

**City of Santa Barbara
Youth Council Special Meeting
February 25, 2013
MINUTES**

Meeting called to order at approximately 5:15 p.m. by Chairperson Ivette Gil.

ROLL CALL

Members	Present	Absent
Flores, Alexis	Yes	
Getachew, Eleni	Yes	
Gil, Ivette	Yes	
Hall, Ian		Excused
Kelkar, Eesha	Yes	
Lopez, Michael	Yes	
Lund, Jordan	Yes	
Rowley, Amber	Yes	
Saleta, Pablo	Yes	
Simons, Kayla	Yes	
Soto, Sami		Excused
Yee, Kate	Yes	
Zamudio, Naomi	Yes	
Chittick, Ari – Junior High Representative	Yes	
Gallup, Ciara – Junior High Representative	Yes	

STAFF PRESENT: Susan Young
LIAISONS:
GUESTS: Carolina Norris-Clay, Youth
 Scott Burns, Donate Life

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved and seconded by Youth Council members Eesha Kelkar and Pablo Saleta, respectively to approve the minutes of January 7, 2013. Motion carried with three abstentions: Lund, Yee, Simons. It was moved and seconded by Youth Council Members Jordan Lund and Kayla Simon to waive the approval of February 11, 2013 minutes until the next regular meeting. Motion carried. .

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Carolina Norris-Clay stated she was from Alta Vista Alternative High School and heard about the Youth Council from Google and wanted to see what it was about. Scott Burns gave a brief update on the Donate Life (more to be discussed on the agenda item).

STAFF REPORT

Staff report included information on announcement from the Rape Crisis Center for a teen self-defense class for women; information on AB540 training and college financial aid as well as community service hours and scheduling.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Special Events – Co-Chair Gil stated the Special Events committee report would be delivered under Item 3a.

Policy and Procedures – Committee Chair Simons stated there was no formal report but that the committee was working on updating the Bylaws and it would be forthcoming.

Fundraising – Committee Member Kate Yee stated the Fundraising Committee had met briefly and discussed possible \$1 dance; bake sale and the possibility of working with Looking Good Santa Barbara. Possible date for cleanup is April 4th.

Discussion ensued regarding Facebook Page and how the Council could utilize it. It was explained again because of Brown Act policy the Facebook page could not be used as is in the past. Staff suggested the Publicity Committee meeting with the city's Publicist on ideas for promotions.

Neighborhood Advisory Council – Youth Intern Lund reported that she had attended the meeting of the NAC and was now leading the Pledge of Allegiance. She talked about the Easter Extravaganza event; street needs, and restorative policing all discussed at the meeting. Youth Members asked if they discussed any of the traffic changes around the community.

Executive Committee – Chair Gil stated the Executive Committee had met and mainly focused on what is it the Youth Council wants to accomplish prior to the end of the year. She stated the Youth Council will need to get their calendar of events scheduled. She also reported that the Youth Council should do Pledge of Allegiance. Also discussed was the Youth Council making a formal introduction at the Neighborhood Advisory Council meeting?

Junior High School Committee – Members reported they had met and have worked out details for the Junior High School Self Esteem Contest. Members of the committee are suggesting the contest climax with an event on April 6th in conjunction with the teen dance.

OLD BUSINESS

Goals, Objectives, Timeline - Included in upcoming schedule is Youth Council photos. Policies and Procedures committed to finishing the revised bylaws by March 30th. Fundraising committed to raising at least \$500 by June 4th. The Executive Committee committed to making sure they have a strong Youth Council for the 2014 fiscal year and a smooth transition.

Donate Life - Kate Yee reported that Santa Barbara High School is scheduled to have the table on March 19th and 21st. Dos Pueblos is scheduled for March 12th and 13th. Both school representatives stated they were ready to have the event and had gotten approval from administration.

NEW BUSINESS

Youth Council Speak Out - There was brief discussion about the Youth Council coordinating and/or hosting a Youth speak out or conferences, etc. Executive Committee members stated they thought a conference with youth leaders could be held on April 6th followed by a teen dance. It was moved and seconded by Youth Council members Kate Yee and Kayla Simons, respectively that the Youth Council would host and coordinate a Youth Leader conference on a date to be determined. Motion carried with one Noe: Jordan Lund (Jordan felt that the members should wait for a more complete attendance of Youth Council members).

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Public Speaking Training – The County, specifically COYA coordinators have offered to provide public speaking and advocacy training to the Youth Council to help them in speaking before adult bodies. It was moved and seconded by Youth Council members Eesha Kelkar and Pablo Saleta, respectively, that the Youth Council would participate in this training. Motion carried. Date to be determined.

COUNCIL COMMENTS –

Senior Supervisor Mark Alvarado congratulated Chair Gil for her accomplishments and achievements with the Santa Barbara High School Basketball. Ivette scored 29 points in a valiant but losing effort for the Dons. Junior High School Representative Gallup stated she was selling Girl Scout Cookies.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:00 p.m.

Susan Young
Recording Secretary