

AGENDA

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance
2. Welcome/Introductions
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
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. Ventura County Transportation Commission Teen Council Recruitment
  - b. Overview of How the City of Simi Valley and City Council Operate, City Manager, Eric J. Levitt
  - c. Introduction of City Council Liaisons to the Youth Council, Mayor Pro Tem Glen Becerra and City Council Member Mike Judge
  - d. Overview of Teen Programming at the Simi Valley Public Library by Llyr Heller, Young Adult Librarian
8. New Business
  - a. Discussion of Volunteer Opportunities at the Free Clinic of Simi Valley's Annual Community Health & Fitness Expo and Tooth Fairy Fun Run
  - b. Scheduling and Appointment of Youth Council Presenters to City Council on November 10 and December 1
  - c. Discussion of Stop Bullying Awareness Campaign for October 2014
  - d. Discussion and Selection of the 2015 Youth Summit Date
  - e. Discussion of Youth Council Shirts
  - f. Discussion of Special Youth Council Recruitment



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, October 7, 2014, \*\*Simi Valley Senior Center

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Rob Bruce

Deputy Director/Community Programs & Facilities

\*Please note change in meeting time

\*\*Please note change in meeting location

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DRAFT MINUTES

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Youth Council Coordinator Kristin Tignac called the meeting to order at 4:36 p.m. and Acting Youth Council Secretary Veronica Martinez took attendance and verified that a quorum was present.

Selection Districts		Members-At-Large			
V	Apollo High School	P	Noah Andrews	P	Nandita Sundarapandian
P	Leah Nohrenberg-RHS	P	Gurvardaan Bal		
P	Nick Steinwender-RHS	P	Chris Busco	Alternates	
P	Veronica Martinez-SSHS	P	Nicholas Becerra		
P	Zalma Quezada-SSHS	P	Hannah Faulwell	P	Nicole Kidess
P	Kellie McManamon-SVHS	P	Allison Gillies	P	Emily Ramirez
P	Kailey Printz-SVHS	P	Timothy Ho	P*	Annika Paseto
P	Nick Judge-HMS	P	Alex Judge	P = Present E = Excused A = Absent V = Vacant	
V	Sinaloa Middle School	P	Nicolas Mintzer		
P	Christopher Effarah-VVMS	P	Prachi Patel		
*Arrived after approval of the minutes					

Staff: Rob Bruce, Deputy Director/Community Programs & Facilities; Felicia Liberman, Assistant City Attorney; Kristin Tignac, Youth Council Coordinator.

Guests: Anthony Pennay, Director of the Walter and Leonore Annenberg Presidential Learning Center; and students Sal Gulino and Daniel Shibata-Lopez.

2. Welcome/Introductions of Youth Council Members

Ms. Tignac welcomed the 2014/15 Youth Council. All members participated in two brief icebreaker activities to introduce themselves.

3. Agenda Review

Ms. Tignac recommended that the Youth Council be flexible with moving Agenda Items 7 a, b, c, and 8 f to accommodate guest presenters' schedules. There were no objections.

4. Approval of Minutes and Meeting Notes

A motion to approve the April 15, 2014, minutes as revised to indicate Nicolas Mintzer as being present was made by Nick Steinwender and seconded by Nicolas Mintzer. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion to approve the May 20, 2014, meeting notes as written was made by Nick Steinwender and seconded by Kellie McManamon. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion to approve the June 23, 2014, meeting notes as written was made by Alex Judge and seconded by Leah Nohrenberg. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Correspondence

Ms. Tignac stated that she had received correspondence from Jodi Regan, Volunteer and Marketing Coordinator at the Simi Valley Public Library, to announce the date for the next library volunteer training session on Saturday, September 20, 2014, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., for the Library's Book Buddies program. To sign up or to receive more information, contact Jodi at [jodi.regan@simivalleylibrary.org](mailto:jodi.regan@simivalleylibrary.org) or (805)526-1735 extension 5015.

6. Public Statements/Comments

Sal Gulino and Daniel Shibata-Lopez introduced themselves.

7. Informational Presentations

a. Youth Council Purpose, Goals, By-laws, Organization and Meetings

Ms. Tignac provided an overview of the Youth Council Purpose, Goals, By-Laws and Organization of the Youth Council and highlighted some of the Youth Council accomplishments to date.

Ms. Tignac also discussed the importance of the Youth Council's Work Plan in order to accomplish the Youth Council goals that members would set during the October Youth Council meetings.

b. Overview of the Role of the City Attorney and Ralph M. Brown Act, Felicia Liberman, Assistant City Attorney

Assistant City Attorney Felicia Liberman gave a brief overview of the role of the City Attorney's office and provided an interactive presentation on the purpose of the Ralph M. Brown Act, known as the "Sunshine", or "open meeting" law.

c. Code of Ethics and Conduct for Elected Officials and Members of Appointed Boards, Commissions and Committees, Felicia Liberman, Assistant City Attorney

Ms. Liberman gave a brief overview of the City's Code of Ethics and Conduct for Elected Officials and Members of Appointed Boards, Commissions and Committees, including its purpose, who it applies to and the ethical principles in the code.

8. New Business

f. Discussion of Teen Town Hall on Thursday, October 2, 2014

Anthony Pennay, Director of the Walter and Leonore Annenberg Presidential Learning Center, announced that they would be hosting a Youth Town Hall on Thursday, October 2014, at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Museum with a panel comprised of; 38th District Assemblyman Scott Wilk, Ventura County Superintendent of Schools Stanley C. Mantooth, Simi Valley Mayor Bob Huber, and Deborah Salgado, Simi Valley Unified School District's Director of Secondary Education.

To help the event be youth-led, Mr. Pennay invited the Youth Council to help with pre-event activities and to assist at the event as youth moderators. He stated that he has invited all Simi Valley Unified School District middle and high schools to each send 40 to 50 students. He anticipates 500 to 1,000 students will attend.

Nick Steinwender made a motion to approve the Youth Council's participation in the Youth Town Hall on Thursday, October 2, 2014. Alex Judge seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The following Youth Council members indicated an interest in being youth moderators: Gurvardaan Bal, Nicholas Becerra, Chris Busco, Allison Gillies, Alex Judge, Nicole Kidess, Veronica Martinez, Kellie McManamon, Nicolas Mintzer, Leah Nohrenberg, Zalma Quezada, Annika Pasetta, Prachi Patel, Kailey Printz, Emily Ramirez, Nick Steinwender and Nandita Sundarapandian.

a. Officer Duties and Election of Officers

Ms. Tignac gave a brief overview of the Youth Council Officer duties and responsibilities. The following Youth Council members were nominated for the position of Chair: Nicholas Becerra and Nicolas Mintzer. Nicholas Becerra received the most votes and was selected as Chair.

The following Youth Council members were nominated for the position of Vice Chair: Chris Busco, Alex Judge, Nicolas Mintzer and Nick Steinwender. Nick Steinwender received the most votes and was selected as Vice Chair.

The following Youth Council members were nominated for the position of Sergeant-at-Arms: Hannah Faulwell, Alex Judge, Leah Nohrenberg, Kellie McManamon and Nicolas Mintzer. Kellie McManamon received the most votes and was selected as Sergeant-at-Arms.

The following Youth Council members were nominated for the position of Secretary: Chris Busco, Annika Pasetta, Kailey Printz, Veronica Martinez and Nicolas Mintzer. Veronica Martinez received the most votes and was selected as Secretary.

Nicolas Mintzer made a motion to approve Nicholas Becerra as Chair, Nick Steinwender as Vice Chair, Kellie McManamon as Sergeant-at-Arms and Veronica Martinez as Secretary for the 2014/15 Youth Council term. Nick Judge seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Selection of Youth Council Representatives to: Task Force on Homelessness and Youth Employment Service Advisory Board

Kristin Tignac gave a brief overview of the Task Force on Homelessness and Youth Employment Service Advisory Board, as well as, the Youth Council representative's required responsibilities.

The following Youth Council members were nominated for the position of Youth Council representative for the Task Force on Homelessness: Zalma Quezada and Nick Steinwender. Nick Steinwender received the most votes and was selected as the Youth Council representative for Task Force on Homelessness and Zalma Quezada was selected as the alternate, if Mr. Steinwender is unavailable to attend a meeting.

The following Youth Council members were nominated for the position of Youth Council representative for the Youth Employment Service (YES) Advisory Board: Veronica Martinez and Nick Steinwender. Veronica Martinez received the most votes and was selected as the Youth Council representative for YES Advisory Board.

Nick Steinwender made a motion to approve the following Youth Council representatives to other City boards: Nick Steinwender as the Task Force on Homelessness representative; Zalma Quezada as the Task Force on Homelessness alternate; and Veronica Martinez as the Youth Employment Service (YES) Advisory Board representative. Alex Judge seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

c. Selection of the 2015 Youth Summit Committee

Ms. Tignac gave a brief overview of the role and responsibilities of members of the Youth Summit Committee. She stated that Youth Summit Committee meetings would be held at 4:15 p.m. immediately preceding the regular Youth Council meetings held on the first and third Tuesdays of each month.

Chair Nicholas Becerra asked for volunteers to participate on the Youth Summit Committee. After a lengthy discussion, Chris Busco, Allison Gillies, Nick Judge, Veronica Martinez, Kellie McManamon, Nicolas Mintzer, Leah Nohrenberg, Kailey Printz, Zalma Quezada, Nick Steinwender and Alex Judge as an alternate were selected to serve on the 2015 Youth Summit Committee. A motion to approve the committee as presented was made by Leah Nohrenberg and seconded by Zalma Quezada. The motion passed unanimously.

- d. Discussion of the re-scheduled date for the Youth Council-inspired Teen Drive-in Movie Night on Friday, September 19, 2014

Ms. Tignac stated that the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District and Simi Valley High School had selected a date for the Youth Council-inspired Teen Drive-in Movie Night which was cancelled last October due to high winds. The re-scheduled date for the screening of the Avengers movie would be on Friday, September 19, 2014, with the gates opening at 6:30 p.m.

Ms. Tignac stated that the Youth Council has been asked to help coordinate during the event.

Chris Busco made a motion to approve Youth Council's participation in 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

Ms. Tignac announced that the Youth Council had an opportunity to collaborate with the Simi Valley Public Library for a suicide prevention awareness event on Monday, September 29, 2014, as well as request that the City Council proclaim September 2014 as Suicide Prevention Month. To prevent suicide and allow a youth-led discussion on the topic, Youth Council may offer a film screening and follow-up discussion of the California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA) Directing Change Student Public Service Announcement (PSA) Contest regional and statewide winners in the categories of suicide prevention and ending the silence of mental illness.

Veronica Martinez made a motion to approve the Youth Council's involvement in hosting a suicide prevention film screening followed by a Youth Council led group discussion for Suicide Prevention Month. Leah Nohrenberg seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The following Youth Council members volunteered to assist leading the event and follow-up discussion: Gurvardaan Bal, Chris Busco, Nicholas Becerra, Hannah Faulwell, Allison Gillies, Alex Judge, Nicole Kidess, Veronica Martinez, Kellie McManamon, Prachi Patel, Zalma Quezada, Emily Ramirez, Nick Steinwender and Nandita Sundarapandian. Guest Daniel Shibata-Lopez also offered to volunteer at the event.

- g. Discussion of Anti-Bullying Forum and Resource Fair on Thursday, October 2, 2014

Ms. Tignac gave a brief overview of the Youth Summit-inspired concept of a cyber-bullying forum. She stated that City of Simi Valley and Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District staff have coordinated a multiagency Anti-Bullying Forum and Resource Fair to take place on Thursday, October 2, 2014, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Simi Valley Public

Library's community room, which would be during National Stop Bullying Month. The panel presenters include representatives from the Ventura County District Attorney's Office, Simi Valley Police Department, Simi Valley Unified School District and Ventura County Behavioral Health.

Chris Busco made a motion to approve the Youth Council's participation in the Anti-Bullying Forum and Resource Fair on Thursday, October 2, 2014. Hannah Faulwell seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

- h. Discussion of the Youth Council's potential participation in the Living Green Expo on Saturday, September 27, 2014

Ms. Tignac gave a brief overview of the City's Living Green Expo and stated that Youth Council volunteers are being requested to assist at the fifth annual event scheduled on Saturday, September 27, 2014, at the Simi Valley Town Center from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Alex Judge made a motion to approve the Youth Council's participation as volunteers at the Living Green Expo on Saturday, September 27, 2014. Leah Nohrenberg seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The following Youth Council members volunteered:

From 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., Timothy Ho

From 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Leah Nohrenberg

From 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., Annika Pasetta

From 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Nicole Kidess, Veronica Martinez and Nick Steinwender

9. Representative Reports Youth Council Reports and Comments

Nicolas Mintzer requested a future agenda item be added regarding an economic development update with a focus on the Simi Valley Town Center.

10. Coordinator's Report

Ms. Tignac asked that all Youth Council members introduce themselves to their school principals before Tuesday, September 16, 2014.

Ms. Tignac reminded all Youth Council members that all Youth Council paperwork was due at the end of the meeting.

11. Adjournment: Tuesday, September 16, 2014, \*4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m., City Hall Community Room

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

\*Please note change in meeting time.