

**City of Santa Barbara
Youth Council Meeting
September 9, 2013
MINUTES**

Meeting called to order at approximately 5:15 p.m. by Chairperson Kayla Simons.
Pledge of Allegiance was led by Youth Council Member Alexis Flores.

ROLL CALL

Members	Present	Absent
Brier, Ethan	Yes	
Cabral, Jacqueline	Yes	
Chittick, Ari	Yes	
Hernandez, Marissa	Yes	
Kelkar, Eesha		Excused
Rodriguez, Andrew	Yes	
Rowley, Amber	Yes	
Saleta, Pablo	Yes	
Simons, Kayla	Yes	
Zamudio, Naomi		Resigned
Gullap, Ciara – Junior High Representative		Excused
Hernandez, Marco	Yes	
Getachew, Nathaniel		No

STAFF PRESENT: Susan Young

LIAISONS:

GUESTS:

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

It was moved by Alexis Flores and Pablo Saleta, respectively to move Item 2E to after Approval of Minutes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved and seconded by Youth Council Members Pablo Saleta and Ethan Brier, respectively to table the approval of the August 12, 2013 minutes until the next regular meeting. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

STAFF REPORT

Staff report included information on: Youth Making Changes grant announcement; information on parking in Lot 10 when meetings are held at City Hall; information on meetings held at the Davis Center; and information on next week's agenda which would include appointment of Junior High School representatives and nominations (Vice Chair: Pablo Saleta; 2nd Vice Chair: Amber Rowley; Historian: Jackie Cabral, Andrew Rodriguez, and Ethan Brier; Treasurer: Ethan Brier and Andrew Rodriguez; Secretary: Marissa Hernandez).

COMMITTEE / SPECIAL REPORTS

- a. Marketing/Publicity Report: – Committee Chair Ari Chittick stated the subcommittee had met and discussed promotions for recruitment of new members. Member Chittick stated they had created a cover flyer for the application. Member Chittick also stated that the committee would be working with the Special Events committee for the Candidate's Forum.
- b. Mentoring and Health Report: Committee Chair Jackie Cabral reported that the committee had been working on arrangements for the Health Fair scheduled for this coming Saturday, September 14th. Member Cabral stated efforts were made to work with the Ready to Move but they were prepared for this weekend. The booth will include a game of Wheel of Fortune; healthy snacks and literature. Member Brier stated he is part of Good Food Club and can always get them involved in Youth Council events. Ms. Cabral also stated that the committee is working on joining A-OK mentor this year.
- c. Sunshine Committee: Committee Co-Chair Andrew Rodriguez reported that the Sunshine Committee had met and established goals, to include make sure everyone associated with Youth Council has a good time. Some of the objectives they established are to send out thank you, congratulations and remember dates. Member Saleta reminded members of their \$5 donation or material equivalent.
- d. Twelve35 Subcommittee : Co-Chair Kayla Simons stated that the goal of the committee was to establish a strong relationship with the Twelve35 Teen Center and also the IV Teen Center to do more collaboration with both. Junior High Representative Mark Hernandez was appointed to the Teen Center Subcommittee.
- e. Executive Committee: Chair Simons reported the Executive Committee had met. Discussion included information on the Candidate's Forum and assignments of Buddies for the Youth Council. The following buddies were established: Ethan/Pablo; Jackie/Alexis; Andrew/Kayla; Amber/Marissa and Ari/Junior High School Representatives. Executive Committee also discussed a weekend retreat.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Bohnett Park Survey: Staff reminded members of the survey for Bohnett Park. Most of the members stated they had not completed their surveys. Members were encouraged to get them done within the week.
- b. Parks and Recreation Commission Intern: Staff followed up with both candidates for Parks and Recreation Commission and Neighborhood Advisory. Amber Rowley will be the representative at the NAC meetings and Andrew Rodriguez will apply for Youth Intern. He stated he had not received his letter of recommendations yet.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Youth Council Schedules and Assignments: It was a consensus to waive this item until the next Youth Council meeting.
- b. Youth Council Recruitment: Youth Council members discussed the importance of advertising and promoting the positions available for the Youth Council. Deadline for applications is October 8th. Staff made some suggestions about talking to Leadership Classes; and at Senate Meetings as well as talking to teachers and counselors.

- c. Day of Caring: Reminder to members that Day of Caring is September 28th. Staff explained how the day general goes and explained that members would need to do a permission slip.
- d. Youth Voters Registration: This item was tabled until the next Youth Council meeting.
- e. Candidates Forum – Chair Simons reported that the Candidate’s Forum is scheduled for October 14th. Staff explained that there are several forums occurring and including one in the afternoon of the 14th. Staff inquired if the members wanted to join another group or to change the date of the 14th. It was a consensus among the members to hold their forum on the 14th in the evening. Ms. Simons explained that they had received some positive replies from two candidates and one possible no. Ms. Simons stated that assignments would be made for the forum.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

It was announced that San Marcos is undefeated so far this season. Alexis also announced that she and Amber were part of the San Marcos Tennis team that was the champion among 200 teens in the state. Ethan announced he and Andrew played in a Squash Tournament.

There being no further comments the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:30 p.m.

Susan C. Young
Recording Secretary