



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

**MONDAY, January 8, 2023**  
**5:15 p.m.**

**Franklin Neighborhood Center**  
**1136 E. Montecito St.**  
**Santa Barbara, CA 93103**

**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to Order at 5:15 p.m. by Chair Tiago Eckstein

**Youth Councilmembers Present**

Chair - Eckstein, Tiago  
Camp, Lucia  
Chenoweth, Gwen  
Cruz, Sophia  
Li, Anastasia  
Manian, Sagarika  
Solano Beltrán, Jeremy  
Stump, Clara  
Suresh, Kavya  
Vander May, Amelia  
Vazquez, Carlos  
Zavala, Sindy

**Junior High Representatives**

None

**Staff Present**

Nicole Morgan, Youth Council Advisor

**Liaisons Present**

Councilmember Oscar Gutierrez

**Youth Council Members Absent**

Cuevas, Elly

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**COUNCIL AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS**

Youth Council Advisor, Nicole Morgan

## **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 regular meeting Monday, November 6, 2023, and the special meeting of Monday, November 13, 2023.

It was moved and seconded by Youth Council members Manian and Cruz respectively, to approve the minutes for the regular meeting Monday, November 6, 2023, and the special meeting of Monday, November 13, 2023

Motion carried.

Members Eckstein, Camps, Chenoweth, Cruz, Li, Manian, Solano Beltran, Stump, Suresh, Vander May, Vazquez, and Zavala voted in favor.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Subject: Santa Barbara Youth Council Calendar Review – For Discussion**

Recommendation: That Youth Council review the Youth Council Calendar for the months of January 2024 through June 2024 and make recommendations for presentations they would like to receive.

The Youth Council reviewed the calendar noting that they would be interested in more regular breakout groups in preparation for the Youth Speak Out, focusing on recruitment strategies for new members until June 2024.

### **2. Subject: Harriet Miller Youth Leadership Award– For Discussion & Action**

Recommendation: That Youth Council assign a subcommittee of three members to read and review submissions for the 2024 Harriet Miller Youth Leadership Award.

Youth Council members discussed the Harriet Miller Youth Leadership Award, with some members recalling their experience with reading through submissions. Youth Council members suggested that the subcommittee be made of four members rather than three.

It was moved and seconded by Youth Council members Solano Beltran and Vander May respectively, to approve recommendation with an amendment to have a four person ad hoc subcommittee consisting of members Suresh, Vander May, Chenoweth, and Solano Beltran.

Motion carried.

Members Eckstein, Camps, Chenoweth, Cruz, Li, Manian, Solano Beltran, Stump, Suresh, Vander May, Vazquez, and Zavala voted in favor.

### **3. Subject: Youth Speak Out – For Discussion**

Recommendation: That the Youth Council hear updates from the Youth Making Change Ad Hoc Subcommittee and continue planning for the 2024 Youth Speak Out to be held on April 13, 2024, at the Palm Park Beach House. Youth Council Members may split up into breakout groups to discuss key event details.

Youth Council separated into two groups, the first decided table topics and the second group discussed promotion for the event. Both groups agreed to do work on both tasks individually and reconvene for another break out group during the next special meeting.

## **COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS**

### **1. Subject: Youth Council Updates – For Information Only**

Recommendation: That each Youth Councilmember take up to two minutes to update the public on specific current issues or events.

Youth Council members discussed the return from the Holiday break with many students scheduled for finals

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Next special meeting: Franklin Neighborhood Center  
1136 E Montecito Street CA 93103  
Monday, January 22, 2024  
Start at 5:15 p.m.