

**City of Santa Barbara
Youth Council Meeting
January 3, 2011
MINUTES**

Meeting called to order at 5:20 p.m. by Chairperson Pepe Gil.

ROLL CALL

Members	Present	Absent
Alonzo, Brandy		Excused
Busch, Will	Yes	
Garcia, Blanca	Yes	
Garcia, Valeria	Yes	
Getachew, Eleni		Excused
Gil, Jose "Pepe"	Yes	
Gil, Ivette	Yes	
Green, Caroline	Yes	
Hall, Ian		Excused
Hunt, Chloe	Yes	
Lopez, Michael		Excused
Lunt, Morgan		Excused
Marroquin, Annie	Yes	
Mejia, Lesly		Yes
Rodriguez, Kristina	Yes	
Sexton, Grant	Yes	
Yi, Michael	Yes	
Burns, Kalina – Junior High Representative		Yes
Miller, Maggie – Junior High Representative		Yes
Simons, Kayla – Junior High Representative		Yes

STAFF PRESENT: Susan Young, Sarah Hanna
LIAISONS: Rocky Jacobson
GUEST: Kalina Burns

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved and seconded by Youth Council Members Ivette Gil and Morgan Lunt, respectively, to waive the approval of the minutes until the next regular meeting. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There was no public comment.

STAFF REPORT

Staff's report included information/reminders on the submission of the Harriet Miller Youth Leadership Applications and submission of community service hours. Staff also reported that Michael Yi would be interviewed for the position of Parks and Recreation Commission Youth Intern. Staff informed Youth Council about the County's proposed Youth Conference and stated that they were hosting two Youth Focus Groups to get ideas and opinions from youth on teen issues. Staff invited Youth Council members to support the Youth Focus Groups. Staff reminded

Youth Council Members about the excused absences and reminded members that they should have the Youth Council meeting dates in all their calendars and that absences should be only when necessary.

COMMITTEE / SPECIAL REPORTS

Teen Center Subcommittee – There was no report.

Marketing and Publicity – There was no report. Committee Chair stated a meeting would be scheduled.

Mentoring and Health - Committee Chair Yi reported that the subcommittee was continuing to assist in the A-Ok Afterschool Program and they had no further report.

Sunshine Committee – Sunshine Committee, presented cards to Grant Sexton and Kristina Rodriguez and in honor of her receiving her driver's license – Mrs. Rodriguez bought goodies for all the members. Subcommittee member Blanca Garcia reminded Youth Council members that everyone was to submit \$5 and one greeting card and she asked if they had not done so to please do so soon. She also reported that they were working on a welcome letter for the new City Councilperson.

Executive Committee – Chairperson Gil reported that the Executive Committee had met and covered the following topics: MLK, Jr. Event – reminded Youth Council members to wear their blue shirts and to be at the De La Guerra Plaza at 8 a.m. on Monday morning. It was also discussed that the junior high school representatives would select one meeting in which they would report out and they were not required to attend both meetings. He reminded Youth Council members to schedule their appointments with their respective City Council persons. Chairperson Gil reminded each Youth Council member to review their goals and objectives that were set during training week and to make sure they are on target to complete them.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Fundraising 100 100 100 – Fundraising Committee Chair Ivette Gil reminded the Youth Council of the fundraising efforts and explained that committee had met and that the fundraising program, for this year, would be that each Youth Council member would be committed to raising at least \$100 in 100 days. Detailed information would be submitted at the January 18th meeting. She also mentioned that consideration was being given to giving out a prize for the Youth Council member that raised the most money. Details of how the funds would be spent would also be discussed and presented at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Neighborhood Advisory Council – Staff reminded the Youth Council members of the newly formed Neighborhood Advisory Council, which would have representations from various neighborhoods and would include, if they applied, up to 3 youth appointees. Staff encouraged Youth Council members to get this information out to their respective leadership groups. Staff reminded them that the composition of the advisory group also

includes two Youth Council members as non-voting members and currently Pepe Gil and Chloe Hunt are the two representatives; however, new representatives should be considered.

- b. Youth Speak Out – Spring – Subcommittee Chair Morgan Lunt reported that the Special Events Committee was beginning its work on the Spring Youth Council leadership event and discussion had begun on what the topic would be. Co-Chair Hunt spoke about the survey results from the last speak out and they stated that the majority of the teens were interested in a discussion on immigration. Consideration is being given to doing a debate-style speak out. The subcommittee would meet and bring back more details.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Youth Council Member Kristina Rodriguez announced she had received her driver's license today. It was announced that Morgan Lunt was crowned Goleta Teen of the Year. Youth Council Member Lunt also commented on the police activity around the Mission area. He stated that several teens had mentioned to him that they were being stopped by police for skateboarding in the area. He stated he felt that it was unfair treatment and just wanted to mention what was happening. Youth Council Member Chloe Hunt announced that her school's Arts and Lecture Magazine had one first place again in national competition.

Former Youth Council Members Maggie McDermut and Chris McDermut stopped by and spoke with the Youth Council body and expressed their hellos as well as Chris McDermut told the members that if he could give them any advise about being on the Youth Council it would be to make sure they had follow through – that was one of the things that he learned were the most important thing to carrying out their assignments.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:30 p.m.

Susan C. Young
Recording Secretary