



City of Santa Clara

Meeting Minutes

Youth Commission

03/12/2024

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 **6:04 pm**.

Present 10 - Commissioner Simren Garg (6:20pm), Commissioner Namita Gaidhani, Commissioner Khadeejah Khan, Commissioner Kira Liang, Commissioner Keith Maben, Commissioner Samaira Mehta, Commissioner Hiranya Parekh, Commissioner Sudeepthi Ravipati, Commissioner Samarth Suresh, and Commissioner Sarah Zuo

Absent 5 - Commissioner Aarav Gupta , Commissioner Fatimah Ismail, Commissioner Maryam Ismail, Commissioner Ryan Kim, and Commissioner Malia Martin

A motion was made by Commissioner Gaidhani, seconded by Commissioner Parehk to excuse Commissioner Gupta, Commissioner Fatimah Ismail, Commissioner Maryam Ismail, Commissioner Kim, and Commissioner Martin from the March 12, 2024 meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 10 - Commissioner Garg, Commissioner Gaidhani, Commissioner Khan, Commissioner Liang, Commissioner Maben, Commissioner Mehta, Commissioner Parekh, Commissioner Ravipati, Commissioner Suresh, and Commissioner Zuo

Absent: 5 - Commissioner Gupta, Commissioner Fatimah Ismail, Commissioner Maryam Ismail, Commissioner Kim, and Commissioner Martin

CONSENT CALENDAR

1.A [24-226](#) Action on the Youth Commission Minutes of the February 13, 2024 Meeting

A motion was made by Commissioner Maben, seconded by Commissioner Parehk, that this item be recommended for approval. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 10 - Commissioner Garg, Commissioner Gaidhani, Commissioner Khan, Commissioner Liang, Commissioner Maben, Commissioner Mehta, Commissioner Parekh, Commissioner Ravipati, Commissioner Suresh, and Commissioner Zuo

Excused: 5 - Commissioner Gupta, Commissioner Fatimah Ismail, Commissioner Maryam Ismail, Commissioner Kim, and Commissioner Martin

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

None

GENERAL BUSINESS

2. [24-228](#) Youth Commission FY 2023/24 Work Plan & Goals

- **Community Building:** For the Food Spotlight, committee members visited SomiSomi & Eataly on February 23, 2024. Committee members sampled foods from these two businesses and created social media content for future posting.
- Next committee meeting will be held on April 22, 2024 at 7:00 pm on Zoom.
- **Public Outreach and Education:** Design flyer and social media content to encourage voter registration for young people.
- Follow up with Commissioners on biographies and prepare to share on social media. Next committee meeting will be held on April 16, 2024 at 6:30 pm on Zoom.
- **Youth Engagement and Empowerment:** Schedule the Santa Clara High School Health & Wellness coordinator to speak on the topic of Mental Health on an upcoming podcast. Committee members will provide an arts & crafts project at the Friday, April 12, 2024 Sunset Cinema event, held at Henry Schmidt Park.
- Next committee meeting will be held on April 4, 2024 at 7:00 pm on Zoom.

STAFF REPORT

Gayle Ichiho, Recreation Supervisor: The deadline for Youth Commission applications for the 2024-25 term passed and 40 applications were received. Interviews will be held on Saturday, March 16, 2024. At the conclusion of interviews, the panel is expected to provide recommended candidates for six (6) commissioner positions and two (2) alternate positions. At the Tuesday, May 7, 2024 City Council meeting, outgoing Youth Commissioners will be recognized for their service and recommended candidates will be presented to City Council for their consideration. The last Youth Commission meeting for the 2023-24 term will be on Tuesday, May 14, 2024 at the Youth & Teen Center.

Jon Kawada, Recreation Coordinator: On Saturday, March 23, 2024 Youth Commissioners will be volunteering at the Parks & Recreation Department's Breakfast with the Bunny event. Volunteers are requested to be there from 9-12 pm and will be helping in various areas of the event.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Keith Maben, Youth Commission Chair: For the upcoming Youth Commission interviews, **Chair Maben** will be serving on the interview panel.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Suresh, seconded Commissioner Parekh, that this meeting be adjourned at 6:22 pm. The motion was carried by the following vote:

Aye: 10 - Commissioner Garg, Commissioner Gaidhani, Commissioner Khan, Commissioner Liang, Commissioner Maben, Commissioner Mehta, Commissioner Parekh, Commissioner Ravipati, Commissioner Suresh, and Commissioner Zuo

Excused: 5 - Commissioner Gupta, Commissioner Fatimah Ismail, Commissioner Maryam Ismail, Commissioner Kim, and Commissioner Martin

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