

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

Meeting called to order at approximately 5:15 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		Excused
Rodriguez, Andrew	Yes	
Rowley, Amber	Yes	
Saleta, Pablo	Yes	
Simons, Kayla	Yes	
Gullap, Ciara – Junior High Representative		Yes
Hernandez, Mark		Yes
Getachew, Nathaniel		No

STAFF PRESENT: Susan Young

LIAISONS:

GUESTS: Tyler Renner, Pacific Pride
Landon Ranck, Westside Neighborhood Association

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

It was moved by Ethan Brier and seconded by Pablo Saleta, to move Item 3d after Approval of Minutes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved and seconded by Youth Council Members Ethan Brier and Ari Chittick, respectively to table the approval of the September 16, 2013, minutes until the next regular meeting. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Landon Ranck, with Effzie Order, Westside Neighborhood Association, introduced himself and stated that he is coordinating an effort on the Lower Westside of town and developing a youth program. Mr. Ranck stated he would be working to see what the needs are for youth on the Westside.

STAFF REPORT

Staff report included information on: Youth Council applications; meeting announcement for the Pro-Youth Movement and information on community service.

PRESENTATION – Tyler Renner, Pacific Pride Foundation – introduced himself and stated he is coordinating a youth program for Pacific Pride Foundation. Mr. Renner stated he wanted to coordinate programs for LGBT students who needed alias as well as program just for those that support LGBT students. He wanted to also coordinate a Queen Prom and a safe place for all teens. He invited Youth Council members to a conference being held at USC October 19th which would be free if Youth Council members wanted to attend.

COMMITTEE / SPECIAL REPORTS

- a. Marketing/Publicity Report: – Committee Chair Ari Chittick stated the subcommittee had met and are working on how to more personalize the Youth Council. Publicity is also working on the following: Facebook page, brochure and promotional items.
- b. Mentoring and Health Report: Committee Chair Jackie Cabral reported that the committee is working on assignments for the A-OK program and scheduling a meeting with Scott Burns, Donate Life for October 21st.
- c. Sunshine Committee: Sunshine Committee didn't have formal meeting but stated they would be sending thank you cards to all the candidates. They also announced that it was Mark Hernandez' birthday and they had cookies for him.
- d. Junior High School: Staff mentioned that the Police Activities League was coordinated a Halloween Haunted House and Dance for sixth graders. It was suggested that the Junior High School committee work with PAL on this event.
- e. Executive Committee: Chair Simons reported the Executive Committee had met. Discussion included information on the Candidate's Forum and suggestions that the Youth Council members schedule a bonding activity. It was suggested that perhaps they have a lock-in on November 8th and a bowling night on October 19th. Executive Committee would coordinate.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Bohnett Park Survey: Youth Council members reported they had completed their survey of Bohnett Park. Those that went stated that they had a good time and that the persons they interviewed were very friendly. Some of the suggestions from those that they spoke with included need for more lighting to make the park safer and others expressed need for water fountains.
- b. Day of Caring: Members reported they had a great time during Day of Caring. Amber Rowley stated she thought it was a good experience for the members. Members stated they were involved in cleaning play structures. All agreed it was a good time and good opportunity to bond as well as members.
- c. Youth Candidates' Forum: Special Events committee gave an update on the upcoming Candidates' Forum and stated there would be a meeting on Monday, October 14th at 5 p.m. with Future Leaders of America.
- d. Youth Making Changes Grant – Ethan Brier gave a report from the Fundraising Committee and ideas for applying for the Youth Making Changes grant. The committee wants to request funds for Leadership Conference similar to last year's event. The committee stated it could become a signature event for Youth Council. Other ideas included a graffiti wall and leadership training conference like NLC. Staff mentioned that time was important as the grant needed to be written. Staff mentioned that a graffiti wall

would need approval and she did not feel there was enough time to get that. After brief discussion, *it was moved and seconded by Youth Council member Pablo Saleta and Jackie Cabral, respectively, to approve application for Leadership Conference. Motion carried.*

- e. Youth Council Recruitment and Interviews: Members discussed deadline for application is October 8th (next day). Members stated they had been promoting the applications. Staff explained that presentations were made to La Cuesta. There was brief discussion on interview process.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Lights On - Staff explained Lights On event and stated it was being held on October 17th. Staff stated if there were any members available they could help out the Youth Activities section.
- b. Red Ribbon Week and Junior High School: Staff announced when Red Ribbon week was occurring, October 21st. It was discussed if there were enough time to have the Junior High School representatives do an activity in honor of Red Ribbon Week. It was a consensus that there was probably not enough time for this year's event.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Youth Council Member Kayla Simon announced that the San Marcos Soccer team was hold a car wash and that she had tickets available for sale. The event will be on October 26th.

There being no further comments the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:40 p.m.

Susan C. Young
Recording Secretary