



City of Santa Clara

Meeting Minutes Youth Commission

02/13/2024

6:00 PM

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

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by **Chair Maben** at 6:03pm.

- Present** 12 - Commissioner Aarav Gupta , Commissioner Fatimah Ismail, Commissioner Namita Gaidhani, Commissioner Maryam Ismail, Commissioner Kira Liang, Commissioner Keith Maben, Commissioner Malia Martin, Commissioner Samaira Mehta, Commissioner Hiranya Parekh, Commissioner Sudeepthi Ravipati, Commissioner Samarth Suresh, and Commissioner Sarah Zuo
- Absent** 3 - Commissioner Simren Garg, Commissioner Khadeejah Khan, and Commissioner Ryan Kim

A motion was made by Commissioner Maben, seconded by Commissioner Parekh to excuse Commissioner Khan, Commissioner Garg, and Commissioner Kim from the February 13, 2024 meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

- Aye:** 12 - Commissioner Gupta, Commissioner Ismail, Commissioner Gaidhani, Commissioner Ismail, Commissioner Liang, Commissioner Maben, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner Mehta, Commissioner Parekh, Commissioner Ravipati, Commissioner Suresh, and Commissioner Zuo

- Absent:** 3 - Commissioner Garg, Commissioner Khan, and Commissioner Kim

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 1.A** [24-68](#) Action on the Youth Commission Minutes of the January 9, 2024 Meeting

Recommendation: Approve the Youth Commission Meeting Minutes of January 9, 2024.

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

Aye: 12 - Commissioner Gupta, Commissioner Ismail, Commissioner Gaidhani, Commissioner Ismail, Commissioner Liang, Commissioner Maben, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner Mehta, Commissioner Parekh, Commissioner Ravipati, Commissioner Suresh, and Commissioner Zuo

Excused: 3 - Commissioner Garg, Commissioner Khan, and Commissioner Kim

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

None

GENERAL BUSINESS

2. [24-82](#) Youth Commission FY 2023/24 Work Plan & Goals

- **Community Building:** Follow up with Pacific Gardens-Assisted Living & Memory facility to volunteer, mail potential speakers for the Santa Clara Speaks (SC Speaks) event for April 5th. Create and brainstorm activities for the SC Speaks event. Food Spotlight visit featuring Somi Somi on February 23rd at 6pm. Next meeting will be held on February 23, 2024 at 6:30pm.
- **Public Outreach and Education:** Research regarding youth voting in SC County. Design flyer for voter registration promotion for high school students. Follow up with all Commissioners on biographies and posting on Youth Commission Instagram. Next meeting will be held on February 24, 2024 at 10:00am on Zoom.
- **Youth Engagement and Empowerment:** Develop ideas for Podcast topics and research partnerships in mental health. Decide on Sunset Cinema date and activities. Next meeting will be held on February 20, 2024 at 5:00pm on Zoom.

STAFF REPORT

Jon Kawada, Recreation Coordinator: Youth Commission applications for the 2024/25 term are now available. Applications are due Monday, March 4th. Applicants must be City of Santa Clara residents between the ages of 12-19. Applicants must complete the application and, if selected, participate in an interview. Interviews will be held on Saturday, March 16th. Applications are available on the Youth Commission's website page, www.SantaClaraCA.gov/YouthCommission Applications will also be available at Parks & Recreation facilities and City Libraries. Also, the Parks & Recreation Department is hosting the Breakfast with the Bunny event on March 23rd at the Senior Center. We are looking for volunteers to help serve breakfast and provide activities.

Gayle Ichiho, Recreation Supervisor: The month of March is celebrated as Youth Arts Month. The City of Santa Clara is committed to support the youth arts and the Santa Clara County Office of Education. The City of Santa Clara encourages arts in our classrooms and celebrate students' creativity, inspiration, and joy through artistic expression. This year's 2024 young artist showcase theme is the Arts are Culture! Electronic submissions are being accepted until April 1st. For more information, visit <https://sccoe.to/youngartistshowcase>

Karen Guzman, Youth Services Librarian II: Staff announced that the Youth Services Division will host the following programs at the Santa Clara Library such as: Teen Teach, Tea and Entrepreneurship, Safe Space, Real World Computer Science, and FAFSA-Thon information sessions.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

None

ADJOURNMENT

**A motion was made by Commissioner Suresh seconded by Commissioner Parekh, that this meeting be adjourned at 6:25pm.
The motion was carried by the following vote:**

Aye: 12 - Commissioner Gupta, Commissioner Ismail, Commissioner Gaidhani, Commissioner Ismail, Commissioner Liang, Commissioner Maben, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner Mehta, Commissioner Parekh, Commissioner Ravipati, Commissioner Suresh, and Commissioner Zuo

Excused: 3 - Commissioner Garg, Commissioner Khan, and Commissioner Kim

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