



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
SANTA BARBARA YOUTH COUNCIL

MONDAY, August 19, 2024
5:15 p.m.

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to Order at 5:18 p.m. by Member Sagarika Manian.

Youth Councilmembers Present

Bernal-Castro, Ahtziri
Cruz, Sophia
Chenoweth, Gwen
Leon, Itzel
Manian, Sagarika
Solano Beltrán, Jeremy
Stone, Kieran
Stump, Clara
Vander May, Amelia
Vazquez, Carlos
Zavala, Sindy

Junior High Representatives

Leonardi, Amelia

Staff Present

Nicole Morgan, Youth Council Advisor

Liaisons Present

None

Youth Council Members Absent

None

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, June 3, 2024.

It was moved and seconded by Youth Council members Cruz and Vander May respectively, to approve the minutes for the regular meeting Monday, June 3, 2024.

Motion carried.

Members Bernal-Castro, Cruz, Chenoweth, Leon, Manian, Solano Beltran, Stone, Stump, Vander May, Vazquez and Zavala voted in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Subject: Youth Council General Officer Elections – For Discussion

Recommendation: That Youth Council members make nominations for General Officer positions, to be voted on during the September 16th regular meeting.

The following Youth Council members accepted nominations for the following general officer positions.

Chair – Amelia Vander May, Carlos Vazquez, Jeremy Solano Beltran

Vice-Chair – Jeremy Solano Beltran, Gwen Chenoweth, Clara Stump

Second Vice-Chair – Sagarika Manian, Clara Stump

Secretary – Gwen Chenoweth, Itzel Leon

Treasurer – Kieran Stone

Parliamentarian – Carlos Vazquez

Publicist – Sophia Cruz

Historian – Sindy Zavala

2. Subject: Local Candidates Forum – For Discussion & Action

Recommendation: That the Youth Council discuss hosting a local candidates forum for the upcoming election of November 2024, to be hosted in October 2024, and appoint a subcommittee to plan the event.

During the previous school year, Youth Council members expressed a strong desire to host a candidates forum similar to past Youth Council hosted forums. After much discussion, members continue to express their strong desire to move forward with hosting a forum. Members nominated Carlos Vazquez, Amelia Vander May, Clara Stump, Jeremy Solano Beltran, and Sophia Cruz as Ad Hoc subcommittee members, that will meet and

work towards hosting the event. Members Vander May and Vazquez will co-chair the Ad Hoc Candidates Forum Subcommittee.

It was moved and seconded by Youth Council members Vazquez and Vander May respectively, to approve moving forward with planning a local candidates forum and to approve the formation of an ad hoc subcommittee.

Motion carried.

Members Bernal-Castro, Cruz, Chenoweth, Leon, Manian, Solano Beltran, Stone, Stump, Vander May, Vazquez and Zavala voted in favor.

3. Subject: Coastal Cleanup Creek Week 2024 – For information

Recommendation: That the Youth Council discuss their continued support for the 2024 Santa Barbara Creek Week and attend a beach cleanup on Saturday, September 21st.

Members Vander May, Leon, Bernal-Castro, Solano Beltran, Stone, and Chenoweth expressed interest in attending this event.

4. Subject: Fall 2024 Annual Recruitment for City Advisory Groups – For Discussion & Action

Recommendation: That the Youth Council discuss and approve the following dates for applicant interviews, taking place at the Franklin Neighborhood Center (1136 E. Montecito St).

- Monday, September 23, 2024 at 5:15 p.m. (Special Meeting – in Observance of Labor Day)
- Monday, October 7, 2024, at 5:15 p.m.
- Monday, October 21, 2024, at 5:15 p.m.

It was moved and seconded by Youth Council members Stump and Leon respectively, to approve the recommended dates for interview by the Youth Council.

Motion carried.

Members Bernal-Castro, Cruz, Chenoweth, Leon, Manian, Solano Beltran, Stone, Stump, Vander May, Vazquez and Zavala voted in favor.

5. Subject: Youth Making Change Final Grant Report – For Discussion

Recommendation: That the Youth Council review and complete the Youth Making Change Final Grant report due August 30th.

Youth Council Members reviewed the existing draft report and discussed additions and edits to the current draft. Member Stump agreed to conduct a final review and edit prior to submitting the report.

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.

Members provided updates about their leadership activities during the summer as well as current leadership projects taking place on their school campuses.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Next regular meeting: Franklin Neighborhood Center
 1136 E Montecito Street, CA 93103
 Monday, September 16, 2024
 Start at 5:15 p.m.