

**City of Santa Barbara**

**Youth Council Meeting**

**April 8, 2019**

**MINUTES**

Meeting called to order at approximately 5:08 p.m. by Vice Chair Ellie Chenoweth. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Youth Council Member Anjali Thakrar.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Roberta Payan, Youth Advisor  
Susan Young-Hernandez, Youth Advisor

**LIAISONS:**

Councilman Oscar Gutierrez

**Guests:**

Jessica Metzger, Project Planner, Planning Division  
Eva Catalan, Future Leaders of America Staff  
Veronica Sanchez, Youth  
Vivian Rios, Youth  
Veronica Perez, Parent

**CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Ms. Jessica Metzger, Project Planner with the City addressed the Council regarding the Changes that are being considered to Multi-Unit Housing standards and including parking standards and densities. Ms. Metzger reported that there will be a Public Hearing on the proposed changes on Wednesday, April 24, 2019 at 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm at the Santa Barbara Public Library in the Faulkner Gallery. Ms. Metzger encouraged the Youth Council to attend this meeting or inform others who may be interested in proposed changes to attend the Public Hearing.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*It was moved and seconded by Youth Council members Milo Hensley and Anjali Thakrar, respectively, to waive the approval of March 18, 2019 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.*

### **STAFF/LIASION REPORT -**

Staff reported on the following:

- Staff Payan reminded the Council about volunteering at the upcoming Eggstravaganza event on Saturday, April 20, 2019 at Bohnett Park at 9:00 am.
- Staff Payan introduced Veronica Sanchez, a student at Santa Barbara High School and Council applicant.
- Staff Payan introduced Vivian Rios, student at Bishop Garcia Diego High School and Council applicant and her mother Veronica Perez.
- Staff Payan reminded Council members if they needed parking permits for Spencer Adams parking lot, she has applications.
- Staff Payan announced the Franklin Neighborhood & Youth Center needs tutors for the Homework Help Program Tuesdays through Wednesdays in all subjects.

### **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. Special Events: Committee Chair Getachew was not present to report. Vice Chair Chenoweth reported that the committee had not met, but that there was a URL to register for TLC.
2. Policies and Procedures: Chair Thakrar reported that the proposed changes in the composition of the Council were approved unanimously. Staff Young-Hernandez informed the Council that the next step would be to draft a Memorandum to Parks and Recreation Director Jill Zachary in order to revise the approved changes to the By-Laws.

3. Fundraising: Chair Stefan reported that the Fundraiser at Draughtsman Aleworks started on April 1, 2019. For the entire month of April, for every pint sold from their "Karma Tap", \$1 dollar will be donated to the Youth Council. Staff Young-Hernandez inquired if the Social Host Ordinance had been part of the promotions for this fundraiser. There is a reference reminding people that underage access to alcohol in their homes is in violation of the ordinance.
4. Junior High Representative: Junior High Representative Proulx-Kelly reported that there is still a need for junior high students to apply for the Council. Staff Young-Hernandez requested that member Stefan take the lead on the Junior High Representative subcommittee.
5. Project ALMA: Chair Chenoweth reported that Project ALMA subcommittee would like to have a live stream of the workshop at the Teen Leadership Conference on April 27, 2019.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Update on Teen Leadership Conference: It was reported that Special Events had not met on TLC. Member Jimenez-Cortes expressed her concern that TLC is soon and no subcommittee meetings have taken place to date. Staff Young-Hernandez suggested that the Teen Leadership Conference format change to focus on the teen leaders of Future Leaders of America, Police Activities League and Youth Council to keep the integrity and honor of Youth Council's TLC. Staff Young-Hernandez reported that TLC could include a breakfast conversation with the Mayor who has confirmed for the event. Staff Young-Hernandez asked to meet with Chairs Getachew and Chenoweth this week to discuss the Teen Leadership Conference planning.
2. Youth Council Recruitment and Interview Questions: Staff Young-Hernandez reported that the Executive Committee needs to work on Interview Questions for the new applicants to Youth Council. Staff Young-Hernandez suggested that Council prepare a 5 minute presentation to show the applicants before their interviews, explaining what Youth Council is about, such as subcommittees, projects and commitments.

3. **Training schedule for TPP/HSHC project:** Staff Payan reported that the Tobacco Prevention Project is behind schedule. As discussed at the March 18, 2019 meeting, Council members need to receive training to complete the proposed project, which is the Healthy Stores, Healthy Communities surveys. As it stands now, the Council is expected to complete surveys by June 2019, after they receive 3 hour training. Staff Payan suggested the item be tabled for the next Council meeting, for staff to discuss a revised scope of work, budget and timeline. ***It was moved and seconded by Youth Council members Marco Palmerin-Pina and Anjali Thakrar, respectively to table the item until the next Council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.***

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

4. **Presentation from Future Leaders of America on Youth Wellness Coalition:** Ms. Eva Catalan, Youth Organizer with Future Leaders of America gave a presentation to the Council on the Youth Wellness Coalition and the efforts they are working with the City Attorney, on an off-sale alcohol ordinance in the city. Ms. Catalan invited the Council to start attending their coalition meetings, which will be changed from Fridays at 10 am to a time that is convenient for the Council members. The Council voted to support the efforts of Future Leaders of America and join the Youth Wellness Coalition. Health and Mentoring is assigned to oversee this project. ***It was moved and seconded by members Emily Vesper and Anjali Thakrar, respectively, to support the Youth Wellness Coalition. Motion carried unanimously.***

#### **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:30 p.m.

Roberta M. Payan  
Recording Secretary