

AGENDA

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance
2. Welcome/Introduction 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 and Meeting Notes
5. Correspondence
6. 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.
7. Informational Presentations
  - a. Youth Council Purpose, Goals, By-laws, Organization and Meetings
  - b. Overview of the Role of the City Attorney and Ralph M. Brown Act, Felicia Liberman, Assistant City Attorney
  - c. Code of Ethics and Conduct for Elected Officials and Members of Appointed Boards, Commissions and Committees, Felicia Liberman, Assistant City Attorney
8. New Business
  - a. Officer Duties and Election of Youth Council Officers
  - b. Selection of Youth Council Representatives to: Task Force on Homelessness and Youth Employment Service Advisory Board
  - c. Selection of the 2015 Youth Summit Committee
  - d. Discussion of the re-scheduled date for the Youth Council-inspired Teen Drive-in Movie Night on Friday, September 19, 2014
  - e. Discussion of Suicide Prevention Awareness event in collaboration with the Simi Valley Public Library on Monday, September 29, 2014
  - f. Discussion of Teen Town Hall on Thursday, October 2, 2014
  - g. Discussion of a Anti-Bullying Forum and Resource Fair on Thursday, October 2, 2014
  - h. Discussion of the Youth Council's potential participation in the Living Green Expo on Saturday, September 27, 2014



9. Representative Reports

a. 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 16, 2014, \*4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m., City Hall Community Room

(\*Please note special time).

/s/

Rob Bruce

Deputy Director/Community Programs & Facilities

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 Cory Edwards called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and Youth Council Secretary Nicole Waggoner verified that a quorum was present.

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

Staff: Kristin Tignac, Youth Council Coordinator.

Guests: Timothy Ho, Annika Pasetta, Prachi Patel, and Teddy Tang.

2. Agenda Review

The agenda was approved as presented.

3. Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the April 1, 2014, minutes as written was made by Zalma Quezada and seconded by Nick Steinwender. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Correspondence

Ms. Tignac reported that the 2014 Youth Summit Debrief had been sent to the City Council.

5. Public Statements/Comments

No public statements or comments were received.

6. Informational Presentations

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

Due to unforeseen circumstances, Community Liaison Officer Brennan presentation was postponed until the May 20 Youth Council meeting.

b. Simi Valley Explorer Post 2910 by Explorer Captain Robert Rosenberg

Explorer Sergeant Kyle Hunter and Explorer Dillon Hughes gave a brief overview of the Simi Valley Police Explorer program, including eligibility requirements, training gained as law enforcement volunteers, participant rank structure, meeting schedule and the program's community event assignments known as details. Explorer Sergeant Hunter also stated that the program is under a subsection of the Boy Scouts of America's Learning for Life program. Although through Boy Scouts, females are allowed.

Explorer Sergeant Hunter and Explorer Hughes shared experiences they have had since joining the program. They recommended that individuals interested in attending their first meeting should call (805) 583-6290 to notify the Explorer Post in advance.

c. Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) by Katherine Kasmir, Southern California SADD Liaison

Katherine Kasmir, also the Executive Director for Ventura County Straight Up, stated that as the Southern California SADD liaison she can help students form SADD chapters at their local schools.

Ms. Kasmir gave a brief overview of the SADD liaison program, including background, purpose and safe driving events.

Ms. Kasmir announced that DCH Toyota of Simi Valley would like to sponsor a local SADD chapter and will provide a \$1,500 stipend to a teacher that becomes a SADD club advisor. She also stated that when a SADD chapter is started, at no cost, the club will receive a manual, training, t-shirts, and a banner. Additionally, DCH Toyota will send two students and the club advisor to the SADD's National Conference annually.

For more information about the SADD program, Youth Council members were encouraged to visit [www.sadd.org](http://www.sadd.org), contact Katherine Kasmir directly at [Katherine@straightupvc.org](mailto:Katherine@straightupvc.org) or call her at (805) 647-4622.

7. Continued Business

No continued business was discussed.

8. New Business

a. Discussion of Youth Council Recruitment and Outreach

Youth Council applications were distributed and Ms. Tignac reminded the Youth Council members interested in re-applying that they must complete Youth Council applications. She stated that they would be interviewed by

an interview sub-committee comprised of two City Council Members, one outgoing Youth Council member and the Youth Council Coordinator. A maximum of nine seats are prioritized for returning Youth Council members. The interview date will be announced once selected. As an outgoing Youth Council member, Cory Edwards, volunteered to serve on the interview sub-committee.

New applicants for the Youth Council would be interviewed by up to four returning members. The following Youth Council members expressed an interest in serving on the interview panel if they are nominated to return by the interview sub-committee; Robert Hidalgo, Jeffrey Ho, Nicolas Judge, Veronica Martinez, Nicolas Mintzer, Kailey Printz, Zalma Quezada, and Nick Steinwender.

- b. Discussion Regarding Rescheduling/Canceling the June 3 and June 17, 2014, Youth Council Meetings

Nicolas Judge moved to reschedule the June 3, 2014, Youth Council meeting to be held on Monday, June 9, 2014, prior to Youth Council Appointments. Tyler Johnson seconded. The motion passed by majority vote with one opposed.

Nicole Waggoner made a motion to cancel the June 17, 2014, Youth Council meeting. Veronica Martinez seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Representative Reports

#### Youth Council Reports and Comments

Nicolas Mintzer reported that he presented the Youth Council comments at the April 7, 2014, City Council Meeting. He stated that it was a great experience and that he stayed and watched the entire meeting. Additionally, he stated that watching the Public Comments portion of the meeting was the most interesting.

Kellie McManamon reported that Zalma Quezada, Nick Steinwender, herself and her friend Natalie, along with Ms. Tignac, had distributed Public Notices on April 5, informing residents of the planned Every Fifteen Minutes crash site.

10. Coordinator's Report

Ms. Tignac congratulated Youth Council member Veronica Martinez on being named City Volunteer of the Year at the April 7, 2014, City Council Meeting.

11. Adjournment: Tuesday, May 20, 2014, 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., City Hall Community Room.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

DRAFT MEETING NOTES

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<br>E = Excused<br>A = Absent<br>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. AppApproval 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 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> 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 bringing 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

The meeting was adjourned at 5:41 p.m.



Draft Meeting Notes

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Welcome

Cory Edwards called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m. and the Youth Council Acting Secretary Veronica Martinez verified that a quorum was not present and the meeting could not proceed. The following represents the discussion conducted by the members and nominees in attendance.

| Selection Districts |                        | 2013-14 Members-At-Large |                  |  |               |
|---------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|--|---------------|
| V                   | Apollo High School     | A                        | Amanat Bal       | Alternates   |               |
| A                   | Emily Schmitt-RHS      | A                        | Nicholas Becerra | A  | Katie Johnson |
| P                   | Nick Steinwender-RHS   | P                        | Cory Edwards     | V  | Vacant        |
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| A                   | Connor Mullen-SMS      | A                        | Nicolas Mintzer  |  |               |
| E                   | Janelle Effarah-VVMS   | P                        | Leah Nohrenberg  |  |               |
|                     |                        | A                        | Nicole Waggoner  |  |               |

| 2014-15 Nominees |                        |   |                     |   |                |
|------------------|------------------------|---|---------------------|---|----------------|
| P                | Noah Andrews           | P | Christopher Effarah | E | Nicole Kidess  |
| P                | Vardaan Bal            | P | Hanna Faulwell      | P | Emily Ramirez  |
| P                | Chris Busco            | P | Allison Gillies     | E | Annika Pasetta |
| P                | Daniel Shibada-Lopez   | P | Timothy Ho          | P | Prachi Patel   |
| E                | Nandita Sundarapandian | P | Alex Judge          |   |                |

Staff: Rob Bruce, Deputy Director/Community Programs & Facility

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.

As there was no quorum, the Youth Council accepted the Agenda as the guideline for their discussion.

3. Approval of Minutes

As there was not a quorum of the Youth Council, no action was taken on the minutes.

4. Correspondence

None.

5. Public Statements/Comments

Kristen Skjonsby, representing MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) addressed the Youth Council members and nominees regarding their Walk Like MADD event. The event is a walk in support of the community, to honor loved ones, and help MADD stop the tragedies caused by drunk driving. The date is scheduled for July 12, 2014, and will be held at the Simi Valley Town Center. The organization is looking to sponsor up to 15 Youth Council members to participate in the event. Ms. Skjonsby left fliers and sign-up sheets at the back table for those who are interested.

6. Continued Business

7. New Business

a. Introduction of Nominated Incoming Youth Council Members

The nominated 2014-15 Youth Council members were asked to introduce themselves, state which school they attend and their interests.

b. Recommendations for the 2014-15 Youth Council

The following recommendations were made by 2013-14 Youth Council members:

1. Be as involved as you can be;
2. Be on time and come to all meetings;
3. Put the time in and join all of the committees you can and focus on the Youth Summit;
4. Talk to people and get to know the other Youth Council members;
5. Participate and have fun.

c. Discussion of Teen Crisis Resource Numbers

The following is a list of volunteers interested in reviewing and verifying the numbers:

Nick Steinwender, Kailey Printz, Leah Nohrenberg, Zalma Quezada, Alex Judge, Daniel Shibada-Lopez, Hannah Faulwell, and Veronica Martinez.

8. Representative Reports Youth Council Reports and Comments

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Veronica Martinez and Nick Steinwender reported that they attended Mental Health first Aide Training. They found it very informative and recommend that this training be scheduled for the Youth Council next year after the Youth Summit.

Cory Edwards reported that he delivered the last Youth Council comments to the City Council for 2013-14.

9. Coordinator's Report

Rob Bruce explained how the presentations and appointments would be coordinated for the City Council meeting immediately following tonight's Youth Council meeting.