



City of Santa Clara

Meeting Minutes

Cultural Commission

06/02/2025

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 6 - Commissioner Abinas Roy, Vice Chair Candida Diaz, Commissioner Debra von Huene, Chair Jonathan Marinaro, Commissioner Louis Samara, and Commissioner Neetu Garg

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. [25-625](#) Action on Cultural Commission Regular Minutes of May 5, 2025

Recommendation: Approve the Cultural Commission Regular Meeting Minutes of May 5, 2025

A motion was made by Commissioner von Huene and seconded by Commissioner Samara to approve the regular meeting minutes of the Cultural Commission from May 5, 2025

Aye: 6 - Commissioner Roy, Vice Chair Diaz, Commissioner von Huene, Chair Marinaro, Commissioner Samara, and Commissioner Garg

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

None.

GENERAL BUSINESS

2. [25-626](#) Elect a Chair and Vice Chair of the Cultural Commission for FY 2025/26

Recommendation: Nominate and elect a Chair and Vice Chair for the Cultural Commission for the FY 2025/26 term.

A motion was made by Chair Marinaro and seconded by Commissioner Samara to elect Commissioner von Huene to serve as the Chair of the Cultural Commission for FY 2025/26.

Aye: 6 - Commissioner Roy, Vice Chair Diaz, Commissioner von Huene, Chair Marinaro, Commissioner Samara, and Commissioner Garg

A motion was made by Commissioner Samara and seconded by Chair Marinaro to elect Commissioner Diaz to serve as the Vice-Chair of the Cultural Commission for FY 2025/26.

Aye: 6 - Commissioner Roy, Vice Chair Diaz, Commissioner von Huene, Chair Marinaro, Commissioner Samara, and Commissioner Garg

3. [25-627](#) 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. No action was taken at this time.

STAFF REPORT

Recreation Manager Castro shared an update on the Outdoor Sculpture Exhibit project, the Call for Artists for the Traffic Box Beautification Project and the Parks & Recreation Master Plan outreach process which is underway.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Chair Marinaro reported that he attended a concert last month.

Commissioner von Huene shared that she traveled to Europe and enjoyed site seeing and many museums.

Commissioner Garg shared that she traveled to Bali and tried local cuisine and site seeing.

Commissioner Diaz shared that she attended an art event in Eureka.

Commissioner Roy shared that he attended a silent yoga retreat and thought it was very beneficial.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Diaz and seconded by Commissioner Samara to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 PM.

Aye: 6 - Commissioner Roy, Vice Chair Diaz, Commissioner von Huene, Chair Marinaro, Commissioner Samara, and Commissioner Garg

The next regular meeting of the Cultural Commission is scheduled for Monday, July 7, 2025 at 7:00 PM.

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