

**City of Santa Barbara
Youth Council Meeting
January 13, 2014
MINUTES**

Meeting called to order at approximately 4:49 p.m. by Chairperson Kayla Simons.
Pledge of Allegiance was led by Youth Council Member Alexis Flores.

ROLL CALL

| Members | Present | Absent |
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| Brier, Ethan | Yes | |
| Cabral, Jacqueline | Yes | |
| Chittick, Ari | Yes | |
| Diaz, Rachell | | Yes |
| Flores, Alexis | Yes | |
| Hernandez, Marissa | Yes | |
| Hirrel, Caedon | Yes | |
| Reyes, Michael | | Yes |
| Rodriguez, Andrew | Yes | |
| Rowley, Amber | Yes | |
| Saleta, Pablo | Yes | |
| Simons, Kayla | Yes | |
| Velez, Emily | | Yes |
| Junior High School Representatives: | | |
| Hernandez, Mark | | Yes |
| Getachew, Nathaniel | | Yes |
| Tyler Trosky | Yes | |

STAFF PRESENT: Susan Young
LIAISONS:
GUESTS: Sharon Roth, A-OK Program
 Sojourner Kincaid, MLK, Jr. Committee

Chair Simons welcomed new member Caedon Hirrel to the Youth Council.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

It was moved by Alexis Flores and seconded by Pablo Saleta, to move Item IIIC and IIIA (A-OK Mentoring/MLK, Jr. Event) to after staff report. Motion carried unanimously. It was moved and seconded by Youth Council members Ethan Brier and Alexis Flores, respectively, to take item 2b, after IIIC. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There were no minutes to approve.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

STAFF REPORT

Staff gave brief details on the upcoming NLC conference and stated the item would be on the next agenda. Staff also explained the parking permits procedure for the Davis Center. A Youth Council/Parent orientation is being scheduled for a future date.

COMMITTEE / SPECIAL REPORTS

- a. Special Events Committee: Committee Chair Simons stated the item would be covered under New Business, Youth Leaders Conference.
- b. Policies and Procedures: Committee Chair Flores reported that the subcommittee was working on the guidelines for appointment to Youth Council. Ideas coming forth would include review of the application design, interviewing at the Council Chambers, and a workshop prior to interview process. More to come later.
- c. Fundraising: Committee Chair Brier stated the committee met and are developing fundraising ideas; including bake sale and a street clean up with Looking Good Santa Barbara. Chair Brier stated he was confident that the Youth Council would be successful with Youth Making Change grant.
- d. Combating Youth Violence: Committee Chair Hernandez reminded members of the Pro-Youth Meetings held the third Saturday at 1 p.m. She stated that some of the goals of the Pro Youth group match the goal of the Combating Youth Violence subcommittee.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. MLK, Jr. Event: Sojourner Rolle from the MLK, Jr. Committee spoke to the Youth Council and thanked them for their past support. She gave an update of the event to be held on January 20th. She asked Youth Council members to be at De la Guerra plaza between 8 a.m. – 9 a.m. for set up. She stated Youth Council members generally served as ushers once the march to the Arlington has taken place. She encouraged Youth Council members to attend the community lunch as well. Eleven members stated they had plans to attend the event.
- b. Donate Life: Mentoring and Health Committee Chair Cabral gave an update of the Donate Life events on campus. She encouraged the school representatives to get with school administrators to schedule the lunch time trainings. Youth Council members need to also have training. *It was moved and seconded by Youth Council members Saleta and Flores, respectively, to have Donate Life training on January 27th, at 5 p.m. It was amended to include training for the A-OK program as well. Motion carried unanimously.*
- c. A-OK Youth Mentoring: Sharon Roth with the A-OK Program spoke to the Youth Council about the afterschool mentoring program. Ms. Roth stated they currently serve about 700 students. She spoke of the curriculum being changed for 6th graders at Adams, the use of IPADS for students. She stated Youth Council members interested in mentoring would have to receive the training (scheduled for the 27th). Members 18 and over would have to be fingerprinted. She talked to the Youth Council about other mentoring/interning opportunities such as through Partners in Education.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Subcommittee Review and Assignments: Chair Simons stated with the addition of new members there would be some changes to subcommittees. The following changes were made: Emily Velez was appointed to the Special Events and Sunshine Committee; Caedon Hirrel was appointed to the Marketing and Publicity and Fundraising Committee; Rachell Diaz was appointed to the Teen Center, and Mentoring and Health Subcommittees and Michael Reyes was appointed to the Policies and Procedures and Marketing and Publicity Committees.
- b. Youth Leaders Conference: Youth Council discussed their 2nd Annual Youth Leaders Conference, which brings together youth leaders from various youth programs in the city and ASB students. *It was moved and seconded by Youth Council members Ethan Brier and Jackie Cabral, respectively, to hold the Youth Leaders Conference on Friday, April 11th, with the subjects to include "R" Word, Teen Rights, Eating and Health and Heterosexism. Motion carried unanimously.* Other suggestions included Zumba opening and an open invite. Staff cautioned members about an Open Invite due to space as well as dinner cost.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

It was announced that Ethan Brier just celebrated a birthday. Congrats were given to him. Kayla reminded members of the Pacific Price event being scheduled. She further stated that the San Marcos soccer team "crushed" Dos Pueblos. Alexis Flores stated there is an article in the newspaper about her. Amber Rowley announced she had gotten a job at McConnell's Ice Cream.

There being no further comments the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:15 p.m.

Susan C. Young
Recording Secretary