



City of Santa Clara

Meeting Minutes

Youth Commission

11/14/2023

6:00 PM

Teen Center
2446 Cabrillo Avenue
Santa Clara, CA 95051

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by **Chair Maben** at 6:05pm.

- Present** 11 - Commissioner Aarav Gupta , Commissioner Simren Garg, Commissioner Fatimah Ismail, Commissioner Namita Gaidhani, Commissioner Kira Liang, Commissioner Keith Maben, Commissioner Malia Martin, Commissioner Hiranya Parekh, Commissioner Sudeepthi Ravipati, Commissioner Samarth Suresh, and Commissioner Sarah Zuo
- Absent** 4 - Commissioner Maryam Ismail, Commissioner Khadeejah Khan, Commissioner Ryan Kim, and Commissioner Samaira Mehta

A motion was made by Commissioner Suresh, seconded by Chair Maben to excuse Commissioner Maryam Ismail, Commissioner Khan, Commissioner Kim, and Commissioner Mehta from the November 14th meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

- Aye:** 11 - Commissioner Gupta, Commissioner Garg, Commissioner Ismail, Commissioner Gaidhani, Commissioner Liang, Commissioner Maben, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner Parekh, Commissioner Ravipati, Commissioner Suresh, and Commissioner Zuo
- Absent:** 4 - Commissioner Ismail, Commissioner Khan, Commissioner Kim, and Commissioner Mehta

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 1.A [23-1293](#) Youth Commission Minutes of October 10, 2023

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

Aye: 11 - Commissioner Gupta, Commissioner Garg, Commissioner Ismail, Commissioner Gaidhani, Commissioner Liang, Commissioner Maben, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner Parekh, Commissioner Ravipati, Commissioner Suresh, and Commissioner Zuo

Excused: 4 - Commissioner Ismail, Commissioner Khan, Commissioner Kim, and Commissioner Mehta

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Derek Bryant, Recreation Coordinator, presented a Presidential Volunteer Service Award to Parth Chabara. Parth completed more than 115 volunteer hours in various organizations within the City of Santa Clara, which made him eligible for the Gold award for the Teen age category.

GENERAL BUSINESS

2. [23-1275](#) Receive Presentation on the De La Cruz Blvd./Coleman Ave. Bike Planning Project

City Staff, Carol Shariat presented the De La Cruz Blvd/Coleman Ave Bike Planning project. Youth Commissioners provided questions and feedback on draft design concepts.

3. [23-1199](#) Youth Commission FY2023/24 Work Plan & Goals

Commissioners continue their discussion on potential work plan and goals for FY2023/24. The discussion on themes continues to emphasize community building, public outreach, and youth engagement. Suggestions for workshops and activities, to focus on online resources for new residents, community service opportunities, and community events that can be implemented with minimal financial and time commitment.

STAFF REPORT

Gayle Ichiho, Parks & Recreation Supervisor, reported that our Parks & Recreation Department is an official certified organization of the Presidential Volunteer Service Award. Staff encourage students to be a volunteer for our upcoming programs and events. Upcoming events include the Annual Holiday Tree Lighting on Friday, December 1st at Central Park. Additional events for December are Nutcracker, Breakfast with Santa, and Evening with Santa.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Commissioner Gaidhani reported on the Santa Clara Sister Cities' hosting students from Izumo, Japan. She posted the application link and website information on the Youth Commission Instagram page.

Commissioner Maben reported he has talked to **City Council member, Karen Hardy** about setting up a walking tour at Silicon Valley Advanced

Water Purification Center for the Youth Commissioners. **Alternate Arias** shared information on the upcoming Caltrain Holiday Train. Volunteers will be decorating a special train that will stop at various stations, and will include performances. More information can be found at www.caltrain.com/holidaytrain.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn Commissioner Parekh, seconded by Commissioner Suresh, that this meeting be adjourned at 7:12 p.m. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 11 - Commissioner Gupta, Commissioner Garg, Commissioner Ismail, Commissioner Gaidhani, Commissioner Liang, Commissioner Maben, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner Parekh, Commissioner Ravipati, Commissioner Suresh, and Commissioner Zuo

Excused: 4 - Commissioner Ismail, Commissioner Khan, Commissioner Kim, and Commissioner Mehta

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