

City of Santa Barbara

Youth Council Meeting

March 4, 2019

MINUTES

Meeting called to order at approximately 5:01 p.m. by Chair Nathaniel Getachew. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Youth Council Member Quinn Stefan.

ROLL CALL

Members	Present	Absent
Blumenthal, Talia		Excused
Broeffle, Sean	Yes	
Chenoweth, Ellie	Yes	
Diaz, Michael		Yes
Getachew, Nathaniel	Yes	
Hensley, Milo		Excused
Jimenez-Cotes, Stephany	Yes	
Minor, Julia	Yes	
Palmerin Pina, Marco	Yes	
Stefan, Quinn	Yes	
Stone, Julia	Yes	
Thakrar, Anjali	Yes	
Vesper, Emily	Yes	
Junior High School Representatives		
River Kelly	Yes	

STAFF PRESENT: Roberta Payan
LIAISONS: Councilman Oscar Guterrez, Commissioner Jacob Lesner-Buxton.
Guests: Danielle Diaz, Coalition against Gun Violence

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Item Number Four in Old Business was removed from the agenda and will be on the agenda for March 18, 2019 meeting.

It was moved and seconded by Youth Council members Stephany Jimenez-Cortez and Marco Palmerin-Pina, respectively, to approve the changes to the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Councilman Oscar Gutierrez addressed the Council discussing the Media Camp Training that took place on Saturday, March 2, 2019 at TVSB studios. There were six Youth Council members and a prospective Youth Council member who attended the training. Councilman Gutierrez said how much he enjoyed working with the Youth Council and that this is a very timely project, especially since there were two shootings in the evening of Sunday, March 3, 2019 in the Lower Eastside neighborhood that possibly went unreported to authorities. Councilman Gutierrez encouraged the Council to start developing ideas for the Public Service Announcements, for the community education campaign. He suggested a Google Doc that Youth Council members could contribute ideas for the PSA's and mentioned that on Saturday, March 16, 2019, TVSB would be available for Council members to come together and brainstorm ideas.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved and seconded by Youth Council members Quinn Stefan and Stephany Jimenez-Cortez, respectively, to approve the minutes of February 13,, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

STAFF/LIASION REPORT -

Staff reported on the following:

- Santa Barbara High School 2019 Career Fair
- Just Communities Carnival
- Undercover Buys with SBCPHD
- Resignation of Council member Paola Padilla

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Special Events: Committee Chair Getachew gave an update on plans for the Teen Leadership Conference scheduled for Saturday, April 27, 2019, including the times – which would be from 8:30 am to 12:00 noon starting with breakfast, an Interview with Mayor Murrillo. Staff reported that Future Leaders of America and PAL Youth Leadership Council will be partnering with us again to host TLC. Planning meetings says and times are to be set by Committee Chair Getachew. Publicity Chair Julia Stone has prepared a draft of the flyer for TLC and will share it in an accessible format.
2. Policies and Procedures: Committee Chair Thakrar stated the committee had met and discussed the possibility of eliminating one of the Alternative School slots and make it an At-Large position, citing the lack of Alternative students applying and being appointed to the Council. There was also discussion about only Underclassmen are eligible to be Chair and Vice-Chair. Staff suggested that Committee Chair prepare a written report to the Council members to better

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understand what the Committee is recommending and be placed on next meeting Agenda for discussion and vote.

3. Fundraising: Committee Chair Stefan prepared a report on the Fundraising Committee that met and is planning another bake sale tentatively scheduled for March 16 or March 17 and/or April 20. Possible restaurant night sponsorships with Blender's, Chipotle and Yogurtland. And a Go Fund Me Page to raise funds for 2019 NLC Conference in San Antonio, Texas in November. She mentioned that the April fundraiser with Draughtsman Aleworks is being planned. Committee members suggested an educational campaign on the Social Host Ordinance that would include a handout with information about the SHO and encouraging adults to drink responsibly, and never allow underage access to alcohol in your home.
4. Project ALMA: There was discussion about presentation from Project ALMA at the Teen Leadership Conference. Members were asked to seek out presenters and were successful in securing Cal SOAP staff that have agreed to help present a workshop with Project ALMA Committee members on College Advising, Financial Aid and the DREAM Act application.
5. Sunshine Committee: Committee Chair Jimenez-Cortez reported that the Sunshine Committee had sent a card to the newly formed Santa Paula Youth Council and will follow up with a formal letter from SBYC congratulating them and inviting them to save the date of April 27, 2019 to attend the Teen Leadership Conference.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Youth Council Calendar of Events: Staff informed the Council that Monday, April 1, 2019 is a legal holiday and there will be no Youth Council meeting that day. Dates for meetings in April needed to be set as well as date for the second portion of the YC Leadership Training. Council members voted to hold Youth Council meetings on Monday, April 8 and Monday, April 15 at meeting days. It was decided that on April 8 and April 15, Council members will come in early for training from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm, then hold meeting. They also voted to stay after an extra hour after meeting for second hour of training. Staff will look into feasibility of those hours for training with trainers and report at next meeting. ***It was moved and seconded by Youth Council members Ellie Chenoweth and Julia Minor, respectively, to approve the dates. Motion carried unanimously.***
2. Tobacco Prevention Program Scope of Work and Budget: Item removed from agenda to be placed on agenda for March 18, 2019 meeting. ***It was moved and seconded by Youth Council members Ellie Chenoweth and Anjali Thakrar, respectively, to approve the calendar. Motion carried unanimously.***

3. **City Advisory Group/Youth Council Recruitment Strategies:** Council members discussed the upcoming Advisory Board Recruitment which takes place March 19, 2019 to April 23, 2019. Some strategies we discussed were to assign Council members from each school campus to recruit youth applicants. Dos Pueblos Recruiter will be Nathaniel Getachew, San Marcos Recruiter will be Emily Vesper, Santa Barbara High Recruiter will be Ellie Chenoweth and Stephany Jimenez-Cortez, and Private School Recruiters will be Julia Stone, Julia Minor and River Proulx-Kelly. Dates for Youth Council interviews still need to be set.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **EGGstravaganza Community Event on April 20, 2019:** Council members discussed supporting the EGGstravaganza Community Event on Saturday, April 20, 2019 at Bohnett Park. Each year the Council votes to support this event by volunteering at the event from 9:15 am to 10:30 am. ***It was moved and seconded by Youth Council members, respectively, by Stephany Jimenez-Cortez and Quinn Stefan to approve volunteering at EGGstravaganza. Motion carried unanimously.***
2. **Co-Sponsorship opportunity for Feminism Festival:** Council members received a presentation from members of Dos Pueblos High School Women in Tech Club, Alessa Somer and Anna Roney inviting the Council to co-sponsor a Feminism Festival planned for January 2020. They specifically are requesting help with securing a venue (Alameda Park), sharing resources such as mailing lists, and help with publicizing event. ***It was moved and seconded by Youth Council members Anjali Thakrar, and Julia Minor, respectively to partner with the Women in Tech on the Feminism Festival in January 2020. Motion carried unanimously.***

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council member Stephany Jimenez-Cortez of the Sunshine Committee announced that member Ellie Chenoweth had a birthday on March 3, 2019 and presented her with a small gift and Council members sang Happy Birthday.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:25 p.m.

Roberta M. Payan
Recording Secretary