

**City of Santa Barbara  
Youth Council Special Meeting  
March 4, 2013  
MINUTES**

Meeting called to order at approximately 5:15 p.m. by Chairperson Ivette Gil.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**STAFF PRESENT:** Susan Young

**LIAISONS:**

**GUESTS:**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*It was moved and seconded by Youth Council members Kate Yee and Sami Soto to waive the approval of the February 11, 2013 minutes. Motion carried. It was and seconded by Youth Council Members Eleni Getachew and Jordan Lund, respectively to approve the minutes of February 25<sup>th</sup>, with corrections (spelling of Member Simons name wrong and date on front sheet). Motion carried.*

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**STAFF REPORT**

Staff report included information on announcement from the Wilderness Youth Project for youth volunteers for Spring Break Camps; and information regarding Sunshine Committee card to the Wopat family (year since death of daughter). Staff also distributed new guidelines for Advisory Members and acknowledgement forms and informed members they needed to read guidelines and return signed acknowledgement sheets.

### **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

Marketing and Publicity - Committee discussed webpage and what they can do. Staff explained the coordinator would not be available to meet with Youth Council members until sometime in April. Committee will start a project to do bios on all the members. Sami Soto will email pictures to Eesha Kelkar.

Mentoring and Health - Committee Chair Getachew stated they did not have a formal meeting but that members had attended a training with A-Ok coordinator Sharon Roth. The training went very well and each member has a school and a day to volunteer: Sami/Eleni – Adams Elementary; Ivette – Adelante School; Pablo/Eesha – McKinley Elementary; Jordan – Franklin Elementary. It was also reported that Donate for Life is set for Santa Barbara but Dos Pueblos is still waiting for approval. It was requested of Sami to check to see if Bishop would be willing to do it as well.

Sunshine Committee - Eesha Kelkar stated Sunshine Committee was working on a Teen/Team Bonding night for the members such as Movie Night, Bowling, etc. It was also suggested that Rock Climbing would be a good event. Ivette reminded the committee of the end of the year dinner and paper plate awards.

Parks and Recreation Commission - Kate Yee, Youth Intern summarized P/R Commission meeting and stated that a new staff had been hired for the Golf and that the budget discussion included information on improvements for Kids World to make it safer. She also reported on Cabrillo Ball Park and inclusion for summer camps. There was brief discussion on the Rainbow arch.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Easter Eggtravaganza - Staff reminded Youth Council members of the event scheduled for March 30<sup>th</sup> and a brief discussion on assignments. It was stated that perhaps all Youth Council members would attend the event in the Lower Westside. Pablo was thanked for being the Bunny.

Leadership Conference for Youth – Special Events Chair Gil stated they wanted to have the youth leadership workshop on Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at the Carrillo Recreation Center. The committee would like to invite elected officials to have them there in the morning session. It was stated that FLA was interested in being involved as well. The special events committee was setting up a special meeting to discuss further.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Attendance – NAC Meeting - It was moved and seconded by Youth Council members Jordan Lund and Kate Yee, respectively, that the Youth Council would attend the NAC meeting to introduce themselves on March 13<sup>th</sup> if they could get on the agenda. Motion carried.

Jr High Art Contest – The Junior High School Committee explained their proposed art contest, it would conclude about April 26<sup>th</sup>. Suggestions included using the Faulkner Gallery if available. It was moved and seconded by Eesha Kelkar and Pablo Saltea that the Youth Council support this activity. Motion carried.

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Youth Council Photos – It was agreed that Youth Council photos would be taken on Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at the Rainbow Arch. Staff stated they would try and arrange transportation. It was moved and seconded by Jordan Lund and Eleni Getachew. Motion carried.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS –**

Youth Council Member Ian Hall was wished a belated birthday. Ian Hall and Ivette Gil were voted Athlete of the Year for their respective high schools  
Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:00 p.m.

Susan Young  
Recording Secretary