



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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