



SIMI VALLEY YOUTH COUNCIL
Tuesday, November 14, 2023, 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
City Hall Community Room
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AGENDA
Special Meeting Date

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 November 7, 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 Youth Council Fundraising

b. Discussion of Holding a Youth Council Holiday Gift Exchange

7. New Business

a. Discussion of a Review of the Youth Council Bylaws

b. Selection of the 2024 Simi Valley Youth Summit Theme

8. Representative Reports

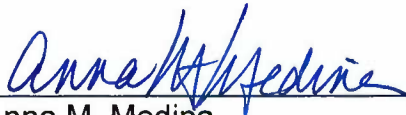
Youth Council Reports and Comments

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.



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9. Coordinator's Report
10. Adjournment: Tuesday, December 5, 2023, 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Museum, Air Force One Board 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

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Youth Council Acting Chair Jacob Salvanera called the meeting to order at 5:00 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	P	Jacob Peter Salvanera
E	Ella McCrossan-RHS	P	Pranav Bijith		
P*	Jasleen Khangura-RHS	P	Simran Dhillon	Alternates	
E	Abhishek Jagannathan-SSHS	P	Abhishek Humbe	P	Saydee Ro
P	Advait 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	E	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: Students Ian Angel and Serena Jetely.

2. Agenda Review

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

3. Approval of Minutes from October 17, 2023

ACTION: A motion to approve the October 17, 2023, minutes as written was made by Abhishek Humbe and seconded by Divya Nunna.

Youth Council Vote: 19 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstentions

The motion passed.

4. Correspondence

Ms. Tignac stated that she had received an email from Nikki Bim, Administrative Assistant with the Strathearn Historical Park and Museum, thanking the Youth Council for participating in the Heritage Halloween event on October 21, 2023. Ms. Bim stated that the event was a resounding success with more than 900 in attendance.

Ms. Tignac also stated that she had received two emails from Jennifer Wigdor with the Simi Valley Unified School District. The first was regarding the Youth Leadership Institute’s statewide coalition called HOPE, Healthy Online Platforms for Everyone, was planning to host an event in March 2024 and was seeking members to serve on the coalition. The second email was regarding a new

Tobacco Use Prevention Education (TUPE) Youth Advisory Board, a statewide board to amplify youth voices. The following members stated that they had an interest in serving on the board: Sanjeev Akundi, Jiya Bhatt, Pranav Bijith, David Chen, Simran Dhillon, Abhishek Humbe, Tanvi Ijju, Jasleen Khangura, Nandhiha Krishnamoorthi, Claire Menges, Advait Nair, Kalyssa Ro, Saydee Ro and Sunchana Sridharan.

Ms. Tignac stated that she had received an email from Erika Cabral, Outreach coordinator with Goodwill Industries of Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties, regarding sharing information on the free programs they offer designed to help youth gain skills and training needed to be prepared to enter the workforce.

5. Public Statements/Comments

Student Ian Angel and Serena Jetely introduced themselves.

6. Continued Business

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

Acting Chair Jacob Salvanera asked for updates from the members assigned to reach out to specific teachers on interest in serving on the Youth Town Hall Panel and led a brief discussion on the list of panelists to present to the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute's education team for consideration.

The following individuals were recommended in three categories:

Teacher or Principal: Michael Hall, Ms. Sir Louis and Ms. Rosuck.

Topic Specialists: Dr. Klive Oh, Dr. Anjelica Sanchez, and Serena Nguyen, a representative from the Ventura County Office of Education.

Student: Ashlyn Ro, Youth Council alumni and student at University of California, Los Angeles.

ACTION: A motion to approve a teacher or principal, two specialists, and one student from the list above was made by Tanvi Ijju and seconded by Pranav Bijith.

Youth Council Vote: 20 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstentions

The motion passed.

Action Item: Youth Council members to send mini-bios to Ms. Tignac for the teachers listed above by Wednesday, November 8, 2023.

7. New Business

a. Discussion of Youth Council Fundraising

Fundraising Committee Chair Jacob Salvanera stated that the Youth Council polo shirt order had been completed and ended up costing less than the original quote.

Youth Council discussed the available dates provided by the Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center for hosting the 2024 Talent Show. Members were asked to research any conflicts with school events on the following dates:

Tuesday, April 3, 2024; Wednesday, April 4, 2024; Thursday, April 11, 2024; Wednesday, April 17, 2024; and Thursday, April 18, 2024.

As the one Friday date offered on March 15, 2024 conflicted with Santa Susana High School's International Week and Spring Fling, members asked Ms. Tignac to inquire if the CAC had any weekend availability during the last two weekends in May.

There being no objections, Acting Chair Salvanera continued the discussion of this agenda item to the November 14 Youth Council meeting.

b. Discussion of Holding a Youth Council Holiday Gift Exchange

After a brief discussion, Youth Council members selected to hold a secret Santa-type gift exchange along with a gingerbread house building competition with four teams

ACTION: A motion to approve the Youth Council holding a Holiday gift exchange was made by David Chen and seconded by Ethan Bhat.

Youth Council Vote: 20 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstentions

The motion passed.

8. Representative Reports

Youth Council Reports and Comments

Abhi Humbe, Multicultural Fair Committee Chair, reported that the committee was discussing event locations and potential organizations to co-host the event.

Advaith Nair, Youth Summit Committee Chair, reported that the committee had brainstormed a few theme ideas and will present them at the next Youth Council meeting.

Jasleen Khangura, Social Media Vice Chair, stated that the committee was working on updating the Youth Council Instagram Page's highlights and developing a standard policy on promoting events, such as determining the number of reels and posts to create for each event.

Jasleen Khangura, Teen Wellness Committee Chair; stated that the committee had completed a mental health survey and would continue to discuss potential speakers to recommend presenting at schools.

Anika Nedunuri asked to include an Informational Presentation on Goodwill Industries of Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties programs for youth.

9. Coordinator's Report

Ms. Tignac thanked Nandhiha Krishnamoorthi for turning in her draft speech for the Youth Council Informational Report to the City Council on November 13, 2024.

Ms. Tignac also shared her appreciation of the members that volunteered at the following events:

- Heritage Halloween and Movie in the Park event on October 21, 2023: Jiya Bhatt, Pranav Bijith, Simran Dhillon, Abhi Humbe, Tanvi Ijju, Abhishek Jagannathan, Sanchita Karthik, Jasleen Khangura, Nandhiha Krishnamoorthi,

Aire Menges, Aadi Nair, Anika Nedunuri, Divya Nunna, Kalyssa Ro, Saydee Ro, Jacob Salvanera and Sunchana Sridharan.

- City Expo and Simi Valley Street Fair on October 28, 2023: Sanjeev Akundi, Ethan Bhat, Jiya Bhatt, Simran Dhillon, Rylan Downey, Tanvi Ijju, Sanchita Karthik, Jasleen Khangura, Nandhiha Krishnamoorthi, Divya Nunna, Kalyssa Ro, Saydee Ro, and Jacob Salvanera, with a special thank you to Abhi and Aire for volunteering all three shifts.

Ms. Tignac reminded the following members that they had volunteered to assist at the annual Volunteer Fair on Wednesday, November 8, 2024: Ethan Bhat, Jiya Bhatt, Pranav Bijith, David Chen, Simran Dhillon, Rylan Downey, Abhi Humbe, Tanvi Ijju, Sanchita Karthik, Jasleen Khangura, Nandhiha Krishnamoorthi, Aire Menges, Aadi Nair, Anika Nedunuri, Divya Nunna, Kalyssa Ro and Saydee Ro.

Reminders for upcoming committee meetings:

- Fundraising at 1:30 p.m., on Sunday, November 12, 2024;
- Social Media at 5:30 p.m., on Wednesday, November 15, 2024;
- Youth Summit at 5:00 p.m., on Friday, November 17, 2024; and
- Teen Wellness at 6:00 p.m., on Monday, December 4, 2024.

10. Adjournment: Tuesday, November 14, 2023, 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., City Hall Community Room.

Youth Council Acting Chair Jacob Salvanera adjourned the meeting at 5:58 p.m.