

**City of Santa Barbara
Youth Council Meeting
October 21, 2013
MINUTES**

Meeting called to order at approximately 4:40 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		Excused
Rodriguez, Andrew	Yes	
Rowley, Amber	Yes	
Saleta, Pablo	Yes	
Simons, Kayla	Yes	
Gullap, Ciara – Junior High Representative		Yes
Hernandez, Mark	Yes	
Getachew, Nathaniel	Yes	

STAFF PRESENT: Susan Young
LIAISONS: Cathy Murillo, City Councilperson
GUESTS: Ruby Castanellos, Scholarship Foundation

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

It was moved by Alexis Flores and seconded by Pablo Saleta, to move New Business Item A, after Presentation. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There were no minutes to approve

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

STAFF REPORT

Staff report included information on parking arrangements for Youth Council; information on Youth Intern for Parks and Recreation Commission, and community service.

PRESENTATION

Scott Burns, Donate Life, made a presentation to the Youth Council regarding the Donate Life program. Mr. Burns spoke of how he had worked with Youth Council members last year and would welcome the opportunity to work with them again on presentations on the high school. He also expressed that he had an opportunity to invite Youth Council members to a special field trip at the Rose Bowl to look at the floats.

COMMITTEE / SPECIAL REPORTS

- a. Special Events Subcommittee– Committee Chair Kayla Simons reported there was no report but committee would be meeting next week.
- b. Fundraising : Committee Chair stated they have not had a formal meeting but informal meetings to complete the YMC grant.
- c. Policies and Procedures: Committee Chair Flores requested copies of the bylaws for all the members.
- d. Junior High School: Committee gave an update on the Twelve35 Halloween Event. Members stated that lots has already been planned, however, they are looking for donations for costumes. Members gave an update on times of events and the need for Youth Council support. Flyers were handed out for distribution.
- e. “R” Word Ad Hoc Committee: Committee Chair Chittick stated the committee was working on a project to do pledge signature and offer extra credit. More details would be forthcoming.
- f. Sunshine Committee: The Sunshine Committee reported they were completing thank you cards for those that had participated in the Candidate’s Forum. It was also reported that the bowling bonding was being organized.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Bohnett Park Survey: Youth Council members reported they had completed their survey of Bohnett Park. Those that went stated that they had a good time and that the persons they interviewed were very friendly. Some of the suggestions from those that they spoke with included need for more lighting to make the park safer and others expressed need for water fountains.
- b. Day of Caring: Members reported they had a great time during Day of Caring. Amber Rowley stated she thought it was a good experience for the members. Members stated they were involved in cleaning play structures. All agreed it was a good time and good opportunity to bond as well as members.
- c. Youth Candidates’ Forum: Special Events committee gave an update on the upcoming Candidates’ Forum and stated there would be a meeting on Monday, October 14th at 5 p.m. with Future Leaders of America.
- d. Youth Making Changes Grant – Ethan Brier gave a report from the Fundraising Committee and ideas for applying for the Youth Making Changes grant. The committee wants to request funds for Leadership Conference similar to last year’s event. The committee stated it could become a signature event for Youth Council. Other ideas included a graffiti wall and leadership training conference like NLC. Staff mentioned that time was important as the grant needed to be written. Staff mentioned that a graffiti wall

would need approval and she did not feel there was enough time to get that. After brief discussion, *it was moved and seconded by Youth Council member Pablo Saleta and Jackie Cabral, respectively, to approve application for Leadership Conference. Motion carried.*

- e. Youth Council Recruitment and Interviews : Members discussed deadline for application is October 8th (next day). Members stated they had been promoting the applications. Staff explained that presentations were made to La Cuesta. There was brief discussion on interview process.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Lights On - Staff explained Lights On event and stated it was being held on October 17th. Staff stated if there were any members available they could help out the Youth Activities section.
- b. Red Ribbon Week and Junior High School: Staff announced when Red Ribbon week was occurring, October 21st. It was discussed if there were enough time to have the Junior High School representatives do an activity in honor of Red Ribbon Week. It was a consensus that there was probably not enough time for this year's event.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Youth Council Member Kayla Simon announced that the San Marcos Soccer team was hold a car wash and that she had tickets available for sale. The event will be on October 26th.

There being no further comments the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:40 p.m.

Susan C. Young
Recording Secretary