



**City-School Liaison Committee
MEETING AGENDA**

**May 6, 2026
11:45 AM**

Location: Santa Clara City Hall – Council Chambers | 1500 Warburton Ave, Santa Clara CA 95050

City Committee Members

Councilmember, Albert Gonzalez (Chair)
Mayor, Lisa M. Gillmor
Councilmember, Raj Chahal
Councilmember, Suds Jain (*Alternate*)

School District Committee Members

Board Member, Jodi Muirhead
Board Member, Andy Ratermann
Board Member, Kathy Watanabe
Superintendent, Dr. Damon Wright

City Staff in Attendance

City Manager, Jōvan D. Grogan
Director of Parks and Recreation, Damon Sparacino
Police Chief, Cory Morgan
Assistant Police Chief, Wahid Kazem
City Librarian, Patty Wong
Director of Community Development, Afshan Hamid
Management Analyst, Aimée Escobar

School District Staff in Attendance

Director, School Bond Projects, Larry Adams
Director, Facility Development & Planning, Michal Healy
Director of Communications & Community Engagement,
Jennifer Dericco

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Chair

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

GENERAL BUSINESS

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| <p>1. Approval of Minutes: March 4, 2026, Minutes</p> <p>2. City of Santa Clara: Update from City Manager Jōvan D. Grogan</p> <p>3. Santa Clara Unified School District (SCUSD): Update from Superintendent Dr. Damon Wright</p> <p>4. Santa Clara Unified School District Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Construction Update
<i>Larry Adams, Director - School Bond Projects</i> b. FIFA Events, Facilities & Capital Development Update
<i>Michal Healy, Director - Facility Development & Planning</i> c. City and School Facilities: Public Usage & Availability
<i>Andy Ratermann, Board Member</i> <p>5. City of Santa Clara Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Community Development Department Update | <p>Chair</p> <p>City</p> <p>SCUSD</p> <p>SCUSD</p> <p>City</p> |
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Afshan Hamid, Director of Community Development

b. Library Update

Patty Wong, City Librarian

1. STEM Zone update
2. Summer Adventure
3. Student Library Card Update

c. Parks & Recreation Update

Damon Sparacino, Director of Parks & Recreation

6. Remaining 2026 Meeting Schedule

(Informational Only, No Action)

All

- Wednesday, September 2, 2026 (11:45am – 1:15pm) SCUSD
- Wednesday, November 4, 2026 (11:45am – 1:15pm) City

ADJOURNMENT



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DRAFT MINUTES

City-School Liaison Committee
Santa Clara Unified School District Offices
March 4, 2026

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

CITY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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Library Programs Coordinator, Rachel Schmidt
Community Development Planning Manager, Lesley Xavier
Management Analyst, Aimée Escobar

SCHOOL DISTRICT STAFF

Director, School Bond Projects, Larry Adams
Deputy Superintendent/CBO, Mark Schiel
Director, Facility Development & Planning, Michal Healy
Director of Communications & Community Engagement, Jennifer Dericco
Executive Assistant, Jean Burrell

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Jodi Muirhead at 11:50AM.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

One presentation. Parent of one of the district's students and part of the 4-H Club stated that they would like the district to work more with the students at the 4-H club.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Item 1: Approval of November 12, 2025, Minutes

Member Jain made a motion to approve November 12, 2025, meeting minutes, seconded by Member Watanabe. The motion passed unanimously.

Item 2: City of Santa Clara: Update from City Manager Jōvan D. Grogan

- a. **Super Bowl Update: 02/08/2026.** Described the public safety efforts and how well collaboration occurred with external/regional public safety partnerships. Mentioned FIFA: June 13-July 1, 2026 – 6 games.
- b. **Santa Clara Day: 02/28/2026.** Community day at Levi's Stadium with activities and music. It was a free event for Santa Clara residents.
- c. **Measure I Bond:** 1st phase of bonds approved, and has begun – Fire stations and swim center are included in the 1st phase of work.
- d. **February 11, 2026 Intel Development Review:** Approved at the Planning Commission level. Aimed at keeping manufacturing in Silicon Valley. Project broke ground within one year as requested by Intel. Adds to property

tax income for the City of Santa Clara. Member Ratterman inquired as to the size of the facility, City Manager Grogan stated that it is 101,971 square feet.

Item 3: Santa Clara Unified School District (SCUSD): Update from Superintendent Dr. Damon Wright

- a. **Community Engagement:** The right-size plan has been approved by the Board with layoff notices going out on March 15, 2026. The deadline to finalize layoff notices is May 15, 2026.
Mission Vision/Strategic Plan: Launched on February 15, 2026. Community engagement will occur, dates forthcoming.

Member Gillmor inquired about enrollment levels. Member Schiel replied that kindergarten enrollment is declining. Declining birth rates in California affect the enrollment levels. Downward enrollment is projected as a future trend. Member Healy stated that for every 10-town homes built there are 1.8 students enrolling and 2 students per 100 apartment homes built.

Member Schiel stated there are 730 empty seats throughout the district next year, there is room to accommodate new students. Superintendent Wright also mentioned that Scott Lane is losing 9 teachers with layoffs, teachers from other schools will be shifted to that school and that layoffs are done by seniority not by location. In addition, Member Schiel mentioned that 19-20% of staff are within the retirement window and schools will be losing the veteran work force upon retirement.

Member Healy stated that the Tasman East development generated 15 new students to the District. City Manager Grogan replied that student generation/more projects are in development of lower density (town homes/single family) that will generate more students to the district.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Private schools and enrollment, how does this affect new enrollment to the district? Member Schiel stated that it created a slight uptick in numbers when one of the private schools closed in 2025 and other private schools had waiting lists. He also mentioned that schools are funded based on local property taxes not on the number of students who attend class/school. As a result, there is little to no state funds given to the District. Volatility of property taxes severely affects the District's budget received.

- b. **Super Bowl Update: Buchser/Townsend Field:** Update given under item 4.c – Facilities & Capital Development Update.

Item 4: Santa Clara Unified School District Updates:

- a. **New Valley High School Relocation Update**

Mark Schiel, Deputy Superintendent/CBO

Board approved the plans on January 22, 2026, Board for development and placement and are keeping it as small to retain as much green space as possible. New parking will be added to the campus as the community has asked for more on-site parking to decrease parking in the neighborhood, 80 spaces will be added. Existing traffic circulation will be utilized; no new access will be created. Design of the building has begun (master plan) and should be submitted to CEQA in December 2026. July 2027 is the projected groundbreaking. DSA and CEQA may delay the groundbreaking due to processing delays and/or red flags. School Districts are held to the highest DSA standards. Projected to open 2029 school year.

- b. **Construction Update**

Larry Adams, Director - School Bond Projects

Laurelwood: To be completed Summer 2026.

Briarwood: 2 new classroom buildings and improvements in frontage. A permanent easement is being processed to correct the property line adjustment.

Bracker: Buildings should be occupied by the end of 2026. Rain and DTSC delayed the project due to toxic soil removal on site. Currently locating topsoil to import to replace toxic soil that was removed (1600 truckloads), must be approved by DTSC. All soil imported must be tested before placement.

Westwood: Constructing a new multipurpose building in the middle of campus that ought to be completed by the end of 2026.

Pool Modernization at Santa Clara High School: To be completed Summer 2026. Wilcox HS will begin after completion of Santa Clara HS and includes the addition of restrooms.

c. **Facilities & Capital Development Update**

Michal Healy, Director - Facility Development & Planning

- **Bucsher Townsend:** Event occurred on February 1, 2026. Will transform the area, currently in design and will break ground December 2026/January 2027 and will take about 1 year to construct. Member Ratterman inquired about what is being done to the field. Director Healy replied that there will be a natural grass field, synthetic track, bleacher replacement, replacement and upgraded bathrooms, new lighting and score board. Funds are a combination of Super Bowl/NFL and district.
- **FIFA Events:** City Manager Grogan stated that agreements for events were finalized at the last minute due to location/venue holdouts for a higher pay out with NFL for Super Bowl. Many venues are also team specific, and it depends on who makes it to the Super Bowl. It is not anticipated that this would occur with FIFA events.
FIFA events are currently TBD but Santa Clara will be the kick off City of FIFA. FIFA is still determining what they will plan/host outside of the Stadium. Santa Clara will stay in close communication with the District as events are planned. Member Muirhead asked about outside events – San Jose & San Francisco, will this also occur with FIFA that they hold the majority of events? City Manager Grogan replied that Santa Clara does not have the same infrastructure as these cities to hold such events, but it is also the decision of FIFA as to where to hold external events and they are looking regionally for these events and as did Super Bowl/NFL. Member Schiel stated that he knows that Director Healy has been working with the City about District facilities for FIFA events, however, others are inquiring about using the facilities and it would be best if they could know as soon as possible about facilities so they may release those not being used to others.

Item 5: City of Santa Clara Updates:

a. **Community Development Department Update**

Community Development Planning Manager, Lesley Xavier provided the update in Director Hamid's absence.

- **3625 Peterson:** Application withdrawn for 292 town homes. Was a light industrial site to be converted to housing. Will now revert to light industrial and the expansion of Palo Alto Medical on site.
- **2490 El Camino/Mariani:** Application to demolish buildings and build 118 town homes was submitted recently.
- 422 out of 531 are market homes built in 2025
- 3500 housing unit permits issued in 2025

b. **Library**

Patty Wong, City Librarian & Rachel Schmidt, Library Programs Coordinator

- **STEM Zone, April 19 10-4 p.m.**
Part of the "Mission Meets the Moment" campaign and involves SCUSD students. There will be 90,000 square feet of interactive events at the Santa Clara Convention Center. Working with all the local community colleges to contribute to the activities. Heavy sports theme throughout.
- **Student Success Library Card**
Will be in the 2027 enrollment packet for students. (Free library resources)
- **Teen Library Card Design Contest**
29 art entries were received for the new library cards, 20 were from SCUSD. Narrowing down to 5 selections to vote on within this demographic and the winner will be the printed card issued by the library

Member Comments:

- Member Gonzales asked that street closures for FIFA be communicated as soon as possible to minimize the impact on students. City Manager Grogan replied that the FIFA games begin after June 13th and mainly occur in the evening so there should be a minimal impact.

- Member Jain inquired if there is a way to keep the Wilcox Tennis Courts open to public for the summer. Member Ratterman would also like for SCUSD to look at possibly opening other facilities over the Summer for joint use. SCUSD will look into this and the financial impact of doing so.

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ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned by Chair Muirhead at 1:01PM.



**Parks &
Recreation
Department**

**City – SCUSD
Liaison Committee Update**

May 6, 2026

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Park Project Updates

- 1. International Swim Center Rehabilitation Phase 1**
- 2. Central Park Entrance & Access Project**
- 3. Henry Schmidt Park Rehabilitation Project**
- 4. Warburton Park Playground Rehabilitation Project**
- 5. Bowers Park Parking Lot Rehabilitation Project**

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International Swim Center Rehabilitation Phase 1

Project Description

This project includes replacement of pool decking; upgrades to mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems; rehabilitation of the existing three pools (dive pool, racing pool, and warm-up pool) to meet current aquatic, county health, building code, and accessibility standards.

Potential Impacts to School

Indirect for pedestrian and/or bike routes with partial road closures along Patricia Drive and pathways adjacent to ISC



Project estimate \$31 million



International Swim Center Rehabilitation Phase 1 (cont.)



Central Park New Entrance, Access, & Parking Improvements

Project Description

This project includes pavement maintenance and rehabilitation of the Pavilion parking lot; construction of a new entrance into Central Park; concrete pathway upgrades; and installation of electric vehicle charging stations.

Potential Impacts to School

Partial road closure on Keily Blvd. along with sidewalk closures



Project estimate \$7.2 million



Central Park New Entrance, Access, & Parking Improvements (cont.)



Henry Schmidt Park Playground Rehabilitation Project

Project Description

This park renovation project includes utility, and landscaping, new playground with areas for ages 2–5 and 6–12; picnic and fitness amenities; pathway, parking, lighting improvements and restroom accessibility upgrades, all while maintaining the park's "Train" theme.

Potential Impacts to School

Indirect impacts to Westwood Elementary School



Project estimate \$6.2 million



Henry Schmidt Park Playground Rehabilitation Project (cont.)



Bowers Park Parking Lot Rehabilitation Project

Project Description

Parking lot rehabilitation and installation of electric vehicle charging stations and solar canopy.

Potential Impacts to School

- Cabrillo MS or Bowers ES school drop-off and pick-up
- Indirect for pedestrian and/or bike routes with temporary sidewalk and park pathway closures



Project estimate \$2.5 million



Bowers Park Parking Lot Rehabilitation Project (cont.)



Warburton Park Playground Rehabilitation Project

Project Description

This neighborhood park renovation project includes earthwork, utility, and landscaping improvements; a new play area; picnic areas; hardscape and perimeter pathway, and restroom accessibility improvements.

Potential Impacts to School

None known/identified



Project estimate \$5 million



Warburton Park Playground Rehabilitation Project (cont.)



Recreation Updates

1. **Concerts in the Park**
2. **Night Markets**
3. **Sunset Cinemas**
4. **Fourth of July**
5. **Youth Resident Membership & Summer**
6. **Senior Initiatives**

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Concerts in the Park

Central Park Concerts

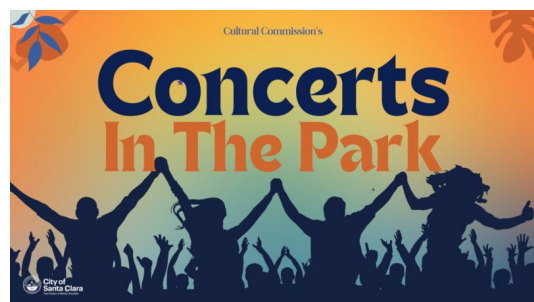
- June 19: The Dynamic Miss Faye Carol
 - Celebrate Juneteenth with us, in partnership with the Santa Clara City Library, featuring an uplifting blend of jazz, blues, gospel, R&B, and more.
- July 10: The Magatones
- July 24: Patrón Latin Rhythms
- July 31: The Houserockers

900 Lafayette St

- July 17: Pop Rocks

Live Oak Concert (641 Moreland Way)

- Aug. 14: Aja Vu



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Night Markets: 900-1000 Lafayette St.

Friday 4-9 p.m. & Saturday 2-9 p.m

- May 1 & 2
- June 5 & 6
- July 17 & 18

What to Expect

- 110+ of your favorite makers, artists, chefs/bakers, and creative small businesses!
- Food Booths & Trucks – Beer and Wine Garden
- Community Art Activations and FREE Art Workshops
- Car Show by American Legion
- LIVE Entertainment



Admission is FREE

SantaClaraCA.gov/NightMarkets



Sunset Cinemas

May 8 – How to Train Your Dragon

Montague Park

June 12 – Finding Nemo

Warburton Park & Community Splash

July 10 – A Minecraft Movie

Lickmill Park

Aug 14 – Superman

Earl Carmicheal Park

Oct 23 – Dia De Los Muertos Community Ofrenda

Coco – Mission City Memorial Park





Fourth of July Celebration

- Free Parking
- Live Entertainment
- Fireworks Viewing
- Activities & Food Trucks

Saturday, July 4 | 5 - 10 p.m.
Mission College



SANTA CLARA
4TH of JULY
CELEBRATION

MISSION
COLLEGE

3000 MISSION
COLLEGE BLVD.

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Youth Resident Membership & Summer Programs

Youth Resident Membership

- \$30 per year
- Youth & Teen Center Afterschool Program
- Skate Park
- Summer Open Gym
- Recreation Swim

Summer Programs Begin June 8

- Camps
- Enrichment Classes
- Aquatics



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Senior Initiatives

Health & Wellness Fair

May 8, 15, and 22 | 12 – 3 p.m.

Santa Clara Senior Center

Senior Needs Assessment

The Survey is designed to help the City understand and meet the needs of older adults (Age 50+) in the community

- Survey deadline is May 31, 2026
- Online survey: SantaClaraCA.gov/OpenCityHall

