



City of Santa Clara

Meeting Minutes

Cultural Commission

02/03/2025

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

Chair Marinaro called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

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

Absent 1 - Commissioner Neetu Garg

A motion was made by Commissioner Diaz and seconded by Commissioner Sarmara to excuse Commissioner Garg.

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Garg

CONSENT CALENDAR

1.A [25-159](#) Action on Cultural Commission Regular Minutes of January 6, 2025

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Diaz and seconded by Commissioner von Huene to approve the meeting minutes from January 6, 2025.

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

Excused: 1 - Commissioner Garg

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Kush Patel spoke in favor of collaborating with the Commission to promote a community Holi event in the City this spring.

GENERAL BUSINESS

2. [25-160](#) Discussion and Updates of the Cultural Commission's Work Plan Goals and Activities for FY 2024/25 and FY 2025/26

Goal 4 Objective: "Send two representatives to attend the Americans for the Arts Conference" was discussed. No one on the Commission is able to attend the conference, therefore, the allocation of \$5,000 is no longer needed for this item.

A motion was made by Commissioner Roy and seconded by Commissioner Samara to invite the Silicon Valley Chamber of Commerce to the March meeting to present opportunities to develop a partnership.

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

Excused: 1 - Commissioner Garg

A motion was made by Commissioner Diaz and seconded by Commissioner von Huene to allocate \$1,000 to host a community reception with the artists for the Outdoor Sculpture Exhibit project.

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

Excused: 1 - Commissioner Garg

A motion was made by Commissioner Diaz and seconded by Commissioner von Huene to increase the artists stipend from \$10,000 to \$12,500 for the Outdoor Sculpture Exhibit project.

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

Excused: 1 - Commissioner Garg

A motion was made by Commissioner Diaz and seconded by Commissioner von Huene to change the allocation for the Traffic Box project from \$4,500 to \$6,000, allowing the artist stipend to rise to \$1,000 per box.

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

Excused: 1 - Commissioner Garg

STAFF REPORT

Recreation Manager Castro shared that Parks & Recreation will post the Spring/Summer Activity Guide on Friday, February 21. Recreation program registration for residents begins on Tuesday, February 25 at 7 a.m. Parks & Recreation is hosting a Camp Fair on February 25, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Community Recreation Center. This event gives residents the opportunity to preview summer camps and aquatic programs in the City.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Commissioner von Huene participated in a Bay Area Choirs event. The Santa Clara Corale is preparing for a concert on March 1 & 2 themed, "Where the Wild Things Are." All are invited to attend.

Commissioner Marinaro went bowling in the Presidio and enjoyed the art and views of the venue.

Commissioner Roy attended an Indian Independence Day in Milpitas.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner von Huene made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Samara.

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

Excused: 1 - Commissioner Garg

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