

**City of Santa Barbara
Youth Council Special Meeting
January 7, 2013
MINUTES**

Meeting called to order at approximately 5:27 p.m. by Chairperson Ivette Gil.

ROLL CALL

Members	Present	Absent
Flores, Alexis	Yes	
Getachew, Eleni	Yes	
Gil, Ivette	Yes	
Hall, Ian	Yes	
Kelkar, Eesha	Yes	
Lopez, Michael	Yes	
Lund, Jordan		Excused
Rowley, Amber	Yes	
Saleta, Pablo	Yes	
Simons, Kayla		Excused
Soto, Sami	Yes	
Yee, Kate		Excused
Zamudio, Naomi	Yes	
Chittick, Ari – Junior High Representative		Excused
Gallup, Ciara – Junior High Representative		Excused

STAFF PRESENT: Susan Young

LIAISONS:

GUESTS: Scott Burns

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved and seconded by Youth Council members Eesha Kelkar and Michael Lopez, respectively to approve the minutes of November 19, 2012 and December 17, 2012. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Scott Burns, with Donate Life, spoke to the group and stated that the Donate Life would have a table at San Marcos High School on January 23, 2013. He stated they would like to schedule training with the Youth Council sometime next week at 6 p.m.

STAFF REPORT

Staff report included information on Youth Council's possible work with Domestic Violence solution; repeat information on the parking permits at the Davis Center; on the format for the Youth Council agenda and changes to it.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Marketing/Publicity Committee reported that they are working on a cover page for the city's advisory board application so that they can attract more teens when they leave the application at the schools. Also, members commented about reviewing the website pages of other cities such as Thousand Oaks to see how they publicize their youth boards.

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Mentoring and Health – Committee Chair Getachew stated they have been trying to make contact with the representatives for A-Ok to see if it is possible for the Youth Council to get involved again this year. Committee Chair Getachew also reported on the status of the work with Donate for Life and reiterated Scott Burns' information about the table at San Marcos High School.

Sunshine Committee Members just reminded everyone to try and submit their \$5 donation. Junior High School Representatives – Junior High School Representative Ciara reported on ways that announcements could be made for junior high school representatives to be selected. She mentioned that the committee talked about lunch time events and brochures.

Parks and Recreation Commission – Kate Yee reminded Youth Council members about attending the January 23rd meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Youth Empowerment Youth Council discussed the presentation by PODER at the last Youth Council meeting regarding empowering youth and the affects of the gang injunction. Youth Council members stated they didn't feel they had enough information to make any positive decisions about position to take or how they could best be of help. Youth Council member Kelkar and Getachew both stated they were not clear of the request. *It was moved and seconded by Youth Council members Lopez and Getachew, respectively, that the Youth Council would invite the police department and/or City Attorney's office to come and give a report on youth violence and an update on gangs in the community. Motion carried.*

NEW BUSINESS

Schedule of Calendar of Events – *It was moved and seconded by Youth Council members Zamudio and Soto, respectively to table this to the next regular meeting. Motion carried.*

MLK, Jr. Celebration – The Youth Council discussed supporting the MLK, Jr. Celebration event on January 21st. Members who have participated in the past explained how much enjoyment they have received from participation. *It was moved and seconded respectively by Youth Council Members Zamudio and Rowley, that the Youth Council would support and participate in the MLK, Jr. celebration. Motion carried.*

Meeting Date Change – *It was moved and seconded by Youth Council members Zamudio and Rowley, respectively, that the Youth Council meeting of January 21st would be changed to January 28th, and held at Santa Barbara High School if approved. Motion carried.*

COUNCIL COMMENTS – NONE

Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:28 p.m.

Susan Young
Recording Secretary