



City of Santa Clara

Meeting Minutes Youth Commission

11/12/2024

6:00 PM

Youth & Teen Center
2446 Cabrillo Avenue
Santa Clara, CA 95051

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

This meeting was called to order by Chair Liang at 6:02 p.m.

Present 13 - Commissioner Allysa Domensino, Commissioner Simren Garg, Commissioner Namita Gaidhani, Commissioner Srikha Gopiseti, Commissioner Julianna Arias Hernandez, Commissioner Neha Israni, Commissioner Ryan Kim, Commissioner Rebecca Kunze, Commissioner Kira Liang, Commissioner Malia Martin, Commissioner Hiranya Parekh, Commissioner Brian Rong, and Commissioner Samarth Suresh

Absent 2 - Commissioner Maryam Ismail, and Commissioner Samaira Mehta

A motion was made by Commissioner Suresh, seconded by Commissioner Parekh to excuse Commissioner Ismail and Commissioner Mehta from the November 12, 2024 meeting. The motion was carried by the following votes:

Aye: 13 - Commissioner Domensino, Commissioner Garg, Commissioner Gaidhani, Commissioner Gopiseti, Commissioner Arias Hernandez, Commissioner Israni, Commissioner Kim, Commissioner Kunze, Commissioner Liang, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner Parekh, Commissioner Rong, and Commissioner Suresh

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Ismail, and Commissioner Mehta

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. [24-1066](#) Action on the Youth Commission Minutes of October 8, 2024 Meeting

A motion was made by Commissioner Gaidhani, seconded by Commissioner Parekh that this item be recommended for approval. The motion was carried by the following votes:

Aye: 13 - Commissioner Domensino, Commissioner Garg, Commissioner Gaidhani, Commissioner Gopisetti, Commissioner Arias Hernandez, Commissioner Israni, Commissioner Kim, Commissioner Kunze, Commissioner Liang, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner Parekh, Commissioner Rong, and Commissioner Suresh

Excused: 2 - Commissioner Ismail, and Commissioner Mehta

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

None

GENERAL BUSINESS

2. [24-1069](#) Discussion and Possible Action on Youth Commission FY 2024/25 Work Plan & Goals

Commissioners took the time to choose the committee they wanted to work on from the three themes for the FY2024/25 Work Plan: Youth Empowerment, Public Outreach & Education, and Community Building. Each committee consists of 5-7 commissioners. The committees met for the first time on November 12, to start discussions on specific goals and activities to promote their respective theme.

STAFF REPORT

Gayle Ichiho, Parks & Recreation Supervisor discussed the upcoming volunteer opportunities which include Holiday Tree Lighting, Breakfast with Santa and Evening with Santa. Commissioners were encouraged to sign up to volunteer.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Chair Liang attended the Fall 2024 Conference of the California Association of Youth Commission (CAYC) where she received advice from Former U.S. Congresswoman Jackie Speier and U.S. Congressman-Elect Sam Liccardo regarding overcoming failure and doubt while in office. Chair Liang discussed how she gained a better understanding of Santa Clara County's free distribution of Narcan by mail, how other commissions have conducted voter registration drives, and how they have been urged to help youth advise their schools in developing policies in response to the Phone-Free School Act.

Commissioner Arias Hernandez promoted the Caltrain Holiday Train which an annual charity event that occurs in the Bay Area and raises money in collaboration with the Salvation Army. There will be stops at ten different stations on December 7th and 8th.

Commissioner Gaidhani talked about the Youth Commissioners who

volunteered at the Children's SpooktaClara Halloween party and helped manage a carnival game booth during the party.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Arias Hernandez, seconded by Commissioner Parekh that this meeting be adjourned at 6:14 p.m. The motion was carried by the following votes:

Aye: 13 - Commissioner Domensino, Commissioner Garg, Commissioner Gaidhani, Commissioner Gopisetti, Commissioner Arias Hernandez, Commissioner Israni, Commissioner Kim, Commissioner Kunze, Commissioner Liang, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner Parekh, Commissioner Rong, and Commissioner Suresh

Excused: 2 - Commissioner Ismail, and Commissioner Mehta

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