



**CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
SANTA BARBARA YOUTH COUNCIL**

**Monday, November 15, 2021
5:15 p.m.**

VIA TELECONGERENCE

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Webinar ID

563-154-195

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to Order at 5:25 p.m. by Vice Chair Alex Hellman.

Youth Council Members Present

Chair – Julia Minor
Vice Chair – Alex Hellman
Chenoweth, Gwen
Chow, Victoria
Cruz, Sophia
Dunn, Kent
Flanagin, Davis
Manian, Sagarika

Junior High Representatives

Thakrar, Alok

Staff Present

Ricardo Venegas, Youth Council Advisor
Nicole Morgan, Youth Council Advisor

Liaisons Present

Jacob Lesner-Buxton, Parks and Recreation Commissioner

Youth Council Members Absent

Chow, Alex
Vander May, Amelia

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

COUNCIL AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Nicole Morgan, Youth Council Advisor

- Reminder to all applicants that today will be the last day to be interviewed by Youth Council. Interviews for Youth Council by City Council will be taking place on
 - Tuesday, November 16, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. (time certain)
- Reminder that I will not be here in the latter half of December.

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, November 1, 2021.

It was moved and seconded by Youth Council members Manian and Hellman respectively, to approve the minutes for the meeting of Monday, November 1, 2021.

All in favor. Motion carried.

Members Minor, Hellman, Chenoweth, Cruz, Dunn, Flanagin, Manian, and in favor. Member V. Chow Abstained.

NEW BUSINESS

2. Subject: Youth Council Interviews – For Discussion

Recommendation: That Youth Council interview students interested in applying to be a part of Youth Council.

Youth Council did not interview any applicants. No action taken.

3. Subject: Eastside Society – Milpas Holiday Parade – For Discussion

Recommendation: That Youth Council discuss involvement and volunteering at the Milpas Holiday Parade taking place on Saturday, December 11, 2021 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30p.m. Interested volunteers can attend the Monday, November 29 meeting at the Eastside Library from 6 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Youth Council Members discussed volunteering in this year's Milpas Holiday Parade. Members Minor, Chenoweth, Hellman, Cruz, and Flanagin expressed interest in attending the volunteer meeting on November 29 for more information. Members have decided to give a brief presentation on the details shared during the meeting at our December 6 Regular Meeting. No action taken.

4. Subject: Car Seat Safety Event – For Information

Recommendation: That Youth Council identify 1 to 2 volunteers to provide support during the upcoming Car Seat Safety Event on Saturday, November 20, 2021 from 8:00 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Franklin Neighborhood Center.

Youth Council Members discussed their ability to volunteer during this event. Member Manian stated that she is able to provide assistance.

No action taken.

5. Subject: Subject: Annual Youth Speak Out – For Discussion and Action

Recommendation: That Youth Council discuss planning a *Youth Speak Out* event during the month of March 2022.

Youth Council Members discussed organizing a Youth Speak Out covering a topic of their choice. Members suggested topics relating to mental health, managing and balancing stress, the environment and ocean pollution, unfair dress codes at schools, student activism, and the effects of social media on emotional wellness. After much discussion and deliberation, members agreed that stress and mental health are the topic that needs to be addressed the most.

It was moved and seconded by Youth Council members Manian and Dunn respectively, to approve hosting a Youth Speak Out on the Subject of Mental Wellness.

All in favor. Motion carried.

Members Minor, Hellman, Chenoweth, V. Chow, Cruz, Dunn, Manian and in favor.

6. Subject: Youth Council Liaisons – For Discussion

Recommendation: That Youth Council appoint two liaisons, respectively, for the NAC meeting on Monday, December 13 at 6 p.m. and the Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting on Wednesday, December 15 at 4 p.m.

Youth Council Members discussed appointing two liaisons to give updates to the NAC and Parks and Recreation Commission. After much discussion, Members were unable to identify liaisons and requested that this item be added to the upcoming agenda for further discussion.

No action taken.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Subject: Mothers Against Drunk Driving PSA Video– For Discussion and Action

Recommendation: That Youth Council discuss working alongside Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) to create a short Public Safety Announcement on the prevention of underage drinking and drug use.

Youth Council Members recalled past PSA opportunities and discussed involvement in the current opportunity with Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

It was moved and seconded by Youth Council members Dunn and Hellman respectively, to approve working alongside MADD to create a PSA.

All in favor. Motion carried.

Members Minor, Hellman, Chenoweth, V. Chow, Cruz, Dunn, Manian and in favor.

2. Subject: Youth Council T-shirt Design – For Discussion and Action

Recommendation: That Youth Council discuss and brainstorm Youth Council t-shirt design, such as logo, style, and color.

Youth Council Members brainstormed t-shirt design ideas that they would like to see included. Members Thakrar, Cruz, and Gwen, who were previously appointed to design t-shirts, have agreed to present ideas at the next Youth Council Regular Meeting.

No action taken.

3. Subject: Youth Council Updates - For Information Only

Recommendation: That each Youth Council member take up to two minutes for updating the public on specific current issues or events (ex: education, gun violence, each week can have a different topic and the Youth Council can discuss).

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Next Special meeting: Via Teleconference
Monday, November 22, 2021
Start at 5:15 p.m.