



City of Santa Clara

Meeting Minutes

Cultural Commission

05/05/2025

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 Marinaro at 7:02 PM.

Present 5 - Vice Chair Candida Diaz, Commissioner Debra von Huene, Chair Jonathan Marinaro, Commissioner Louis Samara, and Commissioner Neetu Garg

Absent 1 - Commissioner Abinas Roy

A motion was made by Commission von Huene and seconded by Commissioner Garg to excuse Commissioner Roy from the meeting

Aye: 5 - Vice Chair Diaz, Commissioner von Huene, Chair Marinaro, Commissioner Samara, and Commissioner Garg

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Roy

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. [25-513](#) Action on Cultural Commission Regular Minutes of April 7, 2025

Recommendation: Approve the Cultural Commission Regular Meeting Minutes of April 7, 2025

A motion was made by Commissioner Samara and seconded by Commissioner von Huene to approve the regular meeting minutes from April 7, 2025.

Aye: 5 - Vice Chair Diaz, Commissioner von Huene, Chair Marinaro, Commissioner Samara, and Commissioner Garg

Excused: 1 - Commissioner Roy

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

None.

GENERAL BUSINESS

2. [25-515](#) Discuss and Update the Cultural Commission's Work Plan Goals and Objectives for FY 2024/25 and FY 2025/26

The Commission provided updates to the work plan and activities. Commissioner von Huene provided an update on the submissions for the "Call for Artist" for the Outdoor Temporary Sculpture Exhibit.

A motion was made by Commissioner Diaz and seconded by Commissioner Samara to move "Nebula Rider" into agreement for the Outdoor Sculpture Exhibit program.

Aye: 5 - Vice Chair Diaz, Commissioner von Huene, Chair Marinaro, Commissioner Samara, and Commissioner Garg

Excused: 1 - Commissioner Roy

STAFF REPORT

Recreation Manager Castro shared that the June meeting agenda will include election of the Chair and Vice Chair for Fiscal Year 2025/26. In addition, it will be time to begin community outreach for the Street Dance.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Commissioner von Huene attended Cirque du Soleil and recommends it. **Commissioner Marinaro** attended Zorro the opera and recommends it. **Commissioner Garg** attended the Cherry Blossom Festival in Cupertino and made contact with potential sponsors.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner von Huene and seconded by Commissioner Samara to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 PM.

Aye: 5 - Vice Chair Diaz, Commissioner von Huene, Chair Marinaro, Commissioner Samara, and Commissioner Garg

Excused: 1 - Commissioner Roy

The next regular meeting of the Cultural Commission is Monday, June 2, 2025 at 7:00 PM.

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