



**SIMI VALLEY YOUTH COUNCIL**  
Tuesday, January 17, 2017, 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.  
\*Simi Valley Senior Center  
3900 Avenida Simi

**AGENDA**  
\*Special Meeting Location

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance
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 of Youth Summit Facilitator Training and Debrief Practice
7. New Business
  - a. Discussion of Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District's 2017 Teen Events
  - b. Discussion of Outreach to Peers, School Clubs and Organizations for the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Youth Summit
  - c. Discussion of Research Reports on Assigned Group Topics by Small Group Leaders
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



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10. Adjournment: Tuesday, February 7, 2017, 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., \*\*Simi Valley Senior Center

/s/  
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Anna M. Medina  
Deputy Community Services Director

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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/Welcome

Youth Council Chair Emily Ramirez called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m., and Secretary Zalma Quezada took attendance verifying that a quorum was present.

2016-17 Youth Council Members					
Selection Districts		Members-At-Large			
P	Keyla Pech-AHS	P	Humna Ahmad	P	Aaron Williams
P	Leah Nohrenberg -RHS	P*	Gurvardaan Bal		
P	Emily Ramirez -RHS	E	Denise Gonzales	Alternates	
E	Prachi Patel -SSHS	P	Timothy Ho	A	Ryan Rosenstein
P	Zalma Quezada -SSHS	P	Elizabeth Lopez	P	Yue Dan Chen
P	Nick Judge-SVHS	P*	Phoebe Ruiz	V	Vacant
P	Shanaya Sidhu -SVHS	P	Adrian Schemm	P = Present E = Excused A = Absent V = Vacant	
P*	Ashley Zook-HMS	E	Lindsay Scholbrock		
P	Ziren Mo - SMS	P	Natalie Smith		
E	Aditya Gaiki-VVMS	P	Anushka Vakil		
*Arrived after approval of the minutes					

Staff: Kristin Tignac, Youth Council Coordinator.

Guests: Bree Nuss, Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District; Students James Chu and Pranav Krishnamoorthi.

2. Agenda Review

Chair Emily Ramirez recommended that the Youth Council be flexible with moving Agenda Item 7 New Business to follow Agenda Item 5 Public Statements/Comments, to accommodate guest presenters' schedules. There were no objections.

3. Approval of Minutes

**ACTION:** A motion to approve the December 6, 2016, minutes as written was made by Leah Nohrenberg and seconded by Timothy Ho.

**Youth Council vote: 15 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstentions**

**The motion passed unanimously.**

4. Correspondence

Ms. Tignac stated that correspondence was received from Youth Council member Denise Gonzales regarding her absence for this evening's meeting. Ms. Tignac was happy to report that Ms. Gonzales had won a singing competition, allowing her to represent Los Angeles in the finals in Manila, Philippines. Ms. Tignac wished her success in the competition.

5. Public Statements/Comments

Pranav Krishnamoorthi greeted the Youth Council.

Bree Nuss, Recreation Specialist with the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District, shared information regarding upcoming teen events for 2017, including teen trips.

7. New Business

Update on 2017 Youth Town Hall and Youth Summit Events

Rebekah Harding, Associate Director of Learning and Engagement, and Jeffrey Lockwood, Education Specialist, with the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute (Foundation) provided updates on both upcoming events.

Ms. Harding stated that the following potential keynote speakers for the Youth Summit had been vetted and ranked by the Foundation: Bethany Hamilton, Shailene Woodley, Julianne Hough, Amelia Rose Earhart, Cody Jones and Alex Morgan. Ms. Harding stated that once the list was approved by the Youth Council, they would proceed with reaching out to the speakers regarding availability.

**ACTION:** A motion to approve the Foundation's vetted list and ranking order of potential keynote speakers for the Youth Summit was made by Natalie Smith and seconded by Nick Judge.

**Youth Council vote: 18 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstentions**

**The motion passed.**

Ms. Harding stated that the Foundation had one panel presenter confirmed for the Youth Town Hall. She stated that the timing for the University Chancellors was not optimum and may be a factor they look at for the future. She listed a few options for additional panelists to invite, with the idea of having two mini panels, one focusing on education and another on local policy issues.

**ACTION:** A motion to approve the Foundation's list of additional panelists to invite in the areas of education/schools and local policy including, State Senator Henry Stern, Assemblyman Dante Acosta, and City Manager Eric Levitt was made by Adrian Schemm and seconded by Humna Ahmad.

**Youth Council vote: 18 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstentions**

**The motion passed.**

Additionally, Ms. Harding thanked the Youth Council members that had helped at the Foundation's Young Women's Leadership event in November. She announced that the event had been approved as an annual event and would be opened up as a coed event.

6. Continued Business

a. Discussion of Youth Summit Group Leader Designation

Youth Summit Committee Vice Chair Leah Nohrenberg explained the responsibilities of group leaders and stated that the committee had assigned group leaders for each topic. Ms. Nohrenberg stated that group leader assignments would be finalized once Youth Summit applications were received. The following group leader teams were assigned to topic groups:

- Bullying and Social Injustice – Denise Gonzales, Timothy Ho, Natalie Smith and Ashley Zook.
- Concerns Related to Schools/Higher Education – Elizabeth Lopez, Emily Ramirez, Adrian Schemm, Lindsay Scholbrock and Anushka Vakil.
- Crime and Underage Drinking/Drug Use – Gurvardaan Bal, Aditya Gaiki, Nick Judge and Leah Nohrenberg.
- Environmental Concerns combined with Homelessness – Keyla Pech, Phoebe Ruiz and Shanaya Sidhu.
- Teen Activities and Teen Health & Wellness – Humna Ahmad, Yue Dan Chen, Ziren Mo, Zalma Quezada and Aaron Williams.
- Pending – Prachi Patel and Jasanpreet Pandher.

b. Selection of the Youth Summit Application Design

Youth Summit Committee Chair Zalma Quezada distributed the two revised application graphic designs created by the City's graphics department.

After a short discussion, a hand vote was taken.

**ACTION:** A motion to select the first application design as the top choice was made by Aaron Williams and seconded by Elizabeth Lopez.

**Youth Council vote: 17 Ayes; 1 No; 0 Abstentions**

**The motion passed.**

c. Discussion of Youth Summit Facilitator Training and Debrief Practice

As part of small group practice training, the following ice breaker activities were led and debriefed by the following Youth Summit committee members:

- Timothy Ho – “Salt and Pepper”
- Leah Nohrenberg – “Count to 20”

8. Representative Reports

Leah Nohrenberg wished everyone happy holidays and good luck on their last day of finals.

9. Coordinator's Report

Ms. Tignac thanked all of the Youth Council members that had turned in their broom ball paperwork. She reminded those that still needed turn in their signed forms to bring them directly to the Iceoplex Simi Valley at 2:45 p.m., on December 22, 2016, before the Youth Council broom ball team building activity starts.

Ms. Tignac reminded Youth Council members that the January 3 Youth Council meeting had been cancelled due to winter recess.

10. Adjournment: Tuesday, January 17, 2017, 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., \*Simi Valley Senior Center

Youth Council Chair Emily Ramirez adjourned the meeting at 6:03 p.m.

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