SIMI VALLEY YOUTH COUNCIL

youth council

Tuesday, December 19, 2023, 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. City Hall Community Room 2929 Tapo Canyon Road

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AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance
- 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 December 5, 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.

- Continued Business
- 7. New Business
 - a. Selection of the Youth Council Informational Report Presenter for the January 8, 2024 City Council Meeting
 - b. Discussion of Options for the Youth Council Multicultural Fair
 - c. 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, January 16, 2024, 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Simi Valley Senior Center, Room 106/107.

/s/	
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 4:43 p.m. and Youth Council Secretary Anika Nedunuri took attendance, verifying that a quorum was present.

	Selection Districts	1	Members-At-Large			
V	Apollo High School Rep	Е	Ethan Bhat	Р	Jacob Peter	
Р	Ella McCrossan-RHS	Р	Pranav Bijith		Salvanera	
Р	Jasleen Khangura-RHS	Р	Simran Dhillon	Alternates		
Р	Abhishek Jagannathan-SSHS	P*	Abhishek Humbe	Р	Saydee Ro	
Р	Advaith Nair-SSHS	Р	Tanvi Ijju	E	Junxi Chen	
Р	Nandhiha Krishnamoorthi –	P*	Sanchita Karthik	Р	Sunchana Sridharan	
Р	Anika Nedunuri-SVHS	Р	Claire Menges	P = Present		
Р	Jiya Bhatt-HMS	Р	lan Nelson	E = Excused A = Absent V = Vacant		
Р	Rylan Downey-SMS	P*	Divya Nunna			
Α	Sanjeev Akundi-VVMS	Р	Kalyssa Ro			
*Arrived after approval of the minutes						

Staff:

Kristin Tignac, Community Services Coordinator.

Guests:

Megan Gately, Linda Lupica and Annabelle Sbarbatti.

2. Agenda Review

There being no objections, Chair Abhishek Jagannathan moved agenda item 7a to follow agenda item 9.

3. Approval of Minutes from November 14, 2023

ACTION: A motion to approve the November 14, 2023, minutes as written was made by Jiya Bhatt and seconded by Claire Menges.

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

The motion passed.

4. Correspondence

Ms. Tignac reported that after reviewing the Youth Council's TikTok proposal, the City Manager's Office had authorized the request to establish an account.

Ms. Tignac stated that she had received correspondence from Shai Goldberg with Mustang Marketing on behalf of the Museum of Ventura County requesting Youth Council input on its new strategic plan via one-hour focus groups in January 2024. Ms. Tignac stated that she would email members the RSVP link for the focus groups.

5. Public Statements/Comments

Meghan Gately with the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute introduced herself, Linda Lupica and Annabelle Sbarbatti. Ms. Gately also stated that the Youth Council members were doing an amazing job.

6. Continued Business

No continued business was discussed.

8. Representative Reports

Youth Council Reports and Comments

Bylaw Review Committee Chair Ian Nelson stated that the committee had met twice to discuss potential bylaw amendments.

Teen Wellness Committee Chair Jasleen Khangura reported that the Youth Council's mental health survey had reached 755 responses. She asked that all members continue to reach out to peers to promote the survey.

Fundraising Committee Chair Jacob Salvanera handed out a list of talking points to help Youth Council members when reaching out to businesses to discuss annual sponsorship opportunities.

Multicultural Fair Committee Vice Chair Anika Nedunuri reported that the committee was waiting to hear back about the proposal for the event. Ms. Nedunuri stated that Youth Council had an opportunity to be in charge of the culinary portion of the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District's annual Art Fest scheduled on May 18, 2024. An additional option was to explore collaborating with a local organization planning to host a Multicultural Festival on November 2, 2024.

Social Media Chair Ella McCrossan reminded everyone to follow @simivalleyyouthcouncil on Instagram, YouTube, and Facebook.

9. Coordinator's Report

Ms. Tignac thanked all of the Youth Council members that met to hide painted rocks at Rancho Tapo Park on Saturday, November 25, 2023.

7. New Business

a. 2024 Youth Town Hall Auditions and Assignment of Roles

Megan Gately, Director of Learning and Engagement with the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute, gave an overview of the Youth Town Hall roles and audition process.

Youth Council members interested in being considered for the introduction speaker, youth moderator positions, social media correspondents, and student engagement team members auditioned for roles. The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute's education team would discuss and then make final decisions.

10. Adjournment: Tuesday, December 19, 2023, 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., City Hall Community Room.

Youth Council Chair Abhishek Jagannathan adjourned the meeting at 6:33 p.m.