



City of Santa Clara

Meeting Minutes

Cultural Commission

03/03/2025

7:00 PM

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

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CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Vice-Chair Diaz called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM

Present 4 - Vice Chair Candida Diaz, Commissioner Debra von Huene, Commissioner Louis Samara, and Commissioner Neetu Garg

Absent 2 - Commissioner Abinas Roy, and Chair Jonathan Marinaro

A motion was made by Commissioner von Huene and seconded by Commissioner Garg to excuse Commissioner Roy and Chair Marinaro.

Aye: 4 - Vice Chair Diaz, Commissioner von Huene, Commissioner Samara, and Commissioner Garg

Excused: 2 - Commissioner Roy, and Chair Marinaro

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. [25-277](#) Action on Cultural Commission Regular Minutes of February 6, 2025

Recommendation: Approve the Cultural Commission Regular Meeting Minutes of February 6, 2025

A motion was made by Commissioner Samara and seconded by Commissioner von Huene to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of February 3, 2025.

Aye: 4 - Vice Chair Diaz, Commissioner von Huene, Commissioner Samara, and Commissioner Garg

Excused: 2 - Commissioner Roy, and Chair Marinaro

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

None.

GENERAL BUSINESS

2. [25-278](#) Discussion and Development of Cultural Commission Work Plan Goals and Activities for FY 2025/26

Recommendation: Discuss and Develop Cultural Commission Work Plan Goals and Objectives for FY 2025/26.

This item was discussed and introduced, no action was taken.

3. [25-279](#) Discussion and Updates of the Cultural Commission's Work Plan Goals and Objectives for FY 2024/25 and FY 2025/26

This item was discussed and Commissioners reported on their progress made on the workplan items. No action was taken on this item.

STAFF REPORT

Recreation Manager Castro shared that the Commissioners should have already received notice for a training AB 1234 Open Government and Ethics Training, March 17, 2025 5:00-8:30 p.m. Commissioner vacancies are scheduled to be noticed to the Council on March 11, which will begin the open application process for all Commission vacancies in the City. Spring and summer recreation class registration is now open, time to sign up for great programs and activities and mark your calendars for the 2025 series of outdoor special events. Wizard of Oz tickets are on sale for the show in late March. The City has on-boarded a ticketing vendor for performances. Tickets will move to this new platform in the summer. Volunteers are being recruited for Kindness Ambassadors to support programs and activities in the Magical Bridge Playground. Manager Castro introduced Recreation Supervisor Robin Shaddle to the Commission and shared that she will now be attending and supporting Commission activities.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Commissioner von Huene shared that she sang with the Santa Clara Chorale for two great performances, March 1 & 2. The theme of the performance was "Where the Wild Things Are"

Vice-Chair Diaz shared that while on a college tour for her child she recognized and enjoyed a lot of public art on college campuses.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting of the Cultural Commission is scheduled for April 7, 2025.

A motion was made by Commissioner von Huene and seconded by Commissioner Samara to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 PM.

Aye: 4 - Vice Chair Diaz, Commissioner von Huene, Commissioner Samara, and Commissioner Garg

Excused: 2 - Commissioner Roy, and Chair Marinaro

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