SIMI VALLEY YOUTH COUNCIL

Tuesday, March 19, 2024, 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center

Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center 3050 East Los Angeles Avenue



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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 March 5, 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 Options for the Youth Council Multicultural Fair
 - b. Discussion of the Teen Wellness Night on Friday, May 17, 2024
 - c. Discussion of the Annual Talent Show on Wednesday, April 17, 2024
 - d. Debrief of the Youth Town Hall on February 26, 2024
- 7. New Business
 - a. Tour of the Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center
- 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		1	Members-At-Large			
V	Apollo High School Rep	Р	Ethan Bhat	E	Jacob Peter	
Р	Ella McCrossan-RHS	Р	Pranav Bijith	Salvanera		
P*	Jasleen Khangura-RHS	P*	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	Р	Sunchana Sridharan	
Р	Anika Nedunuri-SVHS		Claire Menges	P = Present		
Р	Jiya Bhatt-HMS		lan Nelson	E = Excused		
Р	Rylan Downey-SMS		Divya Nunna	A = Absent V = Vacant		
Р	Sanjeev Akundi-VVMS		Kalyssa Ro			
*Arrived after approval of the minutes						

Staff:

Kristin Tignac, Community Services Coordinator.

Guests:

Tara Reddy; Students Lasya Cherukupalli, Mahie Daga, Saanvi Daga, Kirtan Ijju, Sahana Jetely, Serena Jetely, James LeQuang,

Aditi Mehta, and Angelica Tan.

2. Agenda Review

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

3. Approval of Minutes from February 20, 2024

ACTION: A motion to approve the February 20, 2024, minutes as written was made by Claire Menges and seconded by Ethan Bhat.

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

The motion passed.

4. Correspondence

Claire Menges received an invitation from Nate's Place founder, Heidi Rhoades, to visit the Oxnard location. Ms. Menges stated that any Youth Council members interested in joining her for a tour on Saturday, March 9, 2024, should contact her directly.

5. Public Statements/Comments

Lasya Cherukupalli, Mahie Daga, Saanvi Daga, Kirtan Ijju, Sahana Jetely, Serena Jetely, James LeQuang, Aditi Mehta, and Angelica Tan all introduced themselves and stated that they had an interest in serving on the Youth Council.

Continued Business

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

Multicultural Fair Committee Chair Abhi Humbe and Aadi Nair reported that the committee had met with Madame Mortine to finalize Youth Council responsibilities, including outreach to clubs and performance groups. Aadi announced that eleven booths were confirmed to participate.

b. Discussion of the Teen Wellness Night on Friday. May 17, 2024

Teen Wellness Chair Jasleen Khangura stated that the link for clubs, organizations, and businesses to reserve a booth space was www.bit.ly/2024teenwellness. Ms. Khangura asked members to encourage school clubs to participate. She also stated that the vendor flyer was almost ready to be posted and sent out.

Ms. Miller reported that the press release for Teen Wellness Night vendors would be released within the week.

7. New Business

a. Debrief of the Youth Town Hall on February 26, 2024

Chair Abhishek Jagannathan led the event debrief discussion asking all members to share a positive comment and an item that could be improved upon. Overall, the event went smoothly. Recommendations for improvement included; having a memorandum of understanding agreement with the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute to clarify organizational responsibilities, increase time allotted for audience engagement by reducing time for moderated questions, add an intermission, include relatable questions for middle school students, and prepare the panelists to ask the audience engaging questions.

There being no objections, Chair Jagannathan continued this discussion item to the March 19, 2024 Youth Council meeting due to time constraints.

b. Discussion of the Annual Talent Show on Wednesday, April 17, 2024

Anika Nedunuri led a discussion regarding extending the Talent Show Audition submission deadline. Members also discussed event ticket pricing, with members selecting to keep the same early bird and general admission prices as the prior year.

Jasleen Khangura reported that Royal High School's Band was planning on submitting an audition tape.

ACTION: A motion to approve the Talent Show ticket early bird pricing as \$5.00 students and \$10.00 general admission, and regular pricing as \$10.00 students and \$15.00 general admission was made by Jiya Bhatt and seconded by Divya Nunna.

Youth Council Vote: 12 Ayes; 2 Noes; 0 Abstentions

The motion passed.

All members provided updates on their fundraising activities.

c. Discussion of the Cancellation of the May 7, 2024 Youth Council Meeting
Chair Jagannathan gave an overview of the past cancellation of the first
Youth Council meeting in May due to a conflict with Advanced Placement
testing that traditionally resulted in a lack of a guorum.

ACTION: A motion to approve the cancellation of the May 7, 2024 Youth Council meeting was made by Nandhiha Krishnamoorthi and seconded by Tanvi Ijju.

Youth Council Vote: 16 Ayes; 3 Noes; 0 Abstentions The motion passed.

8. Representative Reports

Youth Council Reports and Comments

Social Media Chair Ella McCrossan reminded members that the next committee meeting would be held at 5:30 p.m., on Wednesday, March 6, 2024.

Multicultural Fair Committee Chair Abhi Humbe reported that the Multicultural Fair event flyer to encourage clubs to host booths would be shared in the near future.

9. Coordinator's Report

Ms. Miller announced that the press release for the 2024-25 Youth Council term recruitment would be issued by the end of the week. She stated that applications would be due on Friday, April 16, 2024.

Ms. Miller reminded members that the next meeting would be held in the Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center's multipurpose room.

10. Adjournment: Tuesday, March 19, 2024, 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center.

Youth Council Chair Abhishek Jagannathan adjourned the meeting at 6:04 p.m.