



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
SANTA BARBARA YOUTH COUNCIL

MONDAY, March 4, 2024
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 5:17 p.m. by Chair Tiago Eckstein.

Youth Councilmembers Present

Chair - Eckstein, Tiago
Chenoweth, Gwen
Li, Anastasia
Manian, Sagarika
Solano Beltrán, Jeremy
Stump, Clara
Suresh, Kavya
Vander May, Amelia
Zavala, Sindy

Junior High Representatives

None

Staff Present

Nicole Morgan, Youth Council Advisor

Liaisons Present

Councilmember Oscar Gutierrez

Youth Council Members Absent

Camp, Lucia
Cruz, Sophia
Cuevas, Elly
Vazquez, Carlos

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

COUNCIL AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Youth Council Advisor, Nicole Morgan
Councilmember, Oscar Gutierrez

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 special meeting Monday, February 26, 2024.

It was moved and seconded by Youth Council members Manian and Zavala respectively, to approve the minutes for the special meeting Monday, February 26, 2024.

Motion carried.

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

NEW BUSINESS

1. Subject: Fundraising Opportunities – For Discussion

Recommendation: That the Youth Council discuss projects and events that they would like to add to the August 2024 – June 2025 calendar that may involve fundraising.

Youth Council members proposed concentrating any fundraising efforts on local initiatives and funding future youth council projects such as the proposed candidate's forum in October 2024. Some interest in attending conferences was discussed, especially if conferences can help inform future Youth Council projects or strengthen leadership skills. Other potential projects include using fundraised money for firearm lock box giveaways.

2. Subject: Youth Council Recruitment Review– For Discussion & Action

Recommendation: That the Youth Council review the recruitment flyer, discuss interview questions, and discuss hosting a special meeting either on Monday, March 25, 2024, or Monday, April 8, 2024, to add a third day of interviews for applicants.

Youth Council members reviewed the recruitment flyer and proposed updates that include adding a group photo and redirecting applicants to the advisory recruitment webpage for interview information.

Youth Council members also reviewed applicant interview questions to make sure they are not repetitive. Members recommended including questions such as “why do you want to be part of Youth Council?”, “Why did you choose Youth Council to participate in?”, “Why are you interested in leadership?”, and “What does leadership mean to you.” Members suggested replacing the question that asks applicants to list their involvements on and off campus.

Lastly, Youth Council Members motioned to host a third interview date on Monday, April 15, 2024 rather than host a special meeting.

It was moved and seconded by Youth Council members Stump and Manian to approve changes to the applicant interview questions, approve changes to the recruitment flyer, and approve the third interview date on Monday, April 15, 2024.

Motion carried.

Members Eckstein, Chenoweth, Li, Manian, Solano Beltran, Stump, Suresh, Vazquez, Vander May, 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.

The Youth Council separated into breakout groups to discuss the remaining tasks and planning for the Youth Speak Out.

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.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Next regular meeting: Franklin Neighborhood Center
1136 E Montecito Street CA 93103
Monday, March 4, 2024
Start at 5:15 p.m.