



SIMI VALLEY YOUTH COUNCIL
Tuesday, November 1, 2016, 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
City Hall Community Room
2929 Tapo Canyon Road

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. Informational Presentation
Interface's Programs for Youth by Erin Locklear, MFTI, Clinical Manager, at Interface Children & Family Services
7. Continued Business
 - a. Discussion of Youth Council Work Plan
 - b. Selection of the Top Seven Preferred 2017 Youth Summit Motivational Speakers
8. New Business
Discussion and Selection of Committees to Address the 2016-17 Youth Council Work Plan
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, November 15, 2016, 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., *Simi Valley Senior Center, Room 106.

/s/

Anna M. Medina
Acting Deputy Director

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.

*Please note change in meeting location.

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			
E	Keyla Pech-AHS	P	Humna Ahmad	P	Aaron Williams
P	Leah Nohrenberg -RHS	E	Gurvardaan Bal		
P	Emily Ramirez -RHS	P	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	E	Adrian Schemm	P = Present E = Excused A = Absent V = Vacant	
P	Ashley Zook-HMS	E	Lindsay Scholbrock		
P	Ziren Mo - SMS	P	Natalie Smith		
P	Aditya Gaiki-VVMS	P	Anushka Vakil		
*Arrived after approval of the minutes					

Staff: Kristin Tignac, Youth Council Coordinator.

Guests: Thomas Hartfield, Hartfield Insurance Owner; Thomas Brown, Boy Scouts of America Leader; Donna Maas, Girl Scout of America Troop Leader; Matthew and Michael Maas, Boy Scout Troop members; Nikki Maas, Girl Scout Cadet member; students James Chu and Pranav Krishnamoorthi.

2. Agenda Review

There being no objections, the agenda was approved as presented.

3. Approval of Minutes

ACTION:

A motion to approve the October 4, 2016, minutes as written was made by Nick Judge and seconded by Timothy Ho.

Youth Council vote: 17 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstentions

The motion passed unanimously.

4. Correspondence

Ms. Tignac stated that on October 17, 2016, she received a letter from Danielle June, Recreation Coordinator, with the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District thanking the Youth Council for its participation and collaboration on the Cyberbullying Workshop on October 6, 2016. She also stated that a vital part of the event was the Youth Council members' role in speaking and encouraging a

dialog among participants. She stated that the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District looks forward to collaboratively working with the Youth Council again in the future.

Ms. Tignac stated that she had also received correspondence via email from Rebekah Harding with the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute thanking the Youth Council for the list of potential Youth Town Hall panel speakers, as well as the discussion topic ideas resulting from the informal Youth Council-led student polls at each school. Ms. Harding had asked that Ms. Tignac express her gratitude at tonight's meeting for all of their hard work. Additionally, Ms. Harding wanted to share information regarding two upcoming events being hosted by the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute (Foundation):

- On October 19, 2016, the Foundation would be hosting a Pizza and Politics student debate viewing party. This is an invitation only event, that Youth Council members are being invited to attend. For more information, Youth Council members were invited to visit the event page at <https://www.reaganfoundation.org/programs-events/events-calendar/pizza-politics-student-debate-viewing-party>.
- On November 19, 2016, the Foundation would be hosting its first Young Women's Leadership Summit for students aged 12-20. Tickets for this event are first-come, first-served and reservations would be limited. For more information, Youth Council members were invited to visit the event page at <https://www.reaganfoundation.org/programs-events/events-calendar/young-women-s-leadership-summit>.

5. Public Statements/Comments

Royal High School student James Chu stated that he was attending the meeting to see how the planning for the Youth Summit is going.

Santa Susana High School student Pranav Krishnamoorthi introduced himself and stated that this was his third Youth Council meeting he had attended this school year.

Thomas Hartfield, owner of Hartfield Insurance and candidate for the Simi Valley City Council, introduced himself and stated that was in attendance to see the Youth Council in action. He thanked Youth Council members for getting involved in the City.

6. Continued Business

Discussion of Youth Council Work Plan

Youth Council members utilized a divergent thinking process to identify current issues and concerns related to youth in Simi Valley. The Youth Council members brainstormed the following areas of concern to address in the 2016-17 Youth Council Work Plan:

Teen Health and Wellness

- Lack of sleep
- Lack of a variety of healthier options for school lunches
- Stress
- Limited time management skills

Discrimination

- Lack of tolerance
- Racism

Safety

- Animal abuse
- Domestic violence
- Bullying/cyberbullying
- Distracted driving
- Child neglect

Education

- Concerns regarding cost of higher education
- Limited job shadowing opportunities
- Need for more tutoring/school help
- Increase awareness of scholarship resources at each high school

Substance Use

- Drug abuse
- Underage drinking

Environmental Concerns

- Drought

Homelessness

Other issues of concern of notable mention were youth unemployment, youth activities, economic development, family hardships including students with parents struggling with addiction, emotional counseling, and the overuse of technology.

Due to time constraints, Chair Emily Ramirez recommended continuing the discussion of this agenda item to the November 1, 2016, Youth Council meeting. There were no objections.

7. New Business

- a. Selection of Top Ten Preferred 2017 Youth Summit Motivational Speakers
Youth Summit Committee Chair Zalma Quezada asked Youth Council members to select their top 15 choices in order of preference for potential Youth Summit motivational speakers out of a list of 24 that the Youth Summit committee had developed.

Ms. Tignac would tally the votes and a final discussion and subsequent vote would be taken during the November 1 Youth Council meeting.

b. Selection of Youth Summit Theme

Youth Summit Committee Chair Zalma Quezada provided an overview of the top four themes selected by the Youth Summit Committee.

ACTION: A motion to approve a mountain/top of the summit theme for the 2017 Youth Summit theme was made by Zalma Quezada and seconded by Aditya Gaiki.

Youth Council vote: 17 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstentions

The motion passed.

ACTION: A motion to approve "Conquer the Summit" as the 2017 Youth Summit slogan was made by Leah Nohrenberg and seconded by Denise Gonzales.

Youth Council vote: 17 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstentions

The motion passed.

8. Representative Reports

Aditya Gaiki stated that he had attended the Cyberbullying Workshop for teens and tweens on October 6, 2016. He stated that 32 teens and adults attended total.

Aditya Gaiki also stated that he had participated as a volunteer at the Tooth Fairy Run on October 15, 2016, along with other members of the Youth Council. He reported that the event was very successful. Social media for the event went well.

Leah Nohrenberg reported that she had volunteered to help run the Stop Bullying Pledge at the Tooth Fairy Run in Community Health Expo area, as well as conducted a poll of attendees regarding top issues related to youth.

Anushka Vakil announced that the Rotary Clubs in Simi Valley were hosting their annual Youth Empowerment Summit on November 12, 2016. To apply for this free event, visit www.simiyes.org.

Aditya Gaiki also announced that the Sim Valley Public Library would host a Teen Lock-in event on Saturday, October 22, 2016, following its annual Halloween Extravaganza. For that and other events being held at the Library, visit www.simivalleylibrary.org.

9. Coordinator's Report

Ms. Tignac thanked the Youth Council members that volunteered to help the Free Clinic of Simi Valley as the Social Media Team for the Tooth Fairy Run and those that organized the Youth Council booth in the event's Community Health Expo.

Ms. Tignac also thanked Youth Council members for conducting the informal student polls at their respective schools to help gather suggestions for Youth Town Hall discussion topics.

Ms. Tignac presented Emily Ramirez and Timothy Ho framed photo sheets commemorating their time as Youth Council Comments presenters to the City Council in September and October.

Ms. Tignac announced that the City of Simi Valley and the Simi Valley Public Library would be hosting a volunteer event called Guiding Compassion Through Volunteerism; A Showcase of Local Non-profits from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p., on Thursday, November 10, 2016.

10. Adjournment: Tuesday, November 1, 2016, 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., City Hall Community Room

Youth Council Chair Emily Ramirez adjourned the meeting at 6:07 p.m.