

**City of Santa Barbara
Youth Council Meeting
September 17, 2012
MINUTES**

Meeting called to order at approximately 5:10 p.m. by Chairperson Ivette Gil.

ROLL CALL

Members	Present	Absent
Getachew, Eleni	Yes	
Gil, Ivette	Yes	
Hall, Ian	Yes	
Kelkar, Eesha	Yes	
Lopez, Michael	Yes	
Lund, Jordan	Yes	
Rowley, Amber	Yes	
Saleta, Pablo	Yes	
Simons, Kayla	Yes	
Soto, Sami	Yes	
Yee, Kate	Yes	
Zamudio, Naomi	Yes	

STAFF PRESENT: Susan Young
LIAISONS: Councilwoman Murillo
GUESTS: Ari Chittick, Youth Guest
 Ciara Gullap, Youth Guest

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved and seconded by Youth Council Members Kayla Simons and Ian Hall, to approve the minutes of September 10, 2012. The motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

STAFF REPORT

Staff reported included update information on community service hours. Staff stated she had made contact with the one of the high school representatives and more information would be forthcoming regarding the district’s policy on community service hours. Staff also reported that the Assistant Superintendent for the district was requesting to speak to the Youth Council at the October 15th meeting. Staff reminded members about the parking in the city lot.

COMMITTEE / SPECIAL REPORTS

Special Events: Special Events subcommittee reported that the first event would be a Candidate’s Forum with the League of Women’s Voters on October 8th. Special Events Committee also reported that they plan to schedule two other events for winter and spring perhaps discussing drug dogs; cell phone usage, etc.

Policies and Procedures – No report

Fundraising – No report

Teen Center Advisory – No report

Neighborhood Advisory Council – Representative Jordan Lund stated she did not attend the September meeting but she had attended the meeting in July in which they discussed addressing graffiti issues – gang versus tagging; also bus stops were discussed. Staff reminded representatives that if they are not able to attend the meetings to contact another Youth Council member to represent them.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Youth Leadership Training - After a brief discussion on the need to schedule the annual youth leadership training, it was moved and seconded by Youth Council Members Kate Yee and Eleni Getachew, respectively, to hold the Youth Council Youth Leadership Training the weekend of October 19-20, 2012. Details to be provided later. Motion carried.
- b. Day of Caring WrapUp – Youth Council Members Eesha Kelkar, Sami Soto and Naomi Zamudio, reported that the Day of Caring was very fun and they accomplished a lot. Youth Council members were assigned to do surveying of the neighborhood. All and all they all had a good time and represented the Youth Council.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Letter of Support – Fire Explorers – Youth Council Member Lopez was not present to present this item. *It was moved and seconded by Youth Council Members Getachew and Zamudio, respectively, to table this item until the next Youth Council meeting. Motion carried.*
- b. Youth Making Changes Grant – There was brief discussion on the grant, what it would involved and when it was due (October 29th). Some suggestions were made and the item was given to the Fundraising Committee. *It was moved and seconded by Youth Council Member Jordan Lund and Amber Rowley, respectively, that the item would be tabled until the next meeting when the Fundraising Committee could come back with ideas for the grant. Motion carried.*
- c. Red Ribbon Week – There was brief discussion on the upcoming Red Ribbon Week. It was agreed that the coordination should be assigned to the Mentoring and Health Subcommittee to bring back suggestions. *It was moved and seconded by Youth Council members Lund and Getachew to give the coordination to the Mentoring and Health Subcommittee. Motion carried.*
- d. Dance Committee – Staff discussed possible collaboration with PAL on planning some teen dances – for both junior high and high school students. Staff discussed that last year there had been some conversation about doing dances. *It was moved and seconded by Youth Council members Kate Yee and Pablo Saleta, to explore collaboration with PAL Leadership on teen dances. Motion carried. attend*

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Youth Council Member Kelkar reported that October was Bully Prevention Month and encouraged members to wear orange on October 10th.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:30 p.m.