

AGENDA

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
4. Correspondence
5. Public Statements/Comments
This is the time allotted for statements or comments on matters within the subject matter and jurisdiction of the Youth Council. Statements and comments are limited to no more than five (5) minutes per speaker.
6. Continued Business
7. New Business
 - a. Introduction of Nominated Incoming Youth Council Members
 - b. Recommendations for the 2014-15 Youth Council
 - c. Discussion of Teen Crisis Resource Numbers
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

/s/ _____
Rob Bruce
Deputy Director/Community Programs & Facilities

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DRAFT MINUTES

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Welcome

Youth Council Vice Chair Becerra called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m. and Youth Council Secretary Veronica Martinez verified that a quorum was present. Due to the lack of proper agenda posting, all items presented were for information only. The Youth Council did not take any formal action.

Selection Districts		Members-At-Large			
V	Apollo High School	A	Amanat Bal	P	Nicole Waggoner
A	Emily Schmitt-RHS	P	Nicholas Becerra	Alternates	
E	Nick Steinwender-RHS	P	Cory Edwards	P	Katie Johnson
P	Robert Hidalgo-SSHS	P	Hannah Hernandez	V	Vacant
P	Veronica Martinez-SSHS	P	Jeffrey Ho	V	Vacant
P*	Garrett Gilson-SVHS	P	Tyler Johnson		
A	Kailey Printz-SVHS	P	Nicolas Judge	P = Present E = Excused A = Absent V = Vacant	
P	Zalma Quezada-HMS	A	Kellie McManamon		
A	Connor Mullen-SMS	P	Leah Nohrenberg		
P	Janelle Effarah-VVMS	P	Nicolas Mintzer		
*Arrived after approval of the minutes					

Staff: Rob Bruce, Deputy Director

Guests: Cheri Toyen, Officer Brennan and Sergeant Buckley.

2. Agenda Review

It was the consensus of the Youth Council to reorder the Agenda under Item 6 to switch items 6a and 6c.

3. Approval of Minutes

The April 15, 2014 minutes will be presented for approval at the next regularly scheduled meeting on June 23, 2014.

4. Correspondence

None.

5. Public Statements/Comments

Nicholas Becerra explained that time is allotted for public statements/comments at each Youth Council meeting for items that pertain to the Youth Council. He stated that statements/comments are limited to five minutes per speaker.

Monica Zarate addressed the Youth Council on the subject of distracted driving. She explained how her daughter and her friend were killed when the car they were carpooling in to Moorpark College was hit by a distracted driver. Ms. Zarate explained how important it is to not text or talk on the phone while driving.

Sergeant Buckley emphasized how important this issue is and explained that he has had to make several death notifications to family members of those killed by distracted drivers.

6. Informational Presentations

c. Simi Valley Unified School District's Voluntary Random Drug Testing Program by Cheri Toyen, Intervention Counselor

Ms. Toyen explained the voluntary student random drug-testing program that is proposed for the next school year. Under this program, parents will be able to sign students up for the random testing at Simi Valley Hospital. The school district has negotiated a cost of \$10 per drug test. Under the program, each month, up to ten 9th – 12th grade students district wide will randomly be chosen to have the test. Parents will need to authorize the testing and the results will only be released to the parents. The District will not receive a report on the results. If the student is selected for testing, the District will pay the fee. However, if the parent wants the student tested and they are not randomly selected, they simply need to get the correct form from the school and they will also be able to pay only \$10 for the test. The test normally costs \$70.

Ms. Toyen answered several questions about the program.

b. Simi Valley Police Department K9 Drug Searches

Sergeant Buckley explained how the K-9 unit operates and how K-9s are used. Each dog is trained for a dual purpose, usually to search for and identify people and to either search for and identify narcotics or explosives. Dogs are never trained to search for both explosives and narcotics, as there is no way to be certain what they have identified.

The Police Department does use K-9s to search school premises and lockers for narcotics, but never to search students for safety and liability purposes. The purpose of the searches is to discourage students from bring or using drugs on campus.

Sergeant Buckley answered several questions about searches and the K-9 training.

a. Youth Crime by Community Liaison Officer Brennan, Simi Valley Police Department

Officer Brennan presented statistics for calls for service at the City's schools during all of 2013 and January – April of 2014. During this time period, there were over 2,000 calls for service. Officer Brennan went on to explain that the calls for service are listed by address, so traffic citations occurring in front of a school, pedestrians on the sidewalk adjacent to schools and actual calls to the school campus are all considered calls for service at the school's address.

Officer Brennan answered several questions about specific statistics for area schools.

7. Continued Business

None.

8. New Business

Discussion of Youth Council Interviews

Rob Bruce asked which Youth Council members that have applied to return next year would like to sit on the interview panel for the incoming Youth Council applicants. The following Youth Council members volunteered:

Nicholas Becerra
Nicolas Judge
Nicolas Mintzer
Nick Steinwender
Hannah Hernandez
Robert Hidalgo
Jeffery Ho
Leah Nohrenberg
Zalma Quezada
Veronica Martinez

Update on interview of returning members.

Rob Bruce explained that interviews for returning members with a subcommittee of the City Council will be conducted at the end of the month and that only after the subcommittee has made its recommendations can interviews with the new applicants be scheduled. Therefore, City Council appointment of the new and returning Youth Council members has been scheduled for June 23.

9. Representative Reports

None.

Youth Council Reports and Comments

None.

10. Coordinator's Report

Rob Bruce suggested that the Youth Council adjourn to June 23 to coincide with the City Council meeting to appoint the 2014-15 Youth Council and outgoing certificate presentations.

11. Adjournment: Monday, June 23, 2014, 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., Simi Valley Public Library Community Room

By consensus of the Youth Council, the meeting was adjourned at 5:41 p.m.