



City of Santa Clara

Meeting Minutes

Cultural Commission

01/06/2025

7:00 PM

Hybrid Meeting
Santa Clara Senior Center Room 205
1303 Fremont Street
Santa Clara, CA 95050

The City of Santa Clara is conducting the Cultural Commission meeting in a hybrid manner (in-person and a method for the public to participate remotely).

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CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Present 5 - Commissioner Abinas Roy, Commissioner Candida Diaz, Vice Chair Debra von Huene, Chair Jonathan Marinaro, and Commissioner Neetu Garg

Absent 1 - Commissioner Louis Samara

Chair Marinaro called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

A motion was made by Commissioner Diaz and seconded by Commissioner von Huene to excuse Commissioner Samara from the meeting.

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Roy, Commissioner Diaz, Vice Chair von Huene, Chair Marinaro, and Commissioner Garg

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Samara

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. [24-1165](#) Action on Cultural Commission Regular Meeting Minutes of November 4, 2024

Recommendation: Approve the Cultural Commission Regular Meeting Minutes of November 4, 2024

A motion was made by Commissioner Diaz and seconded by Commissioner Garg to approve the meeting minutes of November 4, 2024.

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Roy, Commissioner Diaz, Vice Chair von Huene, Chair Marinaro, and Commissioner Garg

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Samara

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

None.

GENERAL BUSINESS General Business items 2 and 3 were considered by the Commission out of order.

2. [24-1169](#) Discussion and Updates of the Cultural Commission's Work Plan Goals and Activities for FY 2024/25 and FY 2025/26

The Commission discussed progress made on the work plan items.

A motion was made by Commissioner von Huene and seconded by Commissioner Garg to invite staff from the Santa Clara School District Arts in Education program to present to the Cultural Commission at the February meeting.

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Roy, Commissioner Diaz, Vice Chair von Huene, Chair Marinaro, and Commissioner Garg

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Samara

3. [24-1211](#) Review and Recommend a Preferred Rainbow Crosswalk Location and Design to City Council

Recommendation: Review and Recommend a Preferred Rainbow Crosswalk Location and Design to City Council.

The Commission heard a presentation from **Michael Liw, Assistant Director of Public Works and Ajmal Puyehgar, Senior Traffic Engineer**, Department Public Works on the preferred "Rainbow Crosswalk" design and location. The Commission asked questions and reviewed potential options for the project.

A motion was made by Commissioner Diaz and seconded by Commissioner von Huene to recommend to the City Council that the Rainbow Crosswalk be installed at the south side of the intersection at Scott Blvd and Anna Drive, with the Rainbow painted in the ladder style.

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Roy, Commissioner Diaz, Vice Chair von Huene, Chair Marinaro, and Commissioner Garg

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Samara

STAFF REPORT

Communications Coordinator Eydie Mendoza shared social media analytics related to the Halloween and the Holiday home decorating contests. She also shared there was an email from a person who entered the contest that expressed frustration with the "same" winners being selected each year. Staff will follow up with the resident. See Post Meeting Material.

Recreation Manager Castro shared that 73 youth actors will audition this week for the Wizard of Oz and the Roberta Jones Jr. Theater staff will find roles for everyone. Registration for winter recreation programs is ongoing and classes begin the week of January 13.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

The Commissioners shared their personal reports and art experiences over the last month.

von Huene attended an interactive art show in Fairfield and saw a play by Theaterworks.

Marinaro visited the Maritime Museum in San Francisco.

Roy traveled to Bali.

Garg enjoyed the art exhibit in San Francisco International Airport.

Diaz attended the Santa Clara Parks & Recreation Department Nutcracker.

ADJOURNMENT

The next scheduled meeting of the Cultural Commission is on Monday, February 3, 2025.

A motion was made by Commissioner von Huene and seconded by Commissioner Diaz to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Roy, Commissioner Diaz, Vice Chair von Huene, Chair Marinaro, and Commissioner Garg

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Samara

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