

**City of Santa Barbara
Youth Council Meeting
February 6, 2012
MINUTES**

Meeting called to order at 5:25 by Vice Chair Ian Hall.

ROLL CALL

Members	Present	Absent
Busch, Will	Yes	
Garcia, Blanca	Yes	
Getachew, Eleni	Yes	
Gil, Ivette		Excused
Hall, Ian	Yes	
Jasso, Miguel	Yes	
Kelkar, Eesha	Yes	
Lopez, Michael		Excused
Lund, Jordan	Yes	
Marroquin, Annie	Yes	
Rodriguez, Kristina	Yes	
Saleta, Pablo	Yes	
Sexton, Grant	Yes	
Simons, Kayla		Excused
Sugarman, Cody		No
Yee, Kate	Yes	
Yi, Michael	Yes	
Sami Soto		

STAFF PRESENT: Susan Young,
LIAISONS: Councilwoman Cathy Murillo, Commissioner Rocky Jacobson
GUESTS: Mayda Arroyo, West Boys & Girls Club, Cesar Trujillo

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved and seconded by Youth Council Members Jordan Lund and Blanca Garcia, respectively, to approve the minutes of January 9, 2012. Motion carried.

It was moved and seconded by Youth Council Members Eleni Getachew and Kristina Rodriguez, respectively, to approve the minutes of January 23, 2012. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayda Arroyo, Director with the West Boys and Girls Club, spoke to the Youth Council members to announce a Walk in observance of Cesar Chavez on Saturday, March 31, 2012, which would be followed by an event at Bohnett Park. Ms. Arroyo stated the event would include service provider booths and information. She stated flyers were being created but wanted to invite the Youth Council to participate. Cesar Trujillo offered additional information. It was requested that the item be placed on the Youth Council's agenda for discussion and action.

STAFF REPORT

Staff report introduced Councilwoman Cathy Murillo as the new City Council Liaison for the Youth Council. Staff reminded Youth Council members of their community service and reminded them there would be no regular meeting on the 20th.

COMMITTEE / SPECIAL REPORTS

Marketing and Publicity Chair Marroquin stated she continuing working on the Youth Council brochure and a draft should be sent out to the Youth Council members this week. Marroquin further stated she was working on the presentation information for the YAC conference. She also requested any photos that Youth Council members have.

Mentoring and Health – Chair Michael Yi reported that the Mentoring and Health were still gathering information regarding the Santa Barbara Junior High School mentoring program and the A-OK program. A decision should be forthcoming.

Sunshine Committee – Co-Chairs Blanca Garcia and Kristina Rodriguez wised everyone a Happy Valentine's Day and gave out goodies, as well as birthday wishes. Members were reminded of their \$5 donation.

Jr. High School Subcommittee – Committee Member Eesha Kelkar stated they committee had met twice and discussed possible events for junior high school students, including a junior high dance. Committee asked staff about sending letters to the junior high school principals. It was suggested that the committee also make contact with Kenyon Williams.

Parks and Recreation Commission – Youth Intern Michael Yi stated that the Parks and Recreation Commission listened to a report regarding the Redevelopment Agency and the effects that its closure will have on the city's budget and other projects. Intern Yi reminded the members that Redevelopment Agency funds helped to fund the Twelve35 Teen Center. He also reported on the status of the Golf Course.

Executive Committee Report - None

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Sexual Assault Awareness Month – Youth Council members discussed in more details their support for Sexual Assault Awareness Month in April. Members reiterated the request for the Youth Council to volunteer at the events, or be a part of Demin Day. After much discussion, it was moved and seconded by Youth Council members Garcia and Busch, respectively, to table the item until the next regular meeting. Motion carried.
- b. Domestic Violence Solution Event - Youth Council discussed their support of the What's Love campaign with Domestic Violence Solution. Youth Council's support would include marketing the event and attending the event. It was moved and seconded by Youth Council Member's Kelkar and Rodriguez tha the Youth Council would support the event. Motion carried.
- c. SPARC Event – It was decided that Youth Council Members Blanca Garcia and Eesha Kelkar would be the lead for the Youth Council with the SPARC event.
- d. Youtoh Speak Out - There was discussion as to the upcoming Youth Council's Speak Out. After much discussion it was concluded that the Youth Council

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- e. would address both environmental issues as well as Teen Rights. Youth Council Member Garcia spoke of the request from teens to discuss immigration. More information would be forthcoming from the Special Events Committee.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Milpas Street Pedestrian Safety – Youth Council Member Blanca Garcia stated that the Youth Council should be involved in the discussion regarding the pedestrian safety on Milpas. Garcia talked about the points discussed at the Neighborhood Advisory Council meeting and stated that she hoped other Youth Council members would join her at the meeting on Thursday at 6 p.m.
- b. February Meeting Scheduled – It was moved and seconded by Youth Council Members Rodriguez and Jasso that the February 27th meeting would be scheduled at the Franklin Neighborhood Center with a tour of the Franklin Youth Center and a discussion with teens there. Motion carried.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Youth Council Member Jordan Lund announced that Youth Council member Ian Hall had been selected as Athlete of the Week.

Youth Council Miguel Jasso announced that PAL would be having a car wash on Saturday, February 11th to support their leadership program. The car was will be at the teen center.

Youth Council Member Katherine Yee announced a music event this weekend at Santa Barbara High School.

Youth Council Member Getachew announced that the Santa Barbara and San Marcos High School had a flash mob dance that went viral.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:50p.m.

Susan C. Young
Recording Secretary