

**City of Santa Barbara
Youth Council Meeting
February 3, 2014
MINUTES**

Meeting called to order at approximately 5:19 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	
Diaz, Rachell		Yes
Flores, Alexis	Yes	
Hernandez, Marissa	Yes	
Hirrel, Caedon	Yes	
Reyes, Michael	Yes	
Rodriguez, Andrew	Yes	
Rowley, Amber	Yes	
Saleta, Pablo	Yes	
Simons, Kayla	Yes	
Velez, Emily	Yes	
Junior High School Representatives:		
Hernandez, Mark	Yes	
Getachew, Nathaniel	Yes	
Tyler Trosky	Yes	

STAFF PRESENT: Susan Young, Pete Leyva
LIAISONS: Chris Casebeer, Parks and Receptions
GUESTS: Councilman Greg Hart, Suzanne Peck, Melissa Wilkins, Christy Haynes

Chair Simons welcomed new member Michael Reyes to the Youth Council.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved and seconded by Youth Council members Ethan Brier and Ari Chittick, respectively, to approve the minutes of December 16, 2013. Motion carried unanimously. It was moved and seconded to waive the approval of the minutes of January 13th. Motion carried. It was moved and seconded by Youth Council members Amber Rowley and Jackie Cabral, respectively, to waive the approval of the minutes of January 6th. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

STAFF REPORT

Staff gave brief details on upcoming schedule including possible change of Staff Advisors for a few months. Staff introduced Pete Leyva to the members. Staff also distributed roster for any corrections deletions/additions. Staff reminded committee chairs about scheduling committee meetings.

Staff introduced newly elected Councilman Greg Hart. Councilman Hart said a few words to the Youth Council including his history as a former Councilman and his support of youth programs in the city.

PRESENTATIONS: Youth Council listened to presentations from the following: Suzanne Peck, Standing Tall, Melissa Wilkins, Friday Night Live, and Christy Haynes, What's Love. The details are discussed in New Business.

COMMITTEE / SPECIAL REPORTS

- a. Marketing and Publicity: Committee Chair Chittick gave an update on the Youth Council's Facebook page and Instagram. She encouraged members to "like" the Facebook page and have their friends "like" it as well. Ms. Chittick stated they were working on the new brochure. She also stated she needs pictures if anyone has any of Youth Council activities.
- b. Mentoring and Health: Chair Cabral stated the training for both A-OK and Donate Life was very good and good participation. Committee Chair Cabral stated that Donate Life was booked for this Friday at Santa Barbara High School. Member Flores gave an update on the A-OK mentoring and stated that members needed to follow through on their commitment.
- c. Sunshine: Committee Chair Rodriguez stated that thank you cards were being sent to Pacific Pride for including Youth Council in their event. Also, he reminded everyone about the \$5 donation of cash or goods for the Sunshine Committee.
- d. Teen Center Report: Junior High Representative Hernandez reported on the classes being held at the Twelve35 Teen Center. He stated the Twelve35 Teen Center catered to 6th-12th grade students.
- e. Parks and Recreation Commission: Youth Intern Rodriguez gave a brief update on the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting. Commissioner Casebeer commended Andrew for his participation and comments during the meeting.
- f. Neighborhood Advisory Council – Intern Rowley stated she had attended the NAC meeting and that the meeting focused on lighting for the neighborhoods. She stated that the City Council voted to fund some of the requests for lighting which according to NAC members has an effect on youth violence. She stated that the members have Name tags and she would like to see name tags for Youth Council members.
- g. Executive Committee: There was no formal report. Members asked to hear more information on the Las Abuelitas.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. MLK, Jr. Event: It was moved and seconded by Youth Council members Emily Velez and Ethan Brier, respectively, to table this item until the next regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Youth Leaders Conference: It was moved and seconded by Youth Council Members Emily Velez and Ethan Brier, respectively, to table this item until the next regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.
- c. City to Youth Program – Chair Simons explained the City to Youth Program is designed for individual Youth Council members to develop relationships with City Council members to keep them up to date on Youth Council activities and to assist with any activities the Councilpersons would like. Chair Simons stated she would give new assignments at next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Stand Tall Bullying Training: Suzanne Peck presented to the Youth Council members a program entitled Stand Tall which is designed for elementary students. She approached the Youth Council about being mentors and trainers of the program at local elementary schools. The program consists of sharing a video and having group discussion with the teens. Ms. Peck stated she was working with the school district and has permission to be in the schools. The program would require members to be present at least three times per week. Youth Council members were concerned about commitment. Youth Council member Hirrel stated he would like to see program designed and introduced at La Cuesta School. After presentation and discussion, *it was moved and seconded by Youth Council members Rowley and Flores, respectively, to waive approval of this program until further information on time commitment could be obtained. Motion carried with one Abstain: Saleta.*
- b. Town Hall Meeting: Melissa Wilkins and Stephanie Hernandez from Friday Night Live, presented and requested that the Youth Council co-sponsor and co-host a Town Hall meeting in the month of April in recognition of Drug and Alcohol Abuse month. The town hall would be for youth and adults to discuss the issues and solutions to teenage drinking. Currently the tentative date would be April 17th to be held at the Louise Lowry Davis Center. Youth Council members asked what would be their commitment and how involved could they be in the planning. Friday Night Live representatives stated they would include Youth Council in all the planning meetings. *It was moved and seconded by Youth Council members Ethan Brier and Ari Chittick, respectively, that the Youth Council would support and co-sponsor a Town Hall Meeting with Friday Night Live, details to be worked out. Pablo Saleta and Caedon Hirrel would serve as the Youth Council representatives. Motion carried unanimously*
- c. I Stand for Healthy Love: Christy Haynes spoke to the Youth Council about What's Love Healthy Love events scheduled for February 7th and 28th. Ms. Haynes asked the Youth Council to support the events by spreading the word and volunteering at the events. Ms. Haynes explained that February is the worse month for dating violence. It was moved by Youth Council members Rachell Diaz and Jackie Cabral, respectively, to support the Healthy Love event on February 7th. The motion was amended by Youth Council Members Saleta and Flores, to include the event on February 28th. Motion carried

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unanimously. Members Flores, Velez, Saleta, Diaz, Reyes and Chittick stated they could attend the event.

- d. NLC Conference and YAC Attack – Youth Council members discussed attendance at the National League of Cities event and the YAC Attack being held in Washington, D.C. and Mountain View, California, respectively. The YAC Attack has requested Youth Council present at the workshops. Staff emphasized that not all Youth Council members could attend an out of state event; members would have to be selected. *It was moved and seconded by Youth Council members Saleta and Hirrel that the Youth Council would support and participate in the NLC and YAC. More details to follow. Motion carried unanimously.*

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Youth Council Member Rodriguez reminded members that SATS were being given on the 8th of March.

There being no further comments the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:25 p.m.

Susan C. Young
Recording Secretary