

**CITY OF SANTA BARBARA**

**SPECIAL JOINT MEETING  
NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COUNCIL AND  
YOUTH COUNCIL  
February 13, 2019  
MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Neighborhood Advisory Council Chair Brittany Odermann Heaton. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Youth Council Member Ellie Chenoweth.

**ROLL CALL**

<b>Youth Council Members</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Blumenthal, Talia	X	
Broeffle, Sean		X
Chenoweth, Ellie	X	
Diaz, Michael	X	
Getachew, Nathaniel	X	
Hensley, Milo	X	
Jimenez-Cotes, Stephany	X	
Minor, Julia	X	
Padilla, Paola		X
Palmerin Pina, Marco	X	
Stefan, Quinn	X	
Stone, Julia	X	
Thakrar, Anjali	X	
Vesper, Emily	X	
River Kelly – Jr. High School Rep	X	
<b>Neighborhood Advisory Council Members</b>		
Aldana, Sebastian		X
Barrios, Jacqueline	X	
Foxen, Sally		X
Heaton, Brittany	X	
Lafond, Susan	X	
Lydon, Stacey	X	
O'Mahoney, May	X	
Perkins, Beverly	X	
Perkins, Don	X	
Qadri, Rehman	X	
Sanford, Eve		X
Sanchez, Hector		X

**STAFF PRESENT:**

- Susan Young, Neighborhood Outreach Services Supervisor/Youth Advisor
- Roberta Payan, Youth Advisor
- Matt Fore, Senior Assistant to the City Administrator
- Jessica Martinez, Administrative Specialist

**LIAISONS PRESENT:**

- Councilmember Gutierrez
- Councilmember Dominguez
- Commissioner Jacob Buxton

**CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

- April Montoya – lives adjacent to Ortega Park. Was recently verbally assaulted and threatened by a homeless individual who routinely occupies the park. According to the Police Department, there have been 70 calls for service to Ortega Park in the preceding 90 days.
- Daniella Diaz: the Coalition Against Gun Violence is holding a gun buy-back event on Saturday, June 15, 2019. Additional information is available at [sbcoalition.org](http://sbcoalition.org)
- Tara Taylor: the local chapter of One Million Cups, an entrepreneurial networking group, meets at the Eastside Library. More information is available at [1millioncups.org](http://1millioncups.org)

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**1. Subject: Approval of the Minutes**

Recommendation: That the Neighborhood Advisory Council waive reading and approve the minutes of its regular meeting of January 9, 2019.

Action: The Neighborhood Advisory Council approved the minutes of its January 9, 2019 meeting (Qadri/D. Perkins), with one abstention (O'Mahoney).

**2. Subject: Approval of the Minutes**

Recommendation: That the Youth Council waive reading and approve the minutes of its regular meetings of January 28, 2019 and February 4, 2019.

Action: The Youth Council approved the minutes of its January 28, 2019 and February 4, 2019 meetings (Diaz/Blumenthal). Unanimous.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **3. Subject: Santa Barbara Youth Council Activities and Special Projects for 2019**

Recommendation: That the Neighborhood Advisory Council and Youth Council receive a report on the Santa Barbara Youth Council's activities and special projects for 2019, and take action, as appropriate, on opportunities for collaboration between the Youth Council and the Neighborhood Advisory Council.

Summary: The Santa Barbara Youth Council (SBYC) serves as a voice for the teens in the City, representing their needs, concerns and issues and making recommendations to the Parks and Recreation Department and the Parks and Recreation Commission. The SBYC creates and supports opportunities for public discussion through Youth Speak Outs, conferences, workshops and Town Halls. The Youth Council has partnered with the Santa Barbara Public Health Department, Tobacco Prevention Program to work on activities that promote a smoke-free healthy community. SBYC has conducted surveys and Merchant Education for the Second Hand Smoke Ordinance as well as produced a PSA in both English and Spanish informing the community about the passage of the Second Hand Smoke Ordinance. The Youth Council has had a working partnership with the TPP for several years, working with them to get the Social Host Ordinance adopted in 2008.

Documents:

- February 13, 2019 report from the Youth Council.
- PowerPoint presentation prepared by the Youth Council.

### **4. Subject: Project ALMA (Adolescent Leaders Modeling Acceptance)**

Recommendation: That the Neighborhood Advisory Council and the Youth Council receive a report on the Santa Barbara Youth Council's Project ALMA (Adolescent Leaders Modeling Acceptance).

Summary: In 2016, the SBYC applied for and received a Youth Making Change (YMC) Grant. The YMC grant, funded by Fund for Santa Barbara, is a teen-led program involving local youth engaged in projects that impact Santa Barbara County. The SBYC was approached by teens in the community and members of Changing Agents Network for Dismantling Oppression (CANDO), who expressed concerns and issues related to students of undocumented parents, or who were

themselves undocumented. Youth Council members facilitated focus groups among several teen groups and collected over 130 surveys that were tallied and the results were promising and hopeful. Project ALMA also facilitated a Know Your Rights workshop with over 50 attendees.

Documents:

- February 13, 2019 report from the Youth Council.
- PowerPoint presentation prepared by the Youth Council.

#### **5. Subject: Neighborhood Updates**

Recommendation: That each Neighborhood Advisory Council member take up to two minutes for updating the public on specific neighborhood related issues or events impacting their neighborhood or the community in general.

Stacey Lydon: found suspicious clothing in her yard. Was pleased with the rapid response by the Police Department.

Brittany Heaton:

- Recently supported the Youth Employment Program and Arts Alliance at its Human Services grant interview.
- Invited Councilmember Harmon to attend the NAC meetings.

Rehman Qadri:

- Recently supported the Bohnett Park project at its Community Development Block Grant interview.
- A tree fell at the intersection of Chino St. and Anapamu St. during the most recent storm.

Susan Lafond:

- Reported a problematic accessory dwelling unit in her neighborhood (constantly barking dog).
- Encouraged public to report illegal dumping to MarBorg – 805-963-1852.

May O'Mahoney: the most recent rain storm produced massive flooding in the Castillo St./Victoria St. area.

#### **6. Subject: Youth Council Updates**

Recommendation: That each Youth Council member take up to two minutes for updating the public on specific youth-related issues or events impacting their peer group or the community in general.

- Youth Council members attended a Media Camp training on February 9, 2019 at TVSB studios, taught by Councilman Oscar Gutierrez to learn how to produce Public Service Announcements. This training will assist with our community education campaign on the Child Access Protection laws which holds gun owners responsible for securing firearms to prevent minors accessing them.
- The City of Santa Paula just formed a Youth Council, and the Santa Barbara Youth Council (SBYC) sent a letter to congratulate them and invite them to our Teen Leadership Conference on April 27, 2019.
- Youth Council is actively recruiting new applicants, as it is losing ten members, when they graduate in June. We are mounting a recruitment campaign and would like the Neighborhood Advisory Council to help us in distributing the information in their respective communities.

#### **OLD BUSINESS – Youth Council**

##### **7. Subject: Teen Dating Violence Month Update**

Recommendation: That the Youth Council receive updates and a schedule of events for the month of February.

Summary: Youth Council reported on the upcoming events for Teen Dating Violence month and collaboration with What's Love. The Health and Mentoring Subcommittee listed the dates of events at the three public high schools, in the month of April, leading up to the Teen Leadership Conference on April 27, 2019, which will include a workshop on Teen Dating Violence.

##### **8. Youth Council Resolution Proposed Amendments**

Recommendation: That the Youth Council receive a report from the policy and procedures sub-committee regarding their proposed recommendation for amendments to the Youth Council resolution.

Summary: Parliamentarian Anjali Thakrar reported on the proposed recommendation for amendments to the SBYC resolution that would remove one Alternative School position and make it an At-Large position, as it has been difficult in the past to get Alternative School students to serve. It was decided to table the item to the next Youth Council meeting, so a written proposal and report can be prepared for member's information to assist with making an informed decision.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.