SIMI VALLEY YOUTH COUNCIL

simi valley youth council Tuesday, March 5, 2024, 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 February 20, 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.

- Continued Business
 - a. Discussion of the Options for the Youth Council Multicultural Fair
 - b. Discussion of the Teen Wellness Night on Friday, May 17, 2024
- 7. New Business
 - a. Debrief of the Youth Town Hall on February 26, 2024
 - b. Discussion of the Annual Talent Show on Wednesday, April 17, 2024
 - c. Discussion of the Cancellation of the May 7, 2024 Youth Council Meeting
- 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 19, 2024, 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center, Multipurpose Room

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

Staff:

Kristin Tignac, Community Services Coordinator.

Guests:

Mak Keough, Simi Valley Family YMCA; Students Mahie Daga, Saanvi Daga, Kirtan Ijju, Sahana Jetely, Serena Jetely, and Sahana

Ravikumar.

2. Agenda Review

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

3. Approval of Minutes from February 6, 2024

ACTION: A motion to approve the February 6, 2024, minutes as written was made by Nandhiha Krishnamoorthi and seconded by Pranav Bijith.

Youth Council Vote: 15 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstentions

The motion passed.

4. Correspondence

Ms. Miller stated that she received two flyers, both from Sandy Patterson with Simi Valley Historical Society, regarding upcoming volunteer opportunities and event at the Strathearn Historical Park and Museum.

5. Public Statements/Comments

Mak Keough, Program Coordinator, Youth and Family, with the Simi Valley Family YMCA, introduced herself and stated that the YMCA would be interested in collaborating on future Youth Council events.

Students Mahie Daga, Saanvi Daga, Kirtan Iiju, Sahana Jetely, Serena Jetely, and Sahana Ravikumar introduced themselves.

Continued Business

a. Discussion of the Youth Town Hall

Ms. Miller stated that City Council Member Elaine Litster had been instrumental in getting additional schools to register students to attend the Youth Town Hall by advocating participation through her contacts with the Simi Valley Unified School District.

Youth Council members received field trip authorizations forms and were reminded that the Youth Town Hall dress rehearsal would be held on Thursday, February 22, 2024, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Chair Abhishek Jagannathan requested that members scan and email the completed forms to Ms. Miller by February 7, 2024, in order to get their attendance excused as school business.

Ms. Miller announced that the fourth panelist, Dr. Jamie Snodgrass, had been confirmed and reported that 262 participants were registered to attend the event, with an additional two classes pending.

Discussion of Youth Council Fundraising

Fundraising Chair Jacob Salvanera led a discussion regarding two Talent Show performer requests, including a request to extend the act time limit to four minutes and to approve a magic act performance. Members approved the magic act and decided to wait to see how many acts registered to perform to determine the time extension request.

Ms. Miller reported that two acts had submitted audition videos to date; one competitive vocal duet and one non-competitive dance act.

Mr. Salvanera asked members to continue to request sponsorships and donations from businesses, family, and family friends, as well as promote for Talent Show acts to register to perform.

Jasleen Khangura mentioned that she had designed the Talent Show event flyer and would email it to Ms. Miller.

Mr. Salvanera stated that the date to review audition videos was pending.

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

Multicultural Fair Chair Abhi Humbe reported that Aadi Nair and Abhishek Jagannathan had met with Dr. Angelica Chavez and Madame Mortine at Santa Susana High School.

Mr. Nair stated that he had scheduled an in-person meeting for the committee to meet with Dr. Chavez and Madame Mortine at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, February 23, 2024, at Santa Susana High School to plan for the upcoming Multicultural Fair.

Members discussed the opportunity to have a table at the Simi Valley Interfaith Council's Unity Day Festival on Saturday, April 20, 2024. The

following volunteered to represent the Youth Council by manning a table at the event; Tanvi Ijju, Nandhiha Krishnamoorthi, and Aadi Nair.

ACTION: A motion to approve Tanvi Ijju, Nandhiha Krishnamoorthi, and Aadi Nair as the Youth Council Representatives to participate in the Unity Day Festival was made by Kalyssa Ro and seconded by Sanjeev Akundi.

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

The motion passed.

7. New Business

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

Ms. Miller gave a brief overview of the Community Projects Grant, along with the responsibilities of the review committee in reviewing and recommending organizations to receive available grants funds. She stated that the Youth Council representative to the committee would be required to attend two meetings: on April 24 and May 8, 2024.

Ms. Miller reviewed the organizations that had applied to vet the potential Youth Council representative with regards to conflicts of interest.

Ethan Bhat and Pranav Bijith volunteered to serve on the committee. After a hand vote, Ethan Bhat was selected as the Youth Council Representative to serve on the Community Projects Grant Review Committee.

ACTION: A motion to approve Ethan Bhat as the Youth Council Representative to the City of Simi Valley's Community Projects Grant Review Committee was made by Pranav Bijith and seconded by Divya Nunna.

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

The motion passed.

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

Ms. Miller stated that both Youth Council meetings scheduled in April had conflicts; the April 2, 2024 fell during the Simi Valley Unified School District's spring recess and April 16, 2024 was the date of the Talent Show dress rehearsal.

After a brief discussion led by Chair Jagannathan, members elected to keep the meeting on April 2, 2024, as is and to move the April 16, 2024, meeting date to April 23, 2024.

ACTION: A motion to approve rescheduling the April 16, 2024 Youth Council meeting to April 23, 2024, was made by Saydee Ro and seconded by Rylan Downey.

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

The motion passed.

8. Representative Reports

Youth Council Reports and Comments

Social Media Chair Ella McCrossan announced that the next Social Media Committee meeting would be held at 5:30 p.m., on Wednesday, February 28, 2024.

Fundraising Chair Jacob Salvanera reminded members that the deadline for acts to apply was Wednesday, March 6, 2024. He also reminded members to complete the Google form he had sent out prior to the meeting.

Multicultural Fair Chair Abhi Humbe reminded committee members to arrive at Santa Susana High School by 3:00 p.m. on Friday, February 23, 2024, for the planning meeting with Dr. Chavez and Madame Mortine.

Youth Summit Chair Aadi Nair reminded committee members that the next committee meeting would be held at 5:00 p.m., on Thursday, February 29, 2024.

Teen Wellness Chair Jasleen Khangura asked that members reach out to people and clubs that may be interested in having a booth for Teen Wellness Night. She also mentioned that she had been in communication with Mrs. Wigdor with the School District to determine the budget for the event.

9. Coordinator's Report

Ms. Miller reported that applications were being accepted for one community-atlarge position on the City of Simi Valley's Community Projects Grant Review Committee.

Ms. Miller announced that Mrs. Wigdor would like to see who would be interested in serving on a Tobacco Use Prevention Education (TUPE) committee that was being formed. The following volunteered to serve on that new committee: Sanjeev Akundi, Pranav Bijith, Simran Dhillon, Rylan Downey, Jasleen Khangura, Nandhiha Krishnamoorthi, Kalyssa Ro, Saydee Ro, and Sunchana Sridharan.

Ms. Miller reminded members to arrive at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Museum at 4:30 p.m., on Thursday, February 22, 2024, for the Youth Town Hall walk-through.

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

Youth Council Chair Abhishek Jagannathan adjourned the meeting at 5:45 p.m.