

**City of Santa Barbara  
Youth Council Meeting  
October 15, 2012  
MINUTES**

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

**ROLL CALL**

<b>Members</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
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		Excused
Yee, Kate	Yes	
Zamudio, Naomi	Yes	

**STAFF PRESENT:** Susan Young  
**LIAISONS:** Councilwoman Murillo  
**GUESTS:** Scott Burns, Donate Life  
 Debbie Courtney, Donate Life  
 Ben Drati, Assistant Superintendent

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*It was moved and seconded by Youth Council Members Michael Lopez and Jordan Lund, respectively, to table the minutes of September 17, 2012. Motion carried.*

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

Presentations:

Ben Drati, Assistant Superintendent, Secondary School, spoke with the Youth Council Members. Mr. Drati explained he had heard about the Youth Council and wanted to make himself available to them and introduce himself. Mr. Drati explained his background and his interest in the community. He commended the Youth Council for their work efforts and stated he looked forward to working with them in the future.

**Staff Report** – Staff gave a briefing on upcoming youth leadership training as well as a brief report on Red Ribbon Week.

**COMMITTEE / SPECIAL REPORTS**

Special Events: Special Events subcommittee had no formal report but did report they are working on a Speak Out for early Spring.

Policies and Procedures – Reported they are working on the policies for junior high school representative. Report under New Business.

Fundraising – Reported that they have compiled a list of possible fundraising events for the Youth Council. Chair Yee also reported that they are working on the Youth Making Changes Grant.

Teen Center Advisory – Youth Council Member Saleta stated he had made email introduction to the teen center representatives and would be following through. He requested if another Youth Council member could also be assigned to the Teen Center Advisory Subcommittee. Youth Council Member Naomi Zamudio volunteered to serve on that subcommittee.

Neighborhood Advisory – No report from current meeting; however, Youth Council Member Lund reported on the previous meeting stating the advisory council is working on traffic issues on the Eastside. Youth Council Member Lopez asked about RV parking in the neighborhoods. Eesha Kelkar stated she could be a backup to attend the meetings with Jordan was unable to do so.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

School Board Candidates' Forum – Youth Council Members recapped forum and stated there was a 100% participation minus one absences because of illness. All agreed it was a good forum and they learned a lot. Ivette reminded Youth Council members of need to respond to emails, as she didn't get any responses from members regarding the questions. All in all it was a good event.

Youth Making Changes Grant - Members discussed possible options for a grant for the Fund for Santa Barbara. Ideas included an activity for junior high school students; speak out; or Youth Council to host a YAC Attack event. Kate Yee spoke about doing some type of Relay for Life walk. Staff reminded the members that a decision had to be made by this week. It was agreed a decision would be made at the leadership training.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Donate Life - Scott Burns and Debbie Courtney presented information to the Youth Council regarding Donate Life. It was explained that it was an opportunity for individuals to give organ donations. The presenters stated they wanted the Youth Council to help them to promote Donate Life and get more young adults involved. After brief discussion, *it was moved and seconded by Youth Council Members Zamudio and Simons that the Youth Council would support Donate Life and have the Mentoring and Health Subcommittee work with them and bring a report back to the entire board. Motion carried.*

Junior High School Representatives Youth Council Member Simons gave a report regarding the policies and procedures for Junior High School representative. Simons reported that they are suggesting there be 3 representatives from public junior high schools, one from private and one at large. The application was being revised and it was suggested there by a interview process. Staff made a few suggestions, including that all junior high schools should be represented as opposed to at large members. *It was moved and seconded by Youth Council*

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*Member Yee and Zamudio, respectively, to approve changes for the junior high school representative. Motion carried.*

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Youth Council Member Lund reported that Kids Helping Kids was having a fundraiser with Yogurtland and encouraged all to go there and buy yogurt. It was announced that Jordan Lund was on the Homecoming Court.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:15 p.m.

Susan C. Young  
Recording Secretary