



City of Santa Clara

Meeting Minutes

Cultural Commission

02/02/2026

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

The meeting was called to order by Chair von Huene at 7:02 p.m.

Present 6 - Commissioner Abinas Roy, Vice Chair Candida Diaz, Commissioner Charles Pontious, Chair Debra von Huene, Commissioner Kuku Das, and Commissioner Neetu Garg

Absent 1 - Commissioner Louis Samara

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. [26-94](#) Action on the Cultural Commission Regular Minutes of January 5, 2026

A motion was made by Vice Chair Diaz and seconded by Commissioner Pontious to approve the minutes from the January 5, 2026 meeting.

Aye: 6 - Commissioner Roy, Vice Chair Diaz, Commissioner Pontious, Chair von Huene, Commissioner Das, and Commissioner Garg

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Samara

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

None.

GENERAL BUSINESS

2. [26-95](#) Discussion and Potential Action on Cultural Commission Work Plan and Activities for FY 2025/26
- The Commission discussed Work Plan and provided updates. No action was taken.

STAFF REPORT

None.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Chair von Huene attended the SVCCreates Municipal Round Table meeting on Jan. 27 and shared information about a program titled Make Music Day that the City of San Jose participates in and hoped to explore how the Commission can get involved. The Commission created a sub-committee with Commissioners Pontious, Roy, and Das to gain more information on an event in Santa Clara. She also shared about participating in the Lunar New Year event with the Commission, saying it was highly successful and recommends participating again in 2027. Chair von Huene also participated in the Martin Luther King Jr. Choral Reading at the Central Library and attended the Super Bowl LX Flag Raising at Levi's Stadium that included a visit to the 49er Museum.

Vice Chair Diaz went on a trip to Southern California and attended a lacrosse tournament and visited the Griffith Observatory and Pismo Beach.

Commissioner Das attended the Martin Luther King Jr. Choral Reading at the Central Library, Lunar New Year event and Super Bowl LX Flag Raising at Levi's Stadium. Visited Citrus Heights and noted they have the Utility Box Painting artists.

Commissioner Roy attended the Super Bowl LX Flag Raising event at Levi's Stadium and participated in a weekend yoga retreat.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Vice Chair Diaz and seconded by Commissioner Pontious to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 p.m.

Aye: 6 - Commissioner Roy, Vice Chair Diaz, Commissioner Pontious, Chair von Huene, Commissioner Das, and Commissioner Garg

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Samara

The next regular meeting of the Cultural Commission is scheduled for Monday, March 2, 2026.

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