



# City of Santa Clara

## Meeting Agenda

### Youth Commission

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Tuesday, April 8, 2025

6:00 PM

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

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#### CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

#### CONSENT CALENDAR

1. 25-391 [Action on the Youth Commission Meeting Minutes of March 11, 2025](#)

**Recommendation:** Approve the Youth Commission Meeting Minutes of March 11, 2025

#### PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

*[This item is reserved for persons to address the body on any matter not on the agenda that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the body. The law does not permit action on, or extended discussion of, any item not on the agenda except under special circumstances. The governing body, or staff, may briefly respond to statements made or questions posed, and appropriate body may request staff to report back at a subsequent meeting.]*

#### GENERAL BUSINESS

2. 25-392 [Discussion and Possible Action on Youth Commission FY 2024/25 Work Plan & Goals](#)

**Recommendation:** Discussion and possible action on the activities and efforts in support of the Youth Commission's Work Plan & Goals for FY2024/25.

#### STAFF REPORT

#### COMMISSIONERS REPORT

#### ADJOURNMENT

*The next scheduled meeting of the Youth Commission is on Tuesday, May 13, 2025 at 6:00 PM.*

#### MEETING DISCLOSURES

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## Agenda Report

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25-391

Agenda Date: 4/8/2025

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### REPORT TO YOUTH COMMISSION

#### SUBJECT

Action on the Youth Commission Meeting Minutes of March 11, 2025

#### RECOMMENDATION

Approve the Youth Commission Meeting Minutes of March 11, 2025

Prepared by: Gayle Ichiho, Recreation Supervisor

Reviewed by: Kim Castro, Recreation Manager

Approved by: Damon Sparacino, Director of Parks & Recreation

#### ATTACHMENTS

1. Draft - Youth Commission Meeting Minutes of March 11, 2025



# City of Santa Clara

## Meeting Minutes

### Youth Commission

03/11/2025

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 6:05 p.m.

- Present** 12 - Commissioner Simren Garg, Commissioner Namita Gaidhani, Commissioner Srikha Gopiseti, Commissioner Julianna Arias Hernandez, Commissioner Neha Israni, Commissioner Maryam Ismail, Commissioner Ryan Kim, Commissioner Rebecca Kunze, Commissioner Kira Liang, Commissioner Malia Martin, Commissioner Brian Rong, and Commissioner Samarth Suresh
- Absent** 3 - Commissioner Allysa Domensino, Commissioner Samaira Mehta, and Commissioner Hiranya Parekh

**A motion was made by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Arias Hernandez to excuse Commissioner Parekh, Commissioner Mehta, and Commissioner Domensino from the March 11, 2025 meeting. The motion was carried by the following votes:**

- Aye:** 12 - Commissioner Garg, Commissioner Gaidhani, Commissioner Gopiseti, Commissioner Arias Hernandez, Commissioner Israni, Commissioner Ismail, Commissioner Kim, Commissioner Kunze, Commissioner Liang, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner Rong, and Commissioner Suresh
- Absent:** 3 - Commissioner Domensino, Commissioner Mehta, and Commissioner Parekh

#### CONSENT CALENDAR

1. [25-265](#) Action on the Youth Commission Meeting Minutes of February 11, 2025

Amend with the following changes to the February 11, 2025 minutes:  
Change Commissioner Irani to Commissioner Israni under the Commissioners Report.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Suresh, seconded by Commissioner Gaidhani that this item be recommended for approval as amended. This motion was carried by the following votes:**

**Aye:** 12 - Commissioner Garg, Commissioner Gaidhani, Commissioner Gopiseti, Commissioner Arias Hernandez, Commissioner Israni, Commissioner Ismail, Commissioner Kim, Commissioner Kunze, Commissioner Liang, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner Rong, and Commissioner Suresh

**Excused:** 3 - Commissioner Domensino, Commissioner Mehta, and Commissioner Parekh

### **PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

None

### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

2. [25-267](#) Discussion and Possible Action on Youth Commission FY 2024/25 Work Plan & Goals

Commissioners continued to develop and plan their activities for the FY 2024/25 Work Plan.

**Community Building with Santa Clara residents:**

-The committee is continuing to plan the SC Hacks Hackathon. Due to low enrollment, they pushed back the event date to Saturday, April 4th. Committee is working on judges, donations for prizes, and recruiting participating teams.

- Harmony of Cultures, multicultural event will be held at the Teen Center on Saturday, April 26th. Committee is sending out invitations to local high school clubs to participate.

**Public Outreach and Education:**

-The committee will email QCorner to organize a possible NARCAN demonstration with the Library.

-The committee will continue to develop New Resident Welcome resource packets and suggestions for improving the publication, including: incorporating photos, currently utilizing free online translation services, publicizing the resource on various websites, and bookmarks with QR codes.

**Youth Empowerment:**

-The committee has suggested to do a panel discussion to support students to transition from middle school to high school. Committee will look into possible collaboration with Cabrillo Middle School's upcoming Open House on Thursday, April 3rd. Committee will recruit panel speakers and develop the structure of the discussion.

**STAFF REPORT**

**Gayle Ichiho, Recreation Supervisor**, stated the Parks & Recreation Spring/Summer Activity Guide is available and open for registration. Youth Commissioners were updated on the application process for the 2025/2026 term and stated 18-20 interviews will be held on Saturday, March 15, 2025 at the Youth & Teen Center. Also, informed Commissioners about upcoming Sunset Cinema that will be held on May 9, 2025.

**Jon Kawada, Recreation Coordinator** reminded Commissioners about the Breakfast with Bunny event on April 12, 2025 at the Senior Center and asked Commissioners to volunteer to greet attendees and serve food.

**COMMISSIONERS REPORT**

**Commissioner Rong** reported Lynbrook's AISA's annual showcase of South Asian Culture, Silsilay, will be held on March 15, 2025 in the Lynbrook High School auditorium. The event is open to the community with an admission fee. All proceeds from admissions will be going to charity. There will be two showings: 1:00-3:30 p.m. and 5:00-7:30 p.m.

**Commissioner Gaidhani** reported Sister Cities is looking for host families for the Izumo Japanese exchange students from March 25-31, 2025 and to attend their welcome party and a day at Great America.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Suresh, seconded by Commissioner Martin that this meeting be adjourned at 6:24 p.m.**

**The motion was carried by the following votes:**

**Aye:** 12 - Commissioner Garg, Commissioner Gaidhani, Commissioner Gopiseti, Commissioner Arias Hernandez, Commissioner Israni, Commissioner Ismail, Commissioner Kim, Commissioner Kunze, Commissioner Liang, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner Rong, and Commissioner Suresh

**Excused:** 3 - Commissioner Domensino, Commissioner Mehta, and Commissioner Parekh

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## Agenda Report

25-392

Agenda Date: 4/8/2025

### REPORT TO YOUTH COMMISSION

#### SUBJECT

Discussion and Possible Action on Youth Commission FY 2024/25 Work Plan & Goals

#### BACKGROUND

The Youth Commission develops an annual work plan through discussion of current trends and civic needs that relate to the youth and teen population. The annual work plan drives the activities of the Commission throughout the term. The Commission established goals over the past few terms, including promoting health and wellness, providing public outreach and education, and fostering community inclusiveness.

#### DISCUSSION

At the October 8, 2024, meeting, the Youth Commissioners adopted their work plan priorities and goals for this term. The work plan priorities include:

- **Public Outreach and Education:** online resources for Santa Clara residents and volunteering opportunities
- **Community Building** with our Santa Clara residents: community events and multicultural activities.
- **Youth Empowerment** in the community: teen talk podcasts, study support for high school students, and mental health challenges.

Commissioners have formed subcommittees for each priority to develop specific plans of action. At the April 8, 2025, meeting, subcommittee members will provide updates on their subcommittee activities and actions. (Attachment 1)

#### ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The action being considered does not constitute a “project” within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15378(b)(5) in that it is a governmental organizational or administrative activity that will not result in direct or indirect changes in the environment.

#### PUBLIC CONTACT

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**RECOMMENDATION**

Discussion and possible action on the activities and efforts in support of the Youth Commission's Work Plan & Goals for FY2024/25.

Prepared by: Gayle Ichiho, Recreation Supervisor

Reviewed by Kimberly Castro, Recreation Manager

Approved by: Damon Sparacino, Director of Parks & Recreation

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Youth Commission Work Plan FY 2024/25



**GOAL #1: Community Building with Santa Clara residents**

Objectives	Ad Hoc Sub-Committee	Timeline	Current Status
Provide Community Events and multicultural activities.	<u>Commissioners:</u> Srikha Gopiseti Brian Rong Mateo Espinal Namita Gaidhani Niharika Uppalapati Maryam Ismail	Spring 2025	The committee is continuing to plan the SC Hacks Hackathon. Due to low enrollment, they pushed back the event date to Saturday, April 4th. Committee will work on judges, donations for prizes, and recruiting participating teams.  - Harmony of Cultures, multicultural event will be held at the Teen Center on Saturday, April 26th. Committee will send out invitations to local high school clubs to participate.
Objectives	Ad Hoc Sub-Committee	Timeline	Current Status
Online resources for Santa Clara residents Welcome packets, period poverty, and volunteer opportunities	<u>Commissioners:</u> Neha Israni Kira Liang Ryan Kim Malia Martin Simren Garg	Spring 2025	The committee will email QCorner to organize a possible NARCAN demonstration with the Library & contact Karen Guzman.  The committee will continue to develop New Resident Welcome resource packets and suggestions for improving the

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			publication, including: incorporating photos, currently utilizing free online translation services, publicizing the resource on various websites, and bookmarks with a QR codes.
<b>GOAL #3: Youth Empowerment</b>			
<b>Objectives</b>	<b>Ad Hoc Sub-Committee</b>	<b>Timeline</b>	<b>Current Status</b>
Teen focused podcasts, Inclusive Maker Space workshop, and mental health challenge	<u>Commissioners:</u> Julie Arias Samarth Suresh Allysa Domensino Hiranya Parekh Samaira Mehta Aneesha Vemu Rebecca Kunze	Spring 2025	The committee has suggested to do a panel discussion to support students to transition from middle school to high school. Committee will look into possible collaboration with Cabrillo Middle School's upcoming Open House on Thursday, April 3rd. Committee will recruit panel speakers and develop the structure of the discussion.