



AGENDA
Special Location and Time

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance
2. Welcome/Introductions of Youth Council Members
3. 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.
4. Approval of Minutes from June 4, 2024
5. Correspondence
6. 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.
7. Informational Presentations
 - a. Youth Council Accomplishments and Annual Events
8. Continued Business
9. New Business
 - a. Discussion of the Youth Summit on October 11, 2024
 - b. Discussion of the Youth Council's 2024 Suicide Prevention Campaign
 - c. Selection of the Youth Council Informational Report Presenter to the City Council on Monday, September 9, 2024
 - d. Discussion and Selection of the Youth Council Representative to the YES Advisory Board
 - e. Discussion and Selection of the Youth Council Outreach Item
 - f. Team Building Activity
10. 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.

11. Coordinator's Report
12. Adjournment: Tuesday, September 3, 2024, 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., City Hall Community Room.

/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 5:05 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	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*	Aadi Nair - SSHS	P	Tanvi Ijju	A	David Chen
P	Nandhiha Krishnamoorthi	P	Sanchita Karthik	P*	Sunchana Sridharan
P	Anika Nedunuri-SVHS	A	Claire Menges	P = Present E = Excused A = Absent V = Vacant	
A	Jiya Bhatt - HMS	P	Ian Nelson		
A	Rylan Downey – SMS	P*	Divya Nunna		
E	Sanjeev Akundi - VVMS	P	Kalyssa Ro		
*Arrived after approval of the minutes					

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

Guests: Jennifer Wigdor, TUPE Coordinator, Simi Valley Unified School District; and students Sahana Jetely, Serena Jetely, Mahie Daga, Saanvi Daga, Lajya Cheivcupall

2. Agenda Review

There being no objections, Chair Abhishek Jagannathan moved agenda item 7a Discussion of an opportunity for a Simi Valley Friday Night Live Chapter to after agenda item 5 Public Statements/Comments.

ACTION: A motion to approve the change to agenda pertaining to discussion of an opportunity for a Simi Valley Friday Night Live Chapter was made by Tanvi Ijju and seconded by Nandhiha Krishnamoorthi.

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

The motion passed.

There being no objections, Chair Abhishek Jagannathan moved agenda item 6b Discussion of the Youth Council Escape Room to after agenda item 7b 2023-24 Youth Council Recap and Recommendations for the 2024-25 Youth Council Term.

ACTION: A motion to approve the change to agenda pertaining to discussion of the Youth Council Escape Room was made by Pranav Bijith and seconded by Ethan Bhat.

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

The motion passed.

3. Approval of Minutes from May 21, 2024

ACTION: A motion to approve the May 21, 2024, minutes as written was made by Simran Dhillon and seconded by Saydee Ro.

Youth Council Vote: 11 Ayes; 0 Noes; 1 Abstentions

The motion passed.

4. Correspondence

Mr. Fowler thanked those who signed up to volunteer at Rancho Simi Recreation and Park Districts Steampunk Event and shared that Jeannie Liss had reached out to ask that the volunteers register through their volunteer website. Mr. Fowler emphasized that the event was June 22nd so there was still time to volunteer if you were interested and had not done so already.

Mr. Fowler shared that the Acorn had published an article about the recent Teen Wellness Night event, and also features Youth Council Sargent-At-Arms Ian Nelson as Grace High School's Valedictorian.

5. Public Statements/Comments

Students in attendance introduced themselves.

6. Continued Business

- a. Review and Approval of the 2024-25 Teen Crisis Resource Numbers

Committee Chair Ethan Bhat shared that the Teen Crisis Resource Numbers committee had met earlier in the day and was recommending the following changes: Taking "tele" out of "telephone" to make space to add "24 hours" to the top header, changing the font of the document, and removing the Free Clinic as a listed resource due to being by appointment only.

ACTION: A motion to approve the changes recommended by the committee was made by Kalyssa Ro and seconded by Sanchita Karthik.

Youth Council Vote: 17 Ayes; 0 Noes; 1 Abstentions

The motion passed.

- b. Discussion of the Youth Council Escape Room

The location of the Youth Council Escape Room was discussed and determined to be held at Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District's Berylwood Teen Center. The theme of "Horror/Murder Mystery" was chosen. Escape Room planning meetings were agreed to be held in person at the Teen Center on weekday evenings, with the first being Thursday, June 13 at 4:00pm.

7. New Business

a. Discussion of an opportunity for a Simi Valley Friday Night Live Chapter

Jennifer Wigdor gave an overview of the Friday Night Live (FNL) program, explaining that it is currently a mentoring program where high school students mentor middle school students. This program was supported by the Ventura County Office of Education but is now administered by the Simi Valley Unified School District. Mrs. Wigdor explained that in addition to the mentoring program, FNL has another separate youth development component that addresses teen substance abuse and other issues affecting teens. She proposed that since this is a lot of the work the youth council is already doing, they might be a good fit to become an official FNL "Chapter" and continue this work in the community. Mrs. Wigdor shared this would entail creating a new committee, adding some activities or speakers to existing Youth Council events, and potentially creating a public awareness campaign. She said that becoming an official FNL Chapter would provide the Youth Council with more resources, support, and funding for all their activities, initiatives, and events.

ACTION: A motion to approve Youth Council participation in Friday Night Live and form a committee was made by Abhishek Humbe and seconded by Tanvi Iiju.

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

The motion passed.

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

Chair Abhishek Jagannathan asked everyone to share one thing they thought went well this year, and one thing we could improve on.

Anika Nedunuri shared that marketing and advertising was good and that we should have more defined roles for events.

Ian Nelson said we should keep the committee attendance tracking sheet and the Sergeant-at-Arms reminder system.

Jasleen Khangura shared that marketing and advertising was good and we should have an earlier timeline of events.

Kalyssa Ro said committee engagement was good and that we should improve our social media.

Pranav Bijith said fundraising was positive and we should add issues to work on in addition to mental health.

Ethan Bhat said the Youth Council Tik Tok was a positive and that there should be a separate committee for the Talent Show.

Abhishek Humbe said fundraising was good and that we need better audience attendance at Youth Town Hall.

Advaith Nair shared that the work plan was good and that we could work to improve integrating new Youth Council members.

Tanvi Ijju said that advertising and marketing was good and that committees should hold meetings right before events.

Ella McCrossan said that event attendance was good and that the Talent Show should start earlier and be shorter.

Nandhiha Krishnamoorthi shared that attendance at events was positive, but committees could have better attendance.

Simran Dhillon said advertising to different clubs at the schools was good.

Sanchita Karthik shared there could be more organization.

Divya Nunna shared that fundraising and promotion were positive and that communication could be improved.

Jacob Salvanera said that the fundraising was good and that we should have more people participating in the meetings more.

Abhishek Jagannathan shared that things being more student led was positive and that we should focus more on issues and serious events.

8. Representative Reports

Youth Council Reports and Comments

Ethan Bhat gave an update on the end of the term bowling party, sharing it would be \$21 per person, and cash was recommended.

Nandhiha Krishnamoorthi shared that they brought cards for everyone to sign.

9. Coordinator's Report

Mr. Fowler shared that the Youth Employment Services Summer Workshop Series would be starting on Thursday, June 20, 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Simi Valley Public Library.

10. Adjournment Tuesday, August 20, 2024, 4:15 p.m. to 6:15 p.m., Simi Valley Senior Center.

Youth Council Chair Abhishek Jagannathan adjourned the meeting at 6:13 p.m.