



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
SANTA BARBARA YOUTH COUNCIL

Monday, March 7, 2022
5:15 p.m.

VIA TELECONGERENCE

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MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to Order at 5:20 p.m. by Chair Julia Minor.

Youth Council Members Present

Chair – Julia Minor
Vice Chair – Alex Hellman
Chow, Alex
Chow, Victoria
Chenoweth, Gwen
Cruz, Sophia
Dunn, Kent
Manian, Sagarika
Suresh, Kavya
Thakrar, Alok
Vander May, Amelia

Junior High Representatives

None

Staff Present

Michelle McDonnell, Youth Council Advisor
Nicole Morgan, Youth Council Advisor

Liaisons Present

Youth Council Members Absent

Flanagin, Davis

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

COUNCIL AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Youth Council Advisor, Nicole Morgan

- The Car Seat Safety Event on Saturday, May 21, 2022 has been canceled.
- The upcoming city advisory application cycle will open on Tuesday April 12 and go through Monday, May 9. Interviews will begin on Tuesday May 24, 2022.

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 28, 2022.

It was moved and seconded by Youth Council members Manian and Vander May respectively, to approve the minutes for the meeting of Monday, February 28, 2022.

Motion carried.

Members Minor, Chenoweth, Dunn, Manian, Thakrar, and Vander May in favor. Members Hellman, A. Chow, and V. Chow abstained.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Subject: Future Leaders of America: Cannabis Presentation – For Information & Discussion

Recommendation: That Youth Council receive a presentation from Future Leaders of America on Cannabis.

Youth Council Members received a presentation from two Future Leaders of America on the use of Cannabis in teens. After a brief presentation, Youth Council Members were able to ask additional questions related to the dangers of Cannabis products.

2. Subject: Youth Council at NAC in March – For Discussion

Recommendation: That Youth Council appoint one or two liaisons to attend the Neighborhood Advisory Council Meeting on March 14 at 6:00 p.m.

After a brief discussion and assessment of Youth Council Members' availability, Chair Julia Minor volunteered to attend the upcoming NAC meeting.

3. Subject: City of Santa Barbara Easter Eggstravaganza – For information and Discussion

Recommendation: That Youth Council appoint members to volunteer and assist with the Easter Eggstravaganza on Saturday, April 16, 2022.

Advisors Morgan and McDonnell presented event information to Youth Council Members. After discussion about the nature of the event, Members signed up to volunteer for this event.

4. Subject: Advisory Recruitment and Youth Council Interviews – For Discussion & Action

Recommendation: That Youth Council discuss and approve the interview schedule for Youth Council applicants:

- Monday, April 18, 2022 at 5:15 p.m. virtually
- Monday, May 9, 2022 at 5:15 p.m. virtually
- Monday, May 23, 2022 at 5:15 p.m. virtually

It was moved and seconded by Youth Council members Dunn and Cruz respectively, to approve the discussed schedule of Youth Council interviews.

Motion carried.

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

OLD BUSINESS

1. Subject: SBYC Advisory Recruitment Subcommittee – For Discussion

Recommendation: That Youth Council discuss a date to meet and plan for the upcoming recruitment cycle.

After some discussion about the upcoming recruitment cycle, interviews, and application members Manian, Amelia and Vander May will set a time to meet and discuss recruitment strategies.

2. Subject: SBYC Speak Out Updates and Planning– For Discussion

Recommendation: That Youth Council discuss the current task list and planning for Youth Speak Out.

Advisor Morgan reviewed the SBYC Speak Out Event Outline and current task list with Youth Council Members. Final steps included outreach on school campuses as well as inviting friends to attend the event.

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).

Members discussed and shared concerns about the current war on Ukraine, growing crime rates in Goleta, and finally instances of racially motivated violence on some school

campuses. Members shared these concerns paired with the desire to have accurate information and credible news sources.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

Next Regular meeting: Via Teleconference
Monday, March 21, 2022
Start at 5:15 p.m.