



City of Santa Clara

Meeting Minutes

Cultural Commission

07/07/2025

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

The meeting was called to order by Chair Debra von Huene at 7:04 PM.

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

Absent 2 - Commissioner Abinas Roy, and Commissioner Charles Pontious

A motion was made by Vice Chair Diaz and seconded by Commissioner Garg to excuse Commissioner Roy from the Cultural Commission meeting on July 7, 2025.

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

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Roy, and Commissioner Pontious

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. [25-715](#) Action on Cultural Commission Regular Minutes of June 2, 2025

Recommendation: Approve the Cultural Commission Regular Meeting Minutes of June 2, 2025

A motion was made by Commissioner Samara and seconded by Vice-Chair Diaz to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on June 2, 2025.

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

Excused: 1 - Commissioner Roy

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Pontious

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

None.

GENERAL BUSINESS

2. [25-714](#) Action to Recommend a New Cultural Commission Member to Serve on the Station Area Task Force

Recommendation: Recommend that the Commission review the request from the Community Development Department and appoint a commissioner to serve on the Station Area Task Force.

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Diaz and seconded by Commissioner Samara to recommend Commissioner Garg to serve on the Station Area Taskforce.

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

Excused: 1 - Commissioner Roy

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Pontious

3. [25-716](#) Discussion and Potential Action on Cultural Commission Work Plan and Activities for FY 2025/26

Recommendation: Discuss and potentially take action on the Cultural Commission work plan and activities for FY 2025/26.

The Commission discussed the work plan for FY 2025/26. No action was taken on this item.

STAFF REPORT

Recreation Manager Castro announced the installation and reception for Nebula Rider on the City Hall Plaza on July 17, 2025 at 11 a.m. and the Concert in the Park on July 25 and the Street Dance on August 1.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Commissioner Garg watched fireworks on the 4th of July from the Ruby Hill neighborhood in San Jose.

Commissioner Das was welcomed to the commission.

Chair von Huene is looking forward to seeing Moulin Rouge in San Jose this week and Juliet next month.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting of the Cultural Commission is scheduled for Monday, August 4, 2025.

A motion was made by Commissioner Samara and seconded by Vice-Chair Diaz to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 PM.

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

Excused: 1 - Commissioner Roy

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Pontious

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