

**SIMI VALLEY YOUTH COUNCIL**

Tuesday, November 18, 2014, 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

\*Simi Valley Senior Center  
3900 Avenida Simi

**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  
Discussion and Selection of Committee to Address the 2014-15 Work Plan
7. New Business
  - a. Selection of the 2015 Youth Summit Community Service Project
  - b. Discussion of Youth Summit Group Leader Designation and Small Group Practice
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: Tuesday, December 2, 2014, 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., City Hall Community Room.

/s/

Rob Bruce

Deputy Director/Community Programs & Facilities

\*Please note change in meeting location.

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.



**CITY OF SIMI VALLEY**

Draft Minutes

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Youth Council Chair Nickolas Becerra called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and the Youth Council Secretary Veronica Martinez took attendance and verified that a quorum was present.

Selection Districts		Members-At-Large			
P	Emily Shapiro	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	Nicole Kidess
P	Zalma Quezada -SSHS	P	Hannah Faulwell	E	Emily Ramirez
P	Kellie McManamon-SVHS	P	Allison Gillies	P	Annika Paseta
P	Kailey Printz-SVHS	P	Timothy Ho	P = Present	
P	Nick Judge-HMS	P	Alex Judge	E = Excused	
P	Samuel Edgar	A	Nicolas Mintzer	A = Absent	
P	Christopher Effarah-VVMS	A	Prachi Patel	V = Vacant	
*Arrived after approval of the minutes					

Staff: Rob Bruce, Deputy Director/Community Programs and Facilities.  
Guests:

2. Agenda Review

A motion was made by Youth Council Member Busco and seconded by Youth Council Member Bal to move item 6. Informational Presentation ahead of item 5. Public Comments.

3. Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the October 21, 2014, minutes as written was made by Youth Council Member Nohrenberg and seconded by Youth Council Member Alex Judge. The motion passed.

4. Correspondence

There was no correspondence to report.

5. Public Statements/Comments

Youth Council Chair Nickolas Becerra explained that this is the time allotted for public statements/comments for items that pertain to the Youth Council.

No members of the public wished to speak

6. Informational Presentation

An economic development update was presented by Brian Gabler, Director of Economic Development/Assistant City Manager. He began with an update on the status of the economy and explained that credit is still hard to obtain for small “mom and pop” businesses, so we’re not seeing a lot of small businesses starting back up. Credit is easier for large corporations, so that part of the retail economy is doing quite well.

Mr. Gabler went on to explain what is happening at the Mall and said that Movie Co is constructing their new theater which is scheduled to open in the spring. He also stated that there is interest by coffee businesses to have more coffee houses in town with a drive-thru.

Education is also changing. Schools are gearing to prepare more vocational training to prepare non-college bound students for a career.

This presentation was followed by a lively discussion about the businesses the Youth Council would like to see in town.

7. Continued Business

The Youth Council broke into their subcommittees to finalize their top three issues and solutions. The subcommittees consisted of: Stress from School/Parental Pressure; Smoking/Drugs and Underage Drinking; College/Planning for the Future; and Teen Activities and Bullying. Once each subcommittee finalized their top three issues and solutions, the entire Youth Council voted on which to include in their work plan. They selected:

- Bowling against bullying (strike out bullying)
- Teen Coachella
- Keeping kids occupied
- Career Planning
- Teen Lounge
- Getting rid of the AP class hype

8. New Business

a. Discussion and Selection of the 2015 Youth Summit Theme

Youth Summit Chair Veronica Martinez provided an overview of the top three themes selected by the Youth Summit Committee. The Youth Council voted for “Presidential” as the theme with “We Want You” as the slogan. They also voted to have “For the Troops” as the recipient of the charity drive.

b. Discussion and Selection of Committees to Address the 2014-15 Work Plan

The Youth Council voted to continue this item to their meeting of November 18, 2014.

9. Representative Reports

Youth Council Reports and Comments - None

10. Coordinator's Report – None

11. Adjournment: Tuesday, November 18, 2014, 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., \***Simi Valley Senior Center** -

By consensus of the Youth Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.