



**AGENDA**  
Special Meeting Location

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 February 6, 2024

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

b. Discussion of Youth Council Fundraising

c. Discussion of the Options for the Youth Council Multicultural Fair

7. New Business

a. Selection of a Youth Council Representative to Serve on the City of Simi Valley's Community Projects Grant Review Committee

b. Discussion of the Youth Council's April Meeting Dates

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, March 5, 2024, 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., City Hall Community Room

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Deputy Community Services Director

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DRAFT MINUTES

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Youth Council Chair Abhishek Jagannathan 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
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	E	Junxi (David) Chen
P	Nandhiha Krishnamoorthi-SVHS	E	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	E	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; and Students Kirtan Ijju, Adithi Muralidas, and Aman Sreejith.

2. Agenda Review

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

3. Approval of Minutes from January 16, 2024

**ACTION:** A motion to approve the January 16, 2024, minutes as written was made by Claire Menges and seconded by Rylan Downey.

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

**The motion passed.**

4. Correspondence

Ms. Miller reported that the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute’s education team had shared the Youth Town Hall photographer “shot list” per Abhishek Humbe’s request.

Ms. Miller received correspondence from Kent Alkire from the Simi Valley Interfaith Council with the Save the Date flyer for the group’s upcoming Unity Festival on Saturday, April 20, 2024.

## 5. Public Statements/Comments

Council Member Elaine Litster shared an update on City Council actions taken during its January 29, 2024, meeting, including approving the conceptual plan for a new Transit Center. Council Member Litster also commended the Youth Council on its ability to pivot when event plans change unexpectedly.

Students Kirtan Ijju, Adithi Muralidas, and Aman Sreejith introduced themselves.

## 6. Continued Business

## a. Discussion of the Youth Town Hall

Ms. Miller and Chair Abhishek Jagannathan encouraged members to continue reaching out to teachers and students to attend the Youth Town Hall. The Reagan Education team's Linda Lupica had reported to Ms. Miller that 187 registrations had been received, including Youth Council members and VIP guests.

Youth Council members provided updates on their event outreach. Chair Jagannathan stated that Santa Susana High School would be unable to attend due to timing. Other members stated that many teachers had mentioned bus transportation to and from the event was a challenge.

Due to the change in date of Youth Town Hall, Ms. Miller stated that panelist, Dr. Morales, would no longer be able to participate. After a brief discussion, Youth Council members decided to extend invitations to State Senator Henry Stern and Stanford Psychologist Kelly McGonigal to see if they would be interested in serving on the discussion panel.

**ACTION:** A motion to approve inviting State Senator Henry Stern to serve as a Youth Town Hall panelist, followed by an invite to Dr. Kelly McGonigal, Stanford Psychologist, was made by Jasleen Khangura and seconded by Abhi Humbe.

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

**The motion passed.**

## b. Discussion of Youth Council Fundraising

Jacob Salvanera, Fundraising Chair and Treasurer, provided an overview of the outreach plan for members to contact businesses for Talent Show sponsorships and auction items. He explained that all members had been placed into small teams and assigned businesses to reach out to.

Ms. Miller reported that after being asked by Ethan Bhat, Abhishek Jagannathan and Ian Nelson, Presto Pasta had agreed to sponsor the event and would also provide raffle items.

For Talent Show auditions, all Youth Council members were asked to promote to their friends and at their schools. The following Youth Council members were designated to provide the audition flyer to school administration for inclusion in school announcements:

Santa Susana High School - Pranav Bijith;

Simi Valley High School - Nandhiha Krishnamoorthi;  
Royal High School - Jasleen Khangura and Ella McCrossan;  
Hillside Middle School – Jiya Bhatt;  
Sinaloa Middle School – Rylan Downey; and  
Valley View Middle School – Sanjeev Akundi.

c. Discussion of the Options for the Youth Council Multicultural Fair

Abhishek Jagannathan and Aadi Nair reported that they had met with Dr. Angelica Chavez, Coordinator of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Humanities with the Simi Valley Unified School District, and Madame Mortine, teacher and International Club Advisor, about collaborating on a districtwide Multicultural Fair in April. The proposed plan would be for the event to be an extension of International Week at Santa Susana High School from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Friday, April 12, 2024. The Youth Council would help with outreach to other schools and marketing the event.

Aadi Nair reported that a promotional flyer with a link to a Google Form for school clubs to reserve booths at the event would be available soon.

Anika Nedunuri stated that the Simi Valley Interfaith Council had requested a Youth Council presence at the upcoming Unity Festival on Saturday, April 20, 2023.

7. New Business

a. Review and Discussion of the 2024 Youth Summit Flyer

Aadi Nair, Youth Summit Committee Chair, reported that the committee had met and reviewed multiple event flyers created by Youth Council members. Out of all of the excellent flyers, the committee selected its top three, along with the City's Graphics Department flyer design to present for Youth Council review and final selection.

After a review of the flyer designs and a hand vote, flyer option #1 was selected.

**ACTION:** A motion to approve the Youth Summit flyer created by Jasleen Khangura was made by Jiya Bhat and seconded by Tanvi Iju.

**Youth Council Vote: 19 Ayes; 1 No; 0 Abstentions**

**The motion passed.**

8. Representative Reports

Youth Council Reports and Comments

Jasleen Khangura, Social Media Committee Vice Chair, stated that the committee had met and discussed its strategy for promoting the Youth Town Hall to teachers and for Talent Show Auditions.

Abhi Humbe, Multicultural Fair Chair, reported that members from the committee had another meeting scheduled with Santa Susana High School's International Club Advisor, Madame Mortine, on Wednesday, January 17, 2024, to further discuss the collaboration for a districtwide Multicultural Fair during the school's International Week.

Ian Nelson commended all Mock Trial teams that had competed this school year. For the most recent competition, he congratulated both Royal High School and Santa Susana High School's teams for their top eight ranking.

Jasleen Khangura, Teen Wellness Chair, stated that she had coordinated a meeting with Mrs. Wigdor, Tobacco Use Prevention Education (TUPE) Coordinator, and confirmed a \$750 budget for purchasing items to be given out at the second annual Teen Wellness Night on Friday, May 17, 2024.

Kalyssa Ro asked Youth Council members to send Ms. Miller photos of their pets in preparation for a National Love Your Pet Day social media post.

9. Coordinator's Report

Ms. Miller reminded the following committees of their upcoming meetings: Multicultural Fair Committee to meet at 4:00 p.m., on Thursday, February 8, 2024, and the Fundraising Committee to meet at 10:30 a.m., on Sunday, February 11, 2024.

Ms. Miller thanked Pranav Bijith for turning in his draft Youth Council Informational Report script early for his report to the City Council on Monday, February 12, 2024.

10. Adjournment: Tuesday, February 20, 2024, 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Simi Valley Senior Center, Room 106/107.

Youth Council Chair Abhishek Jagannathan adjourned the meeting at 5:47 p.m.