



AGENDA
Special Meeting Time

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 May 21, 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. Review and Approval of the 2024-25 Teen Crisis Resource Numbers

b. Discussion of the Youth Council Escape Room

7. New Business

a. Discussion of an opportunity for a Simi Valley FNL Chapter

b. 2023-24 Youth Council Recap and Recommendations for the 2024-25 Youth Council Term

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, August 20, 2024, 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Simi Valley Senior Center.

/s/ _____
Anna M. Medina
Deputy Community Services Director

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DRAFT MINUTES

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Welcome

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	Vacant-Apollo HS	P	Ethan Bhat	E	Jacob Peter Salvanera
P	Ella McCrossan-RHS	P	Pranav Bijith		
P	Jasleen Khangura-RHS	P	Simran Dhillon	Alternates	
P	Abhishek Jagannathan - SSHA	P	Abhishek Humbe	P	Saydee Ro
P	Aadi Nair - SSHA	P	Tanvi Ijju	P	David Chen
P	Nandhiha Krishnamoorthi	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	P	Ian Nelson		
E	Rylan Downey – SMS	P	Divya Nunna		
P*	Sanjeev Akundi - VVMS	P*	Kalyssa Ro		
*Arrived after approval of the minutes					

Staff: Ryan Fowler, Youth Council Coordinator; and Kristin Miller, Management Analyst.

Guests: David Rosenberg, Teen Services Librarian, Simi Valley Public Library; and students Ishan Gottam, Kirtan Ijju, Sahana Jetely, Serena Jetely, Michelle Sebastian, Angelica Tan, and Michelle Sebastian.

2. Agenda Review

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

3. Approval of Minutes from April 23, 2024

ACTION: A motion to approve the April 23, 2024, minutes as written was made by Ian Nelson and seconded by Abhishek Humbe.

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

The motion passed.

4. Correspondence

Ms. Miller announced that Ryan Fowler had been hired as the new Youth Council Coordinator.

Ms. Miller reported that Gabe Teran of Next Gen Community Consulting had scheduled the date for the focus group on tobacco use prevention at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 22, 2024, over Zoom. The 20 minute session would be intended for young participants in eleventh and twelfth grades.

Nikki Collier from Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District (RSRPD) had emailed Ms. Miller with volunteer opportunities for the RSRPD's Steampunk Festival on June 22, 2024. Youth Council members signed up for the following shifts: (7:30am – 10:30am) Jasleen Khangura, Ian Nelson, Abhishek Jagannathan; (10:00am – 2:00pm) Simran Dhillon, Sanjeev Akundi, Sunchana Sridharan, Nandhiha Krishamoorthi, Michelle Sebastian, Anika Nedunuri, Ian Nelson, Abhishek Jagannathan; (1:30pm – 5:30pm) Pranav Bijith, Advait Nair, Abhishek Humbe, Angelica Tan, David Chen, Sunchana Sridharan, Nandhiha Krishnamoorthi, Michelle Sebastian, Jiya Bhatt.

Any individuals interested in volunteering were encouraged to email Mrs. Collier at Nikkic@rsrpd.us.

5. Public Statements/Comments

Students in attendance introduced themselves.

6. Informational Presentation

a. Teen Advisory Group and Other Volunteer Opportunities at the Simi Valley Public Library

David Rosenberg, from the Simi Valley Public Library, explained the Library's Teen Advisory Group, who help direct Teen programs at the library. Mr. Rosenberg stated that the library needed volunteers for the summer to assist with various programs, including checking reading logs for the summer reading program and helping award prizes. He also stated that the library had a thousand attendees at its recent Family Book Festival held on Saturday, May 18, 2024, and that volunteers were integral to that events success. He encouraged those interested in volunteering to contact Emily Donn, the Volunteer Coordinator, at volunteer@simivalleylibrary.org. Mr. Rosenberg shared that the library had started a new teen program, the Simi Valley Teen Newspaper, which publishes every Monday.

7. Continued Business

a. Debrief of the Teen Wellness Night on May 17, 2024

Teen Wellness Night Chair Jasleen Khangura shared that the event was very successful. She stated that the attendee counter for the event showed 255, but that did not include council members, volunteers, vendors, or attendees who entered from the west side of the event, and so in total over 300 people attended. Ms. Khangura stated that there were 32 booths and that more than 100 people visited every booth to complete the bingo cards.

Members discussed and then selected the method to randomly select the winner of the Air Pods, which resulted in the selection of a student from Valley View Middle School, K. Walker.

Members discussed the procedure for selecting the Unplugged Day winner. Teen Wellness Night Vice Chair Tanvi Ijju would email the list of people who had under one hour of screen time on May 16, 2024, to Youth Council

Coordinator Ryan Fowler. Jasleen stated that teachers at schools, specifically Simi Valley High School, offering extra credit for attending the event greatly increased turn out and was a good idea. She also stated that next year they should consider having the guided meditation session outside, more in the middle of the event area, to try and increase participation. Ian Nelson suggested adding it to the Bingo card. Anika Nedunuri stated that they should add more games, as the Jenga and corn hole toss had been popular. Ian Nelson stated that the booth placement was good, that the tote bags were good and should be done at the entrance with more tables added. Abhishek Jagannathan stated that though he arrived late due to a Mock Trial event, the event was great.

Youth Council Coordinator Ryan Fowler congratulated everyone on a successful event. He shared that they had raised \$63.81 through concession sales and \$144.28 from the Yogurtland fundraiser for a total of \$208.09.

Divya Nunna stated that they should have back up help for the booths next year to cover for when members need to step away. Sanjeev Akundi stated that more directions to where the guided meditation session was taking place should be added. Claire Menges stated that the booths could be more interactive. Ethan Bhat stated that members could have been spread out at the different booths better. David Chen stated that the Gardening booth should be placed in a more prominent area.

8. New Business

a. Discussion and Selection of the Teen Crisis Resource Number Review Committee

Ian Nelson, Chair of the 2023-24 Teen Crisis Resource Number Review Committee, explained the purpose and goal of the committee, along with the review process.

The following members were selected to serve on the committee: Sanjeev Akundi, Ethan Bhat, Pranav Bijith, Simran Dhillon, Tanvi Ijju, Jasleen Khangura, Nandhiha Krishnamoorthi, Claire Menges, Kalyssa Ro, Saydee Ro, and Sunchana Sridharan. After a brief discussion, the committee elected to meet at 4:00 p.m., on Tuesday, June 4, 2024.

ACTION: A motion to approve the Teen Crisis Resource Number Review Committee members as listed above and the date to meet was made by Nandhiha Krishnamoorthi and seconded by Sanchita Karthik.

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

The motion passed.

b. Discussion of Hosting an Escape Room Event

Management Analyst Kristin Miller stated that Mr. Rosenberg from the Simi Valley Public Library had shared with her that the library planned to host two

Escape Room Events this summer and that the Youth Council could borrow their escape room supplies if they wished.

Members discussed potential locations to hold the event, which included the following ideas; the Simi Valley Public Library, the vacant Macy's building at the Simi Valley Town Center, and the RSRPD's Activity Center on Guardian Street.

Chair Abhishek Jagannathan recommended extending the June 4, 2024, Youth Council meeting to allot additional time to discuss the Escape Room event logistics.

ACTION: A motion to approve extending the June 4th, 2024, Youth Council meeting to 6:30 p.m., for the purposes of planning the Escape Room event was made by Jasleen Khangura and seconded by Pranav Bijith.

Youth Council Vote: 19 Ayes; 2 Noes; 0 Abstentions

The motion passed.

9. Representative Reports

Youth Council Reports and Comments

Social Media Chair Ella McCrossan commended Jasleen Khangura on filming and editing the Teen Wellness Night and Unplugged Day promotional videos. She also reminded everyone to follow the Youth Council on the following social media platforms; Instagram, YouTube, Facebook and TikTok.

Kalyssa Ro reported that she was in the process of editing the Teen Wellness Night recap video.

Ella McCrossan congratulated Youth Council Chair Abhishek Jagannathan on advancing to the semi-final round of the Empire Mock Trial competition.

10. Coordinator's Report

Youth Council Coordinator Ryan Fowler reminded members that interviews for returning Youth Council members would be held on Tuesday, May 28, 2024 and that all applicants should have received an email with their scheduled interview times. He reminded interviewees to arrive 10 minutes before their scheduled time and to dress in interview attire.

Mr. Fowler reported that on May 20, 2024, Youth Council Chair Abhishek Jagannathan presented the informational report to the City Council during the City Council meeting, and that he did a great job. He stated that the City Council had also adopted the resolution amending the Youth Council bylaws that same night.

11. Adjournment Tuesday, June 4, 2024, 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., City Hall Community Room

Youth Council Chair Abhishek Jagannathan adjourned the meeting at 6:06 p.m.