



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
SANTA BARBARA YOUTH COUNCIL

Monday, February 22, 2021
5:15 p.m.

VIA TELECONFERENCE

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/1457197463616359438>

Webinar ID

193-896-275

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to Order at 5:24 pm by Chair Quinn Stefan.

Youth Council Members Present

Stefan, Quinn
Minor, Julia
Flanagin, Davis
Hellman, Alex
Dunn, Kent
Zarate, Genesis

Junior High Representatives

Calzadilla, Dhaira
Weber, Maddie
Cruz, Sophia
Thakrar, Alok

Staff Present

Ricardo Venegas, Youth Council Advisor

Liaisons Present

Alejandra Gutierrez, Councilmember
Jacob Lesner-Buxton, Parks and Recreation Commissioner

Youth Council Members Absent

Chow, Alex
Chow, Victoria
Goodman, Laila
Chau, Tim

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

COUNCIL AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Alejandra Gutierrez, Councilmember

- Informed Youth Councilmembers she will be attending all future meetings.

Jacob Lesner-Buxton, Parks and Recreation Commissioner

- Thanked Youth Council for their work and just wanted say hello.

Ricardo Venegas, Youth Council Advisor

1. Sister Cities International – Many wonderful leadership & Art related Projects:
 - 2021 Young Artists And Authors Showcase (YASS)
 - Now Accepting Art, Music, Poetry, Photography, & Writing submissions
 - Open to 13-18 year old
 - https://sistercities.org/yaas?mc_cid=0e3fac0511&mc_eid=a405314705
 - Theme: United in Hope... aims to promote peace through mutual respect, understanding, and cooperation – one individual, one community at a time.
 - Each category's Grand Prize Winner will receive \$1,000.
 - Each category's 2nd Place Winner will receive \$250.
 - Each category's 3rd Place Winner will receive \$100.
 - Deadline: May 1, 2021.
 - Youth Leadership Summit August 12-13 2021
2. Community Environmental Council (CEC's) Earth Day Festival (Virtual)
 - Santa Barbara Earth Day Festival April 22-24
 - Three days of virtual conversations/workshops
 - Community Building opportunities
 - Art Contests
 - Exhibitions
 - Streamed live at: SBEarthDay.org,

Each day will celebrate a key area with climate leaders:

- April 22: Youth Leadership (Kathy King/CEC...contact)
- April 23: Business Leadership
- April 24: Community Leadership

3. Standing Together To End Sexual Violence

- Sexual Assault Awareness Month campaign in April

- Youth Council has received an invitation to collaborate in this year's campaign
Create to Prevent: Cyber Sexual Harassment
- Goal to is to bring awareness these issues, especially cyber sexual harassment
- They asking teens to create multimedia content to educate our community, art, poetry, video, tik, tok, PSA A's ...etc.
- They are requesting to meet with interested YC members via zoom to assist with content creation.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Subject: Approval of the Minutes – For Action (Attachment)

Recommendation: That the Youth Council waive the reading and approve the minutes of the meeting held on Monday, February 1, 2021.

It was moved and seconded by Youth Council member Flanigan and seconded by Minor respectively, to approve the minutes for the meeting held on Monday, February 1, 2021.

All in favor. Motion carried.

Members Stefan, Minor, Flanigan, Hellman, Zarate, and Dunn in favor. Motion carried. Abstain: None

NEW BUSINESS

2. Subject: Moms Demand Action - For Information

Youth Council received a presentation from Dr. Emily A. Engel of the local chapter of Moms Demand Action (MDA), a grassroots movement working to pass stronger gun laws. Locally, MDA is supporting community-based violence prevention/intervention programs that apply a localized approach to reducing gun violence in our neighborhoods. MDA is seeking support and input from local groups such as the Youth Council to assist in developing gun violence prevention and intervention strategies. DR. Engel shared both state wide and national statistics on gun violence in our community. After much discussion, Councilmember Alejandra Gutierrez and the Youth Council agreed to look into ways of supporting local efforts and will work on obtaining local gun violence related statistics.

3. Subject: Subcommittees – Discussion and Action

Youth Council subcommittee members discuss current work tasks and take action if necessary:

- Community Engagement advisor was unable to meet this time around, but hoping to have subcommittee meetings in mid-March to further explore ongoing collaborations. Julia will work on defining most feasible collaborations.
- Chair Quinn provided update regarding her meeting with the Fundraising Committee. Kent shared some ideas, including the possibility of partnering with several businesses to explore fundraising opportunities. Next including reaching out to businesses to discuss available options.

3. Subject: Youth Council Updates - For Information Only

Recommendation: That each Youth Council member take up to two minutes updating the public on specific school related issues or events impacting their respecting school or youth in general.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 pm.

Next regular meeting: Via Teleconference
Monday, March 1, 2021