



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

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REGULAR MEETING

Monday, October 7, 2024

Franklin Neighborhood Center, 1136 E. Montecito Street

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jeremy Solano Beltran called the meeting to order at 5:17 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Youth Councilmembers Present

Chair, Jeremy Solano Beltran
Second Vice-Chair, Sagarika Manian
Secretary, Gwen Chenoweth (present at 5:30 p.m.)
Treasurer, Kieran Stone
Publicist, Sophia Cruz
Parlamentarian, Carlos Vazquez
Historian, Sindy Zavala
Ahtziri Bernal-Castro
Amerlia Vander May
Itzel Leon

Junior High Representatives

Amelia Leonardi – Junior High Representative

Staff Present

Nicole Morgan, Youth Council Advisor

Liaisons Present

None

Youth Council Members Absent

Vice Chair, Clara Stump (excused absence)

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

STAFF AND LIAISON COMMUNICATIONS

Speakers:

- Youth Council Advisor, Nicole Morgan

Youth Council Staff Liaison, Nicole Morgan, updated the Youth Council on an opportunity to attend a Community Environmental Council Climate Workshop, taking place on October 26th.

Additional updates included recent changes that now require advisory board applicants to schedule their interviews with the City Council.

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, September 23, 2024.

It was moved and seconded by Youth Council members Cruz and Manian respectively, to approve the minutes for the special meeting Monday, September 23, 2024.

Motion carried.

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

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Subject: Youth Council Applicant Interviews – For Information

Recommendation: That Youth Council interview students interested in applying to the Santa Barbara Youth Council during the Fall 2024 Advisory Board Recruitment Cycle.

Candidates Erik Gonzalez and Nicholas Gaston interviewed before the Youth Council.

2. Subject: Subcommittee Breakout Rooms – For Action

Recommendation: That the Youth Council meet in their respective breakout rooms to discuss current subcommittee tasks.

The Youth Council met in three groups, the Youth Making Change Subcommittee, the Ad Hoc 2024 Candidates Forum Subcommittee, and the Sunshine Subcommittee.

Youth Making Changed Subcommittee continued to review the grant application, due Friday, October 11, 2024. The Ad Hoc subcommittee reviewed event details and outreach strategies. The Sunshine Subcommittee created a list of initiatives with Advisor Morgan for the year 2024-2025. The Sunshine subcommittee discusses monthly seasonal activities to promote bonding between members.

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.

No Youth Council updates.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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