



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

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REGULAR MEETING

Monday, January 6, 2025

Franklin Neighborhood Center, 1136 E. Montecito St.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jeremy Solano Beltran called the meeting to order at 5:21 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Youth Council Members Present

Chair, Jeremy Solano Beltran
Vice Chair, Clara Stump
Second Vice-Chair, Sagarika Manian
Treasurer, Kieran Stone
Secretary, Gwen Chenoweth
Publicist, Sophia Cruz
Parlamentarian, Carlos Vazquez
Amelia Vander May

Junior High Representatives

Amelia Leonardi – Junior High Representative
Carter Saunders – not present

Staff Present

Nicole Morgan, Youth Council Advisor

Liaisons Present

None

Youth Council Members Absent

Historian, Sindy Zavala
Itzlel Leon
Ahtziri Bernal Castro
Rumi Jahangir-Arshad (excused)

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

STAFF AND LIAISON COMMUNICATIONS

Speakers:

- Youth Council Advisor Nicole Morgan

Advisor Morgan asked for volunteers to present updates before the Parks and Recreation Commission on Wednesday, January 29th. Carlos Vazquez and Amelia Vander May volunteered.

CONSENT ITEMS

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 of Monday, December 2, 2024.

It was moved and seconded by Youth Council members Manian and Vander May respectively, to approve the minutes for the regular meeting Monday, December 2, 2025. Motion carried.

Members Solano Beltran, Stump, Manian, Stone, Chenoweth, Cruz, Vazquez, and Vander May are in favor.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Subject: Youth Speak Out Event Planning – For Discussion

Recommendation: That the Youth Council continue to discuss the Youth Speak Out that will be held on Saturday, March 1, 2025.

Youth Council members assigned date a January 27th due date to the following tasks.

- Draft event flyer.
- Instagram Reel ideas using last year's captured content.
- Approve list of invited adult allies.
- Completed registration form, linked to draft flyer.

Youth Council Members discussed following up on the following event tasks during the Monday, January 27th special meeting.

- Streamlining titles for tables topics for environment and sustainability; public safety and safe space for teens, anti-discrimination, and mental wellness.
- Assign table discussions to members.
- Approve marketing materials to be send out by Wednesday, February 5th.

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

Recommendation: That the Youth Council discuss forming a small review board of members who will not be applying to the Harriet Miller Youth Leadership Award to select the winner for 2025.

It was moved and seconded by Youth Council Members Stump and Manian to approve of the creation of a subcommittee that includes the membership of Amelia Leonardi, Nicholas Gaston, and Carlos Vazquez.

Members Solano Beltran, Stump, Manian, Stone, Chenoweth, Cruz, Vazquez, and Vander May are in favor.

3. Subject: Youth Council Breakout Groups– For Discussion

Recommendation: That the Youth Council meet in subcommittees to discuss various projects.

The Youth Council met briefly in their assigned subcommittees to discuss assigning Youth Speak Out tasks to specific individuals.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

1. Subject: Youth Council Updates - For Information

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

- Amelia Vander May – discussed experiencing the Austria street market, commenting on how their community regularly comes together during these markets.
- Speeding tickets along coastal highways, and traffic cams, how can we confirm is that affects us.
- LA – lots of precautions for security for the global globes

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Next special meeting:

**Franklin Neighborhood Center
1136 E. Montecito Street
Monday, January 27, 2025**