

**City of Santa Barbara
Youth Council Meeting
January 4, 2016
MINUTES**

Meeting called to order at approximately 5:15 p.m. by Chairperson Scott Voulgaris.
Pledge of Allegiance was led by Youth Council Member Camille Cosio.

ROLL CALL

Members	Present	Absent
Acuna, Kevin	Yes	
Chittick, Ari	Yes	
Cosio, Camille	Yes	
Diaz, Cindy	Yes	
Getachew, Nathaniel		Yes
Noorsher, Zainab	Yes	
Rea, Manny		Yes
Steady, Jensen	Yes	
Thrift, Charles	Yes	
Trisler, Daniella	Yes	
Trosky, Ty	Yes	
Voulgaris, Scott	Yes	
Vacant Position		
Junior High School Representatives:		
Isabelle Andrews		Yes
Kristine Carrillo		Yes

STAFF PRESENT: Susan Young, Roberta Payan
LIAISONS: Cathy Murillo, City Councilwoman
GUESTS: Rob Dayton, SB Transportation
Peter Brown, SB Transportation

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA
None

PUBLIC COMMENTS
None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There were no minutes to approve.

STAFF/LIAISON REPORT

Staff gave brief updates to Youth Council members on upcoming invitations; spoke about community service hours.

PRESENTATIONS

City of Santa Barbara Bicycle Master Plan

Peter Brown, City Staff, spoke to the Youth Council about the upcoming Bicycle Master Plan. Mr. Brown gave a shorten version of the staff report presented to other boards and commission and explained the history behind the plan; the rationale behind it and the effects on the city. Youth Council members engaged in questions such as: Cost of the plan and if they would be seeking more funding; actual reporting of bicycle accidents; safety issues; parking issues and would more parking spaces be considered. Youth Council members also questioned educational aspect and whether or not policies or safety education would be implemented. There was a great interchange of discussion.

Sergio Garcia, SBCC Student, spoke under Public Comment and stated he was with Bike Club and expressed that he was in favor of the city having a comprehensive bike plan; he stated there have been bicycle accidents on Aliso Street and there were lots of students who used bicycle transportation and there needs to be a closing of the gap and more solid routes.

Eve Sanford, SB Bicycle Coalition, stated they supported a safe and more accessible bike route. Ms. Sanford stated more than just the “brave” should be able to ride bikes and this plan addresses some of the gaps.

STAND TALL Presentation – Postponed to later date.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no subcommittee reports.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Anti-bullying Campaign: Chair Charlie Thrift reported that the committee had been meeting and were proposing their workshop be held on February 22nd. The workshop would be designed for both parents and teens, held at the Davis Center. More details would be worked out but it would be to educate parents on cyberbullying and develop solutions with the teens. *It was moved and seconded by Youth Council members Charlie Thrift and Ty Trosky, respectively, to hold the Anti-Bullying Campaign event on Monday, February 22nd, at the Davis Center from 6 – 8 p.m. Motion carried.*

- b. Leadership Conference - *It was moved and seconded by Youth Council members Ari Chittick and Camille Cosio, respectively, to hold the Youth Council's Leadership Conference on April 9th.* The motion was carried unanimously.
- c. MLK, Jr. Celebration – Update information was given for the upcoming MLK, Jr. Day.
- d. Fundraising – There was no official update but Chair Trosky stated the group would be bringing information to the Youth Council about upcoming events.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. CPRS/NLC Conference – Staff discussed upcoming conferences in Long Beach and Washington, D.C. After brief discussion, *it was moved and seconded by Youth Council members Camille Cosio and Ari Chittick, respectively, the Youth Council members would participate in the Teen Leadership Academy at the CPRS Conference in Long Beach, March 11th. Motion carried unanimously.* It was agreed that the Youth Council should fundraise for the November NLC Conference.
- b. Meeting Schedule for January/February – *It was moved and seconded by Youth Council members Cindy Diaz and Ty Trosky, respectively, the Youth Council would meet on Monday, January 25th due to the holiday of January 18th.* Motion carried unanimously. *It was moved and seconded by Youth Council Members Ty Trosky and Kevin Acuna, respectively, the Youth Council would meet on February 8, 2016.* Motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

There were no Council Comments.

With no further comments, the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:30 p.m.

Susan C. Young
Recording Secretary