



City of Santa Clara

Meeting Agenda

Youth Commission

Tuesday, March 11, 2025

6:00 PM

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

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

Recommendation: Approve the Youth Commission Meeting Minutes of February 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. 25-267 [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, April 8, 2025 at 6:00 PM.

MEETING DISCLOSURES

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Agenda Report

25-265

Agenda Date: 3/11/2025

REPORT TO YOUTH COMMISSION

SUBJECT

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

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the Youth Commission Meeting Minutes of February 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 February 11, 2025



City of Santa Clara

Meeting Minutes

Youth Commission

02/11/2025

6:00 PM

Youth & Teen Center
2446 Cabrillo Avenue
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CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

This meeting was called to order by Chair Liang at 6:04 p.m.

Present 14 - 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 Samaira Mehta, Commissioner Hiranya Parekh, Commissioner Brian Rong, and Commissioner Samarth Suresh

Absent 1 - Commissioner Maryam Ismail

A motion was made by Commissioner Suresh and seconded by Commissioner Israni to excuse Commissioner Ismail from February 11, 2025 meeting. The motion was carried by the following votes:

Aye: 14 - Commissioner Domensino, Commissioner Garg, Commissioner Gaidhani, Commissioner Gopiseti, Commissioner Arias Hernandez, Commissioner Israni, Commissioner Kim, Commissioner Kunze, Commissioner Liang, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner Mehta, Commissioner Parekh, Commissioner Rong, and Commissioner Suresh

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Ismail

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. [25-154](#) Action on the Youth Commission Meeting Minutes of January 14, 2025

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

Aye: 14 - Commissioner Domensino, Commissioner Garg, Commissioner Gaidhani, Commissioner Gopisetti, Commissioner Arias Hernandez, Commissioner Israni, Commissioner Kim, Commissioner Kunze, Commissioner Liang, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner Mehta, Commissioner Parekh, Commissioner Rong, and Commissioner Suresh

Excused: 1 - Commissioner Ismail

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

City of Santa Clara resident suggested for Youth Commission to consider TikTok security as a topic for Hackathon event.

GENERAL BUSINESS

2. [25-155](#)**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:

- Committee created a team building activity & presented at the Sister Cities Welcome party on January 25th.
- The committee is planning on hosting a SC Hacks - Hackathon event on March 22 hosted at the Teen Center. Committee delegated responsibilities for marketing, recruiting participants, judges, set up needs, and food options.
- Harmony of Cultures, multicultural event will be held at the Teen Center on April 26th. Committee delegated responsibilities for marketing, recruiting high school cultural clubs, entertainment, and food options.

Public Outreach and Education:

- Committee shared a brief list of education-related to the SCUSD CalKIDS - a program that provides saving accounts for eligible students' post-secondary education including vocational schools and college. Provided a resource flyer regarding AB 288, which informs students of their protections against scholarship displacement
- The committee provided information regarding the Santa Clara County's Valley Water Refill Stations Grant Initiative: aims to provide funding for installing water refill stations to increase access to clean drinking water.
- Youth Commission social media account, completed a post highlighting the Magical Bridge Playground, and added resources offering affordable clothing and free meals to the New Residents' Welcome Package Project.

Youth Empowerment:

- The committee has drafts of recorded podcasts on the topic of education reform. Further discussions on other teen topics for future podcasts and Santa Clara Speaks event in April.

STAFF REPORT

Gayle Ichiho, Parks & Recreation Supervisor, announced the Youth Commission applications for FY2025-26 term are available and due March 3rd. Parent informational meeting is on February 26 at 6:00 p.m. hosted at the Teen Center. Interviews will be held on March 15th at the Teen Center.

Karen Guzman, Youth Services Librarian, presented upcoming Library Teen programs: Teen Dating Violence Awareness month presentation for February 12; SQL teen workshop, hands on sessions on February 22 at Central Park Library; Teens Teach Presentation AI on February 25; Navigating College applications virtual workshop on March 11; upcoming Teen Library leaders meeting and Community services monthly meetings.

Jon Kawada, Parks & Recreation Coordinator, requested volunteers for the Breakfast with the Bunny event held on April 12 from 8:30-12:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Commissioner Irani attended an open-to-all community conversation hosted by the nonprofit Asian Law Alliance, who expressed interest in collaborating with the Youth Commission for an AAPI Women's Mentorship Program. Also attended the State of the District (D4), and talked to the Q Corner about their resources for queer youth and the NARCAN administration for future demonstrations. D4 Supervisor Susan Ellenberg also offered her support.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Suresh, seconded by Commissioner Parekh that this meeting be adjourned at 6:30 p.m. The motion was carried by the following votes:

Aye: 14 - Commissioner Domensino, Commissioner Garg, Commissioner Gaidhani, Commissioner Gopisetti, Commissioner Arias Hernandez, Commissioner Israni, Commissioner Kim, Commissioner Kunze, Commissioner Liang, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner Mehta, Commissioner Parekh, Commissioner Rong, and Commissioner Suresh

Excused: 1 - Commissioner Ismail

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Agenda Report

25-267

Agenda Date: 3/11/2025

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 March 11, 2025, meeting, committee members will provide updates on their committee 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

Public contact was made by posting the Youth Commission agenda on the City’s official-notice bulletin board outside City Hall Council Chambers. A complete agenda packet is available on the City’s website and in the City Clerk’s Office at least 72 hours prior to a Regular Meeting and 24 hours prior to a Special Meeting. A hard copy of any agenda report may be requested by contacting the City Clerk’s Office at (408) 615-2220, email clerk@santaclaraca.gov or at the public information desk at any City of Santa Clara public library.

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
<p>Provide Community Events and multicultural activities.</p>	<p><u>Commissioners:</u> Srikha Gopiseti Brian Rong Mateo Espinal Namita Gaidhani Niharika Uppalapati Maryam Ismail</p>	<p>Spring 2025</p>	<p>Committee created a team building activity & presented at the Sister Cities Welcome party on January 25th.</p> <p>SC Hacks – Hackathon event to be planned on March 22 hosted at the Teen Center from 8am-8pm. Committee delegated responsibilities for marketing, recruiting participants, judges, set up needs, and food options.</p> <p>Harmony of Cultures event will be held at the Teen Center on April 26th. No further action at this time</p>



GOAL #2: Public Outreach and Education			
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	<p>Committee shared a brief list of education-related to the SCUSD CaKIDS: a program that provides saving accounts for eligible students' post-secondary education including vocational schools and college. Provided a resource flyer regarding AB 288, which informs students of their protections against scholarship displacement</p> <p>Provided information regarding the Santa Clara County's Valley Water Refill Stations Grant Initiative: aims to provide funding for installing water refill stations to increase access to clean drinking water.</p>

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			<p>Youth Commission social media account, completed a post highlighting the Magical Bridge Playground, and added resources offering affordable clothing and free meals to the New Residents' Welcome Package Project</p>
<p>GOAL #3: Youth Empowerment</p>			
<p>Objectives</p>	<p>Ad Hoc Sub-Committee</p>	<p>Timeline</p>	<p>Current Status</p>
<p>Teen focused podcasts, Inclusive Maker Space workshop, and mental health challenge</p>	<p><u>Commissioners:</u> Julie Arias Samarth Suresh Allysa Domensino Hiranya Parekh Samaira Mehta Aneesha Vemu Rebecca Kunze</p>	<p>Spring 2025</p>	<p>Committee have drafts of recorded podcasts on the topic of Education Reform. Further discussions upon other teen topics for future podcasts and Santa Clara Speaks event in April.</p>