. Adjournment: Tuesday, November 7, 2023, 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., City Hall Community Room.

Youth Council Chair Abhishek Jagannathan adjourned the meeting at 6:03 p.m.