



# City of Santa Clara

## Meeting Minutes

### Cultural Commission

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12/01/2025

7:00 PM

Hybrid Meeting  
Santa Clara Senior Center  
Room 205  
1303 Fremont Street  
Santa Clara, CA 95050

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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).

Via Zoom:

<https://santaclaraca.zoom.us/j/82207705371>

Meeting ID: 822 0770 5371

Or join by phone: 669-900-6833

#### **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

**The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Diaz at 7:02 p.m.**

**Present** 6 - Commissioner Abinas Roy, Vice Chair Candida Diaz, Commissioner Charles Pontious, Commissioner Kuku Das, Commissioner Louis Samara, and Commissioner Neetu Garg

**Absent** 1 - Chair Debra von Huene

**A motion was made by Commissioner Samara and seconded by Commissioner Pontious to excuse Chair von Huene from the meeting.**

**Aye:** 6 - Commissioner Roy, Vice Chair Diaz, Commissioner Pontious, Commissioner Das, Commissioner Samara, and Commissioner Garg

**Absent:** 1 - Chair von Huene

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

[25-1674](#) Action on the Cultural Commission Regular Minutes of November 3, 2025

**Recommendation:** Approve the Cultural Commission Regular Meeting Minutes of November 3, 2025

**A motion was made by Commissioner Samara and seconded by Commissioner Garg to approve the minutes from the Nov. 3, 2025 meeting.**

**Aye:** 6 - Commissioner Roy, Vice Chair Diaz, Commissioner Pontious, Commissioner Das, Commissioner Samara, and Commissioner Garg

**Excused:** 1 - Chair von Huene

### **PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

None.

### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

[25-1675](#) Discussion and Potential Action on Cultural Commission Work Plan and Activities for FY 2025/26

**Recommendation:** Discuss and potentially take action on the Cultural Commission work plan and activities for FY 2025/26.

The Commission discussed the Cultural Commission's Work Plan Goals and Activities for FY 2025/26 and no action was taken.

### **STAFF REPORT**

Manager Castro presented an update on the Arts Master Plan Project. She will be meeting with the Purchasing Division to discuss the statement of work and schedule for noticing. The Commission was invited to participate in the Annual Holiday Tree Lighting event on Friday, Dec. 5, 2025.

### **COMMISSIONERS REPORT**

Commission Pontious invited the Commission to attend the 2025 Historic Home Tour on Friday, Dec. 5 through Saturday, Dec. 6. Proceeds to benefit the Harris Lass Mansion. Commissioner Roy attended a Tech Expo in the city which had over 100 student attendees present.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Samara and seconded by Commissioner Roy to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m.**

**Aye:** 6 - Commissioner Roy, Vice Chair Diaz, Commissioner Pontious, Commissioner Das, Commissioner Samara, and Commissioner Garg

**Excused:** 1 - Chair von Huene

The next meeting of the Cultural Commission is scheduled for Monday, Jan. 5, 2026, 7 p.m.

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