



SIMI VALLEY YOUTH COUNCIL
Tuesday, September 3, 2024, 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
City Hall Community Room
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AGENDA Special Time

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Welcome
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 August 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.
6. Informational Presentation
 - a. California Friday Night Live Partnership - Jennifer Wigdor, TUPE Coordinator, Simi Valley Unified School District
7. Continued Business
 - a. Discussion of the Youth Summit on October 11, 2024
 - b. Discussion of the Youth Council's 2023 Suicide Prevention Rock Painting Night and Fundraiser on September 20, 2024
8. New Business
 - a. Election of Youth Council Officers
 - b. Committee Formation and Assignments
 - c. Selection of the Youth Council Informational Report Presenters to the City Council on October 7 and November 18
 - d. Discussion of the Youth Council's 2024 Bullying Prevention Campaign



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- e. Discussion of the Youth Council's Participation at the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District's Annual Heritage Halloween and Movie in the Park Event on Saturday, October 19, 2024
- f. Discussion of the Youth Council's Participation at the City Expo in Conjunction With the Simi Valley Street Fair on Saturday, October 26, 2024

9. 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.

10. Coordinator's Report

11. Adjournment: Tuesday, September 17, 2024, 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 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

Acting Youth Council Chair Saydee Ro called the meeting to order at 4:18 p.m., and Acting Youth Council Secretary Rithmika Naveen took attendance, verifying that a quorum was present.

Selection Districts		Members-At-Large		
P*	Jasleen Khangura-RHS	P	Ethan Bhat	P Saydee Ro
E	Rylan Downey-RHS	P	Prithika Bijith	P Karthik Vishnubhotla
P	Advaith Nair - SSSH	P	Saanvi Daga	Alternates
P*	Nicole Kim - SSSH	P	Chloe Drury	P Nishta Kubsad
P	Nandhiha Krishnamoorthi	P	Abhishek Humbe	P Natalie Nguyen
P	Kalyssa Ro-SVHS	P	Kirtan Ijju	P Michelle Sebastian
P	Aman Sreejith - HMS	P	Tanvi Ijju	P = Present E = Excused A = Absent V = Vacant
P	Hannah Khalil – SMS	P	Lakshmi Julakanti	
P	Arjun Prabhuram - VVMS	P	James LeQuang	
		P	Rithmika Naveen	
*Arrived after approval of the minutes				

Staff: Ryan Fowler, Youth Council Coordinator

Guests: Anarosa Estevez, Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center Foundation;
Sanchita Karthik, Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center Foundation;
Sahana Jetley; Mahie Daga

2. Agenda Review

Acting Youth Council Chair James LeQuang asked if there were any changes to the agenda. There being none, by consensus the agenda was approved as presented.

3. Approval of Minutes from June 4, 2024

Acting Youth Council Chair Nandhiha Krishnamoorthi asked members if they had reviewed the minutes from June 4, 2024, and then requested a motion for approval.

ACTION: A motion to approve the June 4, 2024, minutes as written was made by Advaith Nair and seconded by Ethan Bhat.

Youth Council Vote: 14 Ayes; 0 Noes; 7 Abstentions

The motion passed.

4. Correspondence

Acting Youth Council Chair Prithika Bijith asked if any correspondence had been received.

Mr. Fowler stated that he had received an email from Children Now inviting the Youth Council to participate in their virtual Summit for Student Leaders on October 20, 2024, from 10:00am to 3:00pm.

5. Public Statements/Comments

Acting Youth Council Chair Nishta Kubsad reviewed the public statement and comment procedure.

Anarosa Estevez from the Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center Foundation introduced herself and gave a brief overview about the Foundation. She shared that the Cultural Arts Center was hosting a Hispanic Heritage Festival on September 28, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., featuring vendors, food, arts & crafts, a documentary screening, and dancers. Mrs. Estevez invited the Youth Council to volunteer at this event if they were interested.

Sanchita Karthik from the Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center Foundation stated that the Cultural Arts Center was also hosting a Colors of India event on October 15th and invited the Youth Council members to volunteer at that event as well.

Two students in attendance introduced themselves, along with their grade levels and schools they attend.

6. Informational Presentations

- a. Youth Council Coordinator Ryan Fowler shared information on Youth Council accomplishments and annual events from the 2022-2023 term.

Advaith Nair, Nandhiha Krishnamoorthi, Tanvi Ijju and Abhishek Humbe presented a slide show of various accomplishments and events held during the 2022-23 Youth Council term. They provided detailed descriptions of the purpose, outcome, and roles Youth Council members had in coordinating each event.

7. Continued Business

Youth Council Coordinator Ryan Fowler stated that there were no continued business items to discuss.

8. New Business

- a. Discussion of the Youth Summit on October 11, 2024

Acting Youth Council Chair Advaith Nair reviewed the purpose and format of the Youth Summit event. Mr. Nair shared updates from the Youth Summit committee including that a sign up/registration form had been created as a Google form, Jasleen Khangura had created a promotional flyer for the event and just needed to add the link to the registration form once approved, and the committee had selected recommendations for breakout group topics and catering options, but he did not have those topics or options with him at this meeting. Youth Council Coordinator Ryan Fowler asked if they had selected dignitaries to invite to the Youth Summit lunch yet, which the Youth Council had not. Mr. Nair led a discussion of which dignitaries to invite, and it was suggested that the potential dignitaries' background and

experience align with the breakout group topics. Mr. Fowler was asked to research past dignitaries and bring the list to the next meeting.

There being no objections, acting Youth Council Chair Advait Nair continued the discussion regarding Youth Summit breakout group topics, catering options, and dignitaries to the September 3, 2024, Youth Council meeting.

Action Items: Mr. Fowler to submit registration form and promotional flyer for approval, and research past Youth Summit dignitary attendees and bring to the September 3, 2024, Youth Council meeting.

b. Discussion of the Youth Council's 2024 Suicide Prevention Campaign

Acting Youth Council Chair Jasleen Khangura led the discussion to gather suicide prevention campaign ideas. Ms. Khangura gave a brief history and overview of the Youth Council's previous Suicide Prevention campaigns.

Youth Council members reviewed the potential dates to host the Rock Painting Night with the Simi Valley Public Library for suicide prevention awareness and selected Friday, September 20, 2024, as the date with the least amount of school conflicts. Youth Council members expressed interest in holding a fundraiser at Yogurtland on September 20, 2024, in conjunction with Rock Painting Night. Natalie Nguyen volunteered to research non-profits that address suicide prevention and mental health and bring a list of potential donation recipients to the September 3, 2024, Youth Council meeting.

Additional ideas were discussed including incorporating suicide prevention social media content, sending representatives to attend the Annual Preventing Suicide Forum, and having representatives attend the City Council meeting on Monday, September 9, 2024, to accept the proclamation proclaiming September 2024 as Suicide Prevention Month.

ACTION: A motion to approve a Suicide Prevention Campaign to include a Rock Painting Night on Friday, September 20, 2024, a fundraiser at Yogurtland on September 20, 2024, to have Youth Council representatives attend the September 9, 2024, City Council meeting to accept the proclamation proclaiming September 2024 as Suicide Prevention Month, to send Youth Council representatives to attend the Annual Preventing Suicide Forum, and to develop Suicide Prevention social media content was made by Advait Nair and seconded by James LeQuang.

Youth Council Vote: 23 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstentions

The motion passed.

There being no objections, acting Youth Council Chair Jasleen Khangura continued the discussion to finalize the Rock Painting and Yogurtland event details to the September 3, 2024, Youth Council meeting.

Action Items: Mr. Fowler to check availability of Yogurtland for September 20, 2024, fundraiser and book if able to.

- c. Selection of the Youth Council Informational Report Presenter to the City Council on Monday, September 9, 2024

Acting Youth Council Chair Tanvi Ijju reviewed the roles and responsibilities of the Informational Report presenters, including completing a draft speech by September 3, 2024. The following members volunteered to present: Chloe Drury and Natalie Nguyen. After a hand vote, Ms. Drury was selected as the presenter for the Youth Council Informational Report to the City Council on Monday, September 9, 2024.

ACTION: A motion to approve Chloe Drury as the presenter for the Youth Council Informational Report to the City Council on Monday, September 9, 2024, was made by Saydee Ro and seconded by Natalie Nguyen.

Youth Council Vote: 23 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstentions

The motion passed.

- d. Selection of the Youth Council Representative to the YES Advisory Board

Youth Council Acting Chair Kalyssa Ro gave a brief review of the Youth Council Representative to the Youth Employment Service (YES) Advisory Board. Rithmika Naveen and Chloe Drury shared about their experiences previously serving on the YES Advisory Board. The following members volunteered to serve as the representative: Rithmika Naveen, Natalie Nguyen, Nicole Kim. Nicole Kim received the most votes and was selected to serve as the Youth Council Representative to the YES Advisory Board.

ACTION: A motion to approve Nicole Kim as the Youth Council representative to the YES Advisory Board was made by Ethan Bhat and seconded by Nishta Kubsad.

Youth Council vote: 23 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstentions

The motion passed.

- e. Discussion and Selection of the Youth Council Outreach Item(s)

Acting Youth Council Chair Abhishek Humbe led a brainstorm session to determine Youth Council members' preferred outreach item for the 2023-24 term. Members discussed exploring a hoodie or sweatshirt option, along with a polo shirt. After discussion, a consensus was reached to purchase polo shirts. Members then discussed the color of the polo shirt, with black, dark blue (navy) and dark purple being the most popular options. A hand vote was held and dark blue (navy) received the most votes.

ACTION: A motion to approve Mr. Fowler purchasing engraved dark blue (navy) polo shirts was made by James LeQuang and seconded by Saydee Ro.

Youth Council vote: 18 Ayes; 1 Noes; 4 Abstentions

The motion passed.

f. Team Building Activity

There being no objections, acting Youth Council Coordinator Ryan Fowler continued this agenda item to a future Youth Council meeting due to time constraints.

9. Representative Reports

Youth Council Reports and Comments

Acting Youth Council Chair Rithmika Naveen asked if any members had reports or comments to present. No members had reports or comments.

10. Coordinator's Report

Ms. Fowler reminded all members to turn in their completed Youth Council forms before leaving the meeting.

11. Adjournment Tuesday, September 3, 2024, 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., City Hall Community Room

Youth Council Chair Aman Sreejith adjourned the meeting at 6:21 p.m.