

**City of Santa Barbara  
Youth Council Special Meeting  
January 28, 2013  
MINUTES**

Meeting called to order at approximately 5:19 p.m. by Chairperson Ivette Gil.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**STAFF PRESENT:** Pete Leyva

**LIAISONS:**

**GUESTS:**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*It was moved and seconded by Youth Council members Jordan Lund and Pablo Saleta, respectively to waive the approval of the January 7<sup>th</sup> minutes. Motion carried. 19<sup>th</sup>.*

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

*None*

**STAFF REPORT**

Staff report included information on the new parking permit applications and need for members to submit community service hours. Staff Leyva also reported on volunteer opportunity with Domestic Violence Solutions and the new Alexandra Tang Volunteer Program. Ms. Tang was a former UCSB student and the victim of domestic violence.

**SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

Special Events – Co-Chair Gil stated the Special Events committee have been discussing a teen dance and they were hoping staff would look into information for them, such as possible use of the Carrillo Recreation Center and if they would have to pay for use. They are considering early April or late March.

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Policy and Procedures – Committee Chair Simons indicated the committee had not had a formal meeting but they are considering looking at completing the policies for junior high school representatives and looking at the resolution.

Fundraising – Committee Member Naomi Zamudio reported that ideas they have in mind include car washes as well as bake sale at the schools. She stated they think a bake sale in May or June would be a good idea.

Parks and Recreation Commission – Chair Gil reported out for Youth Intern Kate Yee and stated that it was good for the members who were able to attend the Commission meeting as the Parks and Recreation Commissioners were very pleased. She stated she was really impressed by the report from the Neighborhood and Outreach Services on the food distribution. Ms. Yee also reported there will be a workshop on city processes.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Mentoring and Health – Guest Bill Bettinger spoke to the group about the A-Ok program. Youth Council members discussed the possibility of members assisting with mentoring at the elementary schools. It was moved and seconded by Youth Council Members Getachew and Saleta, respectively that the Youth Council would support and participate in the A-Ok program. Motion carried.

MLK DAY – Chairperson Gil began the discussion and stated it was a great event. She stated it was a tremendous turn out. She reported that it was disappointing that Youth Council members were asked to be there at 8 a.m. but were not needed at that time. Some Youth Council members commented that they thought some of the coordination was poor and they felt their time could have been better used. Most thought it was a great way for the community to get together and they felt it was good having the language school participate and felt a sense of empowerment.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Calendar of Events – Youth Council members discussed having a father/daughter dance. It was thought this would work well with junior high school teens. Also discussed was a city wide conference similar to the Youth Advisor Conference they attended up north. It was moved and seconded by Youth Council Members Lopez and Getachew, to table the discussion to later. Motion carried.

Meeting Change – Chair Gil stated that there would not be a quorum for the scheduled meeting of February 4<sup>th</sup> and recommended cancelling or rescheduling the meeting. It was moved and seconded by Youth Council Members Getachew and Lopez, respectively to reschedule the February 4<sup>th</sup> meeting until February 11<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried.

### **COUNCIL COMMENTS – NONE**

Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:28 p.m.

Pete Leyva  
Recording Secretary