



# City of Santa Clara

## Meeting Agenda

### Youth Commission

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Tuesday, May 12, 2026

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      26-486      [Discuss and Take Action on Youth Commission FY 2025/26 Work Plan & Goals](#)

**Recommendation:** Discuss and take action on the activities and efforts in support of the Youth Commission's Work Plan & Goals for FY 2025/26.

- 2      26-485      [Action on the Youth Commission Meeting Minutes of April 7, 2026](#)

**Recommendation:** Approve the Youth Commission Meeting Minutes of April 7, 2026

#### PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

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#### GENERAL BUSINESS

#### STAFF REPORT

#### COMMISSIONERS REPORT

#### ADJOURNMENT

*The next scheduled meeting of the Youth Commission is on Tuesday, September 8, 2026.*

## MEETING DISCLOSURES

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## Agenda Report

26-486

Agenda Date: 5/12/2026

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### REPORT TO YOUTH COMMISSION

#### **SUBJECT**

Discuss and Take Action on Youth Commission FY 2025/26 Work Plan & Goals

#### **BACKGROUND**

The Youth Commission develops an annual work plan through discussions 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 April 7, 2026 meeting, the Youth Commission updated committee reports for the FY2025/26 Work Plan: Youth Empowerment, Community Building, and Civic Engagement.

#### **Community Building Committee**

The committee hosted a SC Hackathon on March 21, 2026, at the Youth and Teen Center. There were three teams who competed to create a solution that would help youth health and well-being.

#### **Civic Engagement Committee**

The committee is planning to host a Narcan demonstration in collaboration with the City of Santa Clara Library. They are continuing their work on finalizing the welcome package.

#### **Youth Empowerment Committee**

The committee has completed their "What Can You Do with a Library Card?" video and has sent it to the City of Santa Clara Library for their review and approval.

#### **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**

Discuss and take action on the activities and efforts in support of the Youth Commission's Work Plan & Goals for FY 2025/26.

Prepared by: Rich Casem, Recreation Coordinator

Reviewed by: Kimberly Castro, Recreation Manager

Approved by: Damon Sparacino, Director of Parks & Recreation

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Youth Commission Work Plan 2025-26



<b>GOAL #1: Community Building with Santa Clara residents</b>			
<b>Objectives</b>	<b>Ad Hoc Sub-Committee</b>	<b>Timeline</b>	<b>Current Status</b>
Foster a culture of inclusivity, belonging, and connection among the Santa Clara youth.	<u>Commissioners:</u> Brian Rong Mateo Espinal Namita Gaidhani Niharika Uppalapati Drew Madriaga Srikha Gopiseti	Spring 2026	The committee hosted SC Hackathon on March 21, 2026 at the Youth and Teen Center. There were three teams who competed to create a solution that would help youth health and well-being.
<b>GOAL #2: Civic Engagement</b>			
<b>Objectives</b>	<b>Ad Hoc Sub-Committee</b>	<b>Timeline</b>	<b>Current Status</b>
Facilitate community outreach and education while providing better accessibility to City resources.	<u>Commissioners:</u> Neha Israni Malia Martin Ibrahim Rayees Ayaan Mathur Seoyun Chong	Spring 2026	The committee is planning to host a Narcan demonstration in collaboration with the City of Santa Clara Library. They are continuing their work on finalizing the welcome package.
<b>GOAL #3: Youth Empowerment</b>			
<b>Objectives</b>	<b>Ad Hoc Sub-Committee</b>	<b>Timeline</b>	<b>Current Status</b>
Empower the Santa Clara youth through opportunities to serve our community.	<u>Commissioners:</u> Julie Arias Samarth Suresh Rebecca Kunze Samaira Mehta Aneesha Vemu Alyssa Domensino	Spring 2026	The committee has completed their "What Can You Do with a Library Card?" video and has sent it to the City of Santa Clara Library for their review and approval.



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### REPORT TO YOUTH COMMISSION

#### **SUBJECT**

Action on the Youth Commission Meeting Minutes of April 7, 2026

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

Approve the Youth Commission Meeting Minutes of April 7, 2026

Prepared by: Rich Casem, Recreation Coordinator

Reviewed by: Kim Castro, Recreation Manager

Approved by: Damon Sparacino, Director of Parks & Recreation

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Draft- Youth Commission Meeting Minutes of April 7, 2026



# City of Santa Clara

## Meeting Minutes

### Youth Commission

04/07/2026

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 Namita Gaidhani at 6:04 p.m.

- Present** 11 - Commissioner Allysa Domensino, Commissioner Seoyun Chong, Commissioner Namita Gaidhani, Commissioner Srikha Gopiseti, Commissioner Julianna Arias Hernandez, Commissioner Drew Madriaga, Commissioner Rebecca Kunze, Commissioner Malia Martin, Commissioner Aneesha Vemu, Commissioner Brian Rong, and Commissioner Niharika Uppalapati
- Absent** 4 - Commissioner Mateo Espinal, Commissioner Neha Israni, Commissioner Samaira Mehta, and Commissioner Samarth Suresh

**A motion was made by Commissioner Vemu, seconded by Commissioner Domensino to excuse Commissioner Espinal, Commissioner Mehta, Commissioner Suresh, Commissioner Israni from the April 7, 2026 meeting. The motion was carried by the following votes:**

**Aye:** 11 - Commissioner Domensino, Commissioner Chong, Commissioner Gaidhani, Commissioner Gopiseti, Commissioner Arias Hernandez, Commissioner Madriaga, Commissioner Kunze, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner Vemu, Commissioner Rong, and Commissioner Uppalapati

**Absent:** 4 - Commissioner Espinal, Commissioner Israni, Commissioner Mehta, and Commissioner Suresh

#### CONSENT CALENDAR

- 1      [26-348](#)      Action to Approve the Youth Commission Minutes of the March 10, 2026 Meeting

**A motion was made by Commissioner Arias Hernandez, seconded by Commissioner Kunze that this item be recommended for approval. The motion was carried by the following votes:**

**Aye:** 11 - Commissioner Domensino, Commissioner Chong, Commissioner Gaidhani, Commissioner Gopiseti, Commissioner Arias Hernandez, Commissioner Madriaga, Commissioner Kunze, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner Vemu, Commissioner Rong, and Commissioner Uppalapati

**Excused:** 4 - Commissioner Espinal, Commissioner Israni, Commissioner Mehta, and Commissioner Suresh

2 [26-350](#) Discuss and Take Action on Youth Commission FY 2025/26 Work Plan & Goals

**Civic Engagement Committee**

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**Youth Empowerment Committee**

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**The motion was made by Commissioner Chong and seconded by Commissioner Gopiseti that this item be recommended for approval. The motion was carried by the following votes:**

**Aye:** 11 - Commissioner Domensino, Commissioner Chong, Commissioner Gaidhani, Commissioner Gopiseti, Commissioner Arias Hernandez, Commissioner Madriaga, Commissioner Kunze, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner Vemu, Commissioner Rong, and Commissioner Uppalapati

**Excused:** 4 - Commissioner Espinal, Commissioner Israni, Commissioner Mehta, and Commissioner Suresh

**PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

None

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

**STAFF REPORT**

**Mimi Nguyen, Teen Librarian**, reported the official Teen Library Card design has been chosen and the library has moved forward with 2 designs for the limited-edition card. A celebration will be held in May to present a gallery of all the design submissions and award the 3 winners. All teens are encouraged to get the limited-edition design and to attend the celebration. April 19 is the day of STEM Zone and we are looking for teen volunteers for two shifts: 9am-1pm or 1pm-5pm. Teens who are interested can reach out to Mimi or library staff to get connected. We are planning on showing the Youth Commission and Teen Library Leaders' library videos at STEM Zone. The library will be hosting upcoming study sessions in the Teen area on May 6 and 13 from 4-6:30pm. Snacks and drinks will be allowed during this time.

**Gayle Ichiho, Recreation Supervisor**, announced the upcoming Youth Commission meeting schedule. The final meeting of the 2025-26 term will be held on Tuesday, May 12, at the Youth & Teen Center. On May 19, the City Council will recognize both the Outgoing Youth Commissioners of the 2025-26 term and the Incoming Youth Commissioners of the 2026-27 term at the regular City Council meeting at City Hall.

**Rich Casem, Recreation Coordinator**, reported on the 2020- 2027 Youth Commission interviews. The interviews were conducted on March 14, 2026, at the Youth and Teen Center. There were 23 interviews.

**COMMISSIONERS REPORT**

**Commissioner Madriaga** and **Commissioner Gopisetti** reported on Santa Clara Unified School District Battle of the Schools. It is the first time between three schools, Wilcox, Santa Clara and MacDonald high schools. The event is April 10, 2026 from 6 - 8 p.m. at Santa Clara high school gym. It is a competition between schools and compete in dance competition and recreational games.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Uppalapati that this meeting be adjourned at 6:24 p.m. until the next regular meeting on May 12, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at the Youth and Teen Center. The motion was carried by the following votes:**

**Aye:** 11 - Commissioner Domensino, Commissioner Chong, Commissioner Gaidhani, Commissioner Gopiseti, Commissioner Arias Hernandez, Commissioner Madriaga, Commissioner Kunze, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner Vemu, Commissioner Rong, and Commissioner Uppalapati

**Excused:** 4 - Commissioner Espinal, Commissioner Israni, Commissioner Mehta, and Commissioner Suresh

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