

**City of Santa Barbara
Youth Council Meeting
January 25, 2016
MINUTES**

Meeting called to order at approximately 5:15 p.m. by Chairperson Scott Voulgaris.
Pledge of Allegiance was led by Youth Council Member Camille Cosio.

ROLL CALL

| Members | Present | Absent |
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| Acuna, Kevin | Yes | |
| Chittick, Ari | | Excused |
| Cosio, Camille | Yes | |
| Diaz, Cindy | Yes | |
| Getachew, Nathaniel | Yes | |
| Noorsher, Zainab | Yes | |
| Rea, Manny | | Yes |
| Steady, Jensen | | Yes |
| Thrift, Charles | Yes | |
| Trisler, Daniella | Yes | |
| Trosky, Ty | Yes | |
| Voulgaris, Scott | Yes | |
| Vacant Position | | |
| Junior High School Representatives: | | |
| Isabelle Andrews | Yes | |
| Kristine Carrillo | Yes | |
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STAFF PRESENT: Susan Young, Roberta Payan
LIAISONS: Councilwoman Cathy Murillo
GUESTS: Margie Bushman, SB Premaculture Network
 Suzanne Peck, STAND TALL

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA
 None

PUBLIC COMMENTS
 None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There were no minutes to approve.

STAFF/LIAISON REPORT

Staff report included information on Youth Council Tee Shirts, back to back meetings; new parking permits and fundraising information.

PRESENTATIONS

SB Premaculture Network

Margie Bushman with the Santa Barbara Premaculture Network, spoke with the Youth Council members about current discussion on the Climate Talk in Paris. Ms. Bushman explained a little about what the talks were about and how important the issue of climate change will affect the future. Ms. Bushman invited the Youth Council to participate in the discussion at Antioch University on January 28th and talked about how the young people could be involved. Councilwoman Murillo also spoke about upcoming climate change action plan.

Youth Council could be involved by making recommendation on issues such as community choice energy and bicycle plan update.

STAND TALL

Suzanne Peck with STAND TALL spoke to Youth Council about upcoming events and collaboration again anti-bullying. Ms. Peck stated she had met with the Ad Hoc Anti-bullying subcommittee and wanted to encourage a collaboration with the Youth Council on the upcoming Stand Together events with AHA, ADL. The events include kick off on March 2nd at La Cumbre Junior High School followed by the culminating event at the Earl Warren Showground on May 25th Youth Council members could help coach the elementary students as well as be part of the other events.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Special Events** – Committee reported that they are working with the Ad Hoc Anti-Bullying Committee for upcoming event.
- b. Policies and Procedures** – No report.
- c. Fundraising** – Fundraising reported that they are pursuing the cookbook fundraising ideas and a bake sale on February 12th if possible.
- d. Junior High** – Junior High reported they are considering events such as soccer tournament, dances, movie nights. They are just beginning to meet to develop some ideas.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Anti-bullying Campaign: Chair Charlie Thrift gave an update of the upcoming event and added to the presentation from Ms. Peck. Members has begun developing the workshop topic for the evening. After brief discussion, *it was moved and seconded by Youth Council members Zainab Noorsher and Nathaniel Getachew, respectively, that the Youth*

- Council would collaborate with the Stand Together events. Motion carried unanimously.*
- b. MLK, Jr. Day - Youth Council members recapped the event of January 18th. There was a lot of people in attendance and Youth Council members were able to meet and network. The event did not have a lot of teens – members would like to get more teens involved.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. SCTC Teen Summit/CPRS Conference– Youth Council members discussed participating in the annual Teen Summit with the Southern California Teen Coalition and/or the CPRS conference in March. Past events were very successful for the Youth Council members. Members stated they were interested in attending both or one of the other. Staff stated she would come back with more information on dates.
- b. Paris Climate Event– Youth Council members briefly discussed the presentation. Though no formal vote was taken, Youth Council members Scott Voulgaris and Ty Trosky stated they would attend the event and bring more information back.
- c. Calendar of Events – Chair Voulgaris stated that the Executive Committee had discussed the date of April 9th for the Leadership Conference. More details to follow.
- d. Junior High School Representatives and Voting Members Policies – *It was moved and seconded by Youth Council Members Cosio and Getachew to table this item. Motion carried unanimously.*

COUNCIL COMMENTS

There were no Council Comments.

With no further comments, the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:30 p.m.

Susan C. Young
Recording Secretary