

**City of Santa Barbara  
Youth Council Meeting  
September 14, 2015  
MINUTES**

Meeting called to order at approximately 5:18 p.m. by Chairperson Scott Voulgaris.  
Pledge of Allegiance was led by Youth Council Member Nathaniel Getachew.

**ROLL CALL**

<b>Members</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Acuna, Kevin	Yes	
Chittick, Ari	Yes	
Cortez, Karim		Yes
Cosio, Camille	Yes	
Diaz, Cindy	Yes	
Getachew, Nathaniel	Yes	
Mikles, Ali	Yes	
Noorsher, Zainab	Yes	
Rea, Manny	Yes	
Steady, Jensen	Yes	
Thrift, Charles	Yes	
Trisler, Daniella	Yes	
Trosky, Ty	Yes	
Voulgaris, Scott	Yes	
Vacant Position		
<b>Junior High School Representatives:</b>		
Isabelle Andrews	Yes	
Kristine Carrillo		Yes

**STAFF PRESENT:** Susan Young, Roberta Payan  
**LIAISONS:** Cathy Murillo, City Councilwoman  
**GUESTS:** Bryan Kerr, PAL, Jade Sinskul, Nathan Alvarez, Isabelle Andrews

**CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

It was moved by Youth Council Member Charles Thrift and seconded by Ari Chittick, to take Item D after A. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Officer Bryan Kerr, with PAL, spoke briefly to the Youth Council members and introduced himself and his program. He spoke about the YL (Youth Leadership Council of PAL) and talked about ways that the Youth Council and PAL Youth Leadership could work closer together. He talked about some of their upcoming events and stated that he would like to schedule their members to attend future Youth Council meetings.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*It was moved and seconded by Youth Council Members Nathaniel Getachew and Zainab Noorsher, respectively, to approve the minutes of August 17, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.*

### **STAFF REPORT**

Staff reported on several items, including teen center, parent permission slips, parking permits, Day of Caring and SBTV.

Councilwoman Murillo spoke to the members about the Children's Library grand opening. She also stated that she would like for them to attend and see what needs teens may have. She also spoke about the Desalination plant and possible partnering of city with Montecito; and upcoming discussion on food vendors. She mentioned working with Youth Council on regulations for 40oz alcohol sales.

### **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

*Subcommittee members listed some of their goals for the year.*

**Special Events** – Committee plans to make sure they plan in advance for events. Want to partner with the ad hoc committee and do an Anti-Bully event.

**Publicity** – Committee wants to attract more public attention, especially among teens. Plan to increase friends on Facebook.

**Fundraising** – Committee wants to set a goal of raising \$5,000. Want to partner with Sunshine Committee and help to raise the \$5 per Youth Council Member and work with the committee on other fundraising ideas. Other fundraising ideas included Youth Making Change grant and working with businesses.

**Sunshine Committee** – Collaborate with Fundraising in raising \$5 per Youth Council member. Also work harder on recognizing birthdays and other special occasions.

**Mentoring/Health** – Goal to work with issues surrounding mental health, obesity, among them. To also work with the Milpas Action Task Force and Donate Life and COYA on issues such as e-cigarettes, and organ donations. To accomplish these goals to be a part of the planning of teen leadership conference, and speak outs. Also, to mentor junior high school and elementary students and work with PAL on tutoring.

**Policies and Procedures** – Goal to make it easier for students to apply to be on Youth Council or to participate to increase membership and participation. Work with city regarding the ordinance and relooking at the alternative positions versus at-large positions.

**Junior High School** – Goal is to outreach to more junior high school students and have events targeting that group.

**Twelve35 Teen Center** – Collaborate more with PAL regarding events at the teen center.

**Anti-Bullying Ad Hoc** – To support anti-bullying campaigns, educate public on bullying issues, including parents and teens. Create a website and have a large event.

**Executive Committee** - Goal to have good communication with all the Youth Council members, especially with the buddy system; better communication with the City Council.

It was moved and seconded by Youth Council members Nathaniel Getachew and Zainab Noorsher to approve the reports from the subcommittees. Motion carried unanimously. Each subcommittee chair is to submit their goals and objectives, with any timelines, formally to staff in writing to go to all members.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Candidates Forum: Special events subcommittee updated everyone on the upcoming events. Set Up staff would be: Cindy, Daniella, Kevin, Charles and Rio, with COYA. All other members would be part of take down crew. Other assignments were made for ushers, timekeepers, greeters, refreshment, and sign up. Nominations: It was moved and seconded by Youth Council Members Zainab Noorsher and Ari Chittick to approve the nominations and appointments of Ari Chittick and Secretary and Cindy Diaz as Publicist. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Youth Leadership Training Follow Up – Members talked about the training that they had over the weekend. It was a consensus that the training was very informative and fun. Members really liked the public speaking and interaction. Youth Council member Thrift stated that it was useful, and he learned good skills.
- c. National League of Cities – Staff reminded members of the NLC Conference. There was no commitment of attendance by staff but Youth Council recommended Ari Chittick, Manny Rea, and Daniella Trisler as representatives

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Youth Council Recruitment – It was moved and seconded by Youth Council members Zainab Noorsher and Camille Cosio, respectively, that the interviews for Youth Council applicants would be October 19<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:15 and 5:30 respectively. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Appointment of Junior High School Member – After a brief introduction and interview, it was moved and seconded by Youth Council members Charlie Thrift and Ari Chittick, respectively, to appoint Isabelle Andrews as a Junior High School Representative. Motion carried unanimously.

### **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

There were no council comments, however, Council Member Chittick reminded members to submit their community service hours. Staff reminded members to attend the YMC grant orientation.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:50 pm.

Susan C. Young  
Recording Secretary