

**City of Santa Barbara
Youth Council Meeting
June 3, 2013
MINUTES**

Meeting called to order at approximately 4:15 p.m. by Chairperson Kayla Simons.
Pledge of Allegiance was led by Youth Council Member Alexis Flores.

ROLL CALL

Members	Present	Absent
Brier, Ethan	Yes	
Cabral, Jacqueline	Yes	
Chittick, Ari	Yes	
Hernandez, Marissa	Yes	
Kelkar, Eesha	Yes	
Linehan, Erin	Yes	
Rodriguez, Andrew	Yes	
Rowley, Amber		Excused
Saleta, Pablo	Yes	
Simons, Kayla	Yes	
Zamudio, Naomi	Yes	
Gullap, Ciara – Junior High Representative		Excused
Hernandez, Marco		Yes
Getachew, Nathaniel	Yes	

STAFF PRESENT: Susan Young
LIAISONS:
GUESTS: Grace Alterson, COYA
 Ivette Gil, COYA
 Andrea Rifkin, Teens in Action

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

It was moved by Sami Soto and Pablo Saleta, respectively to move Item 3a to after Approval of Minutes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved and seconded by Youth Council Members Jordan Lund and Ian Hall, respectively, to approve the minutes of May 6th, May 20th and May 22nd. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

STAFF REPORT

Staff reminded Youth Council members of the need to submit their community service hours within the next couple of days. Staff also gave brief update on calendar of events.

Staff gave a brief report for Councilman Murillo who was in a budget meeting.

COMMITTEE / SPECIAL REPORTS

- a. Special Events Committee Updates – Committee Chairs Hall and Gil gave their yearly status report sighting their successes and challenges. Successes included their Candidates’ Forum as well as the Leadership Conference for Teens. The subcommittee suggested to continuing members that the Teen Leadership was definitely something to build upon and make it an annual Youth Council event like the Speak Outs. They also encouraged members to continue to network with other city teen advisory groups and attend the annual Board Exchanges. The subcommittee spoke of the important of planning ahead and scheduling and getting the support from all the members.
- b. Policies and Procedures: Committee Chair Simons gave the subcommittee’s annual status and stated they were successful with modifying the junior high school representative application and amending the bylaws. Suggestion from the committee was for the next group to become efficient with parliamentary procedures and to develop any procedures to help the members work efficiently.
- c. Fundraising – Fundraising Subcommittee expressed the need to really have a better year next year in planning fundraising events and being creative about raising funds for the Youth Council. It was suggested that funds could be raised to offer more training opportunities and other Youth Council events and the activities don’t have to be over the top. Youth Council member Yee also asked about the Harriet Miller and suggested the Youth Council review and make recommendations as it is written in utilizing those funds.
- d. Executive Committee – The Executive Committee spoke about the successes and challenges of the year. Chair Gil stated that in some ways it was a rough year – getting everyone to be involved. Chair Gil attributed some of it to the vacancies the first half of the year and new members. She also stated they didn’t follow up on the buddy system as they should have nor the Youth to Youth. Success was bonding and new activities. The Committee encouraged members to work close together and for everyone to carry their load. Member Lund stated they should investigate going to outside conferences and also building on the Leadership Conference. Member Hall stated that they members needed to be accountable for the position they have as Youth Council members, fulfilling their obligations with subcommittees and participating in Youth Council and other community events.
- e. Sunshine Committee – The committee stated overall they had a good year. They remembered to acknowledge most. For the next year, they want to do better in responding to the community.
- f. Mentoring and Health – The committee stated they had a successful year. Their coordination included the Donate for Life program, A-Ok mentoring and working with COYA.
- g. Marketing – Marketing Committee stated they had a good year as well, and thought their campaign for new Youth Council members was really successful. Chair Kelkar stated she wanted to encourage the new group to work with the city and get the Facebook Page back and to work on their section of the website.
- h. Parks and Recreation Commission Youth Intern – Youth Intern Yee stated she had a great time as the youth intern and encouraged others to take that position. She stated it was one of her favorite parts as a Youth Council member. She gained knowledge and friendships with the members.

- i. Neighborhood Advisory Council – Youth Council member Lund stated she did not get to participate as much as she would have liked but that she really thought it was an interesting board. She encouraged that the Youth Council go to one of their meetings and that we have a representative or two from NAC to attend a Youth Council meeting. She suggested the Youth Council could give an annual report to the NAC. It was also suggested that reports be given to City Council to cover the Leadership Conference.

It was moved and seconded by Youth Council Members Zamudio and Lopez that the Youth Council would present reports in July. Motion carried.

- j. “R” Word Ad Hoc – Members stated they were not able to establish any activity for this as of yet and suggested it be held over for the next year. Youth Council members Pablo, Eesha, Kayla and Ari agreed to help with that committee.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Youth Council Meetings for Summer: *It was moved and seconded by Youth Council members Zamudio and Rowley that the July meeting for the Youth Council would be held on July 1, 2013, at 12 noon. Motion carried with the following abstaining: Hall, Getachew, Yee, Lund.*
It was moved and seconded by Youth Council member Zamudio and Rowley that the August meeting of the Youth Council be held on August 5, 2013 at 2 p.m. Motion carried with the following abstaining: Lund, Hall, Getachew.
It was moved and seconded by Alexis Flores and Naomi Zamudio that the leadership training be held on August 9th and 10th. Motion carried.
- b. Bohnett Park – Members that committed to assisting with the Bohnett Park survey were: Naomi, Alexis, Amber, Ivette. More details would follow.
- c. Combating Youth Violence h Youth Council members Pablo Saleta and Eesha Kelkar volunteered to begin assisting Councilwoman Murillo with this project.
- d. 4th of July Parade – Members Eesha, Pablo, Sami, Alexis, Amber, and Ari committed to participating in the 4th of July Parade – more details to follow from staff. *It was moved and seconded by Pablo Saleta and Naomi Zamudio, respectively that the Youth Council would support the 4th of July Parade.*

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Sami announced she graduated!

There being no further comments the meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:30 p.m. to conduct Youth Council interviews.

Susan C. Young
Recording Secretary