



City of Santa Clara

Meeting Agenda

Youth Commission

Tuesday, March 10, 2026

6:00 PM

Youth & Teen Center
2446 Cabrillo Avenue
Santa Clara, CA 95051

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. 26-213 [Action to Approve the Youth Commission Minutes of the February 10, 2026 Meeting](#)

Recommendation: Approve the Youth Commission Minutes of the February 10, 2026 Meeting

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

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GENERAL BUSINESS

2. 26-214 [Discuss and Take Action on Youth Commission FY 2025/26 Work Plan & Goals](#)

Recommendation: Discuss and take action on the activities and efforts in support of the Youth Commission's Work Plan & Goals for FY 2025/26.

STAFF REPORT

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

ADJOURNMENT

The next scheduled meeting of the Youth Commission is on Tuesday, April 7, 2026 at the Youth & Teen Center.

MEETING DISCLOSURES

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Agenda Report

26-213

Agenda Date: 3/10/2026

REPORT TO YOUTH COMMISSION

SUBJECT

Action to Approve the Youth Commission Minutes of the February 10, 2026 Meeting

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the Youth Commission Minutes of the February 10, 2026 Meeting

Prepared by: Gayle Ichiho, Recreation Supervisor

Reviewed by: Kimberly Castro, Recreation Manager

Approved by: Damon Sparacino, Director of Parks & Recreation

ATTACHMENTS

1. Draft - Youth Commission Minutes of the February 10, 2026 Meeting



City of Santa Clara

Meeting Minutes Youth Commission

02/10/2026

6:00 PM

Youth & Teen Center
2446 Cabrillo Ave. Santa Clara, CA 95051

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

This meeting was called to order by Chair Martin at 6:03 p.m.

- Present** 13 - Commissioner Allysa Domensino, Commissioner Namita Gaidhani, Commissioner Srikha Gopiseti, Commissioner Julianna Arias Hernandez, Commissioner Neha Israni, Commissioner Drew Madriaga, Commissioner Rebecca Kunze, Commissioner Malia Martin, Commissioner Samaira Mehta, Commissioner Aneesha Vemu, Commissioner Brian Rong, Commissioner Samarth Suresh, and Commissioner Niharika Uppalapati
- Absent** 2 - Commissioner Mateo Espinal, and Commissioner Seoyun Chong

A motion was made by Commissioner Israni, seconded by Commissioner Vemu to excuse Commissioner Chong and Commissioner Espinal from the February 10, 2026 meeting. The motion was carried by the following vote:

- Aye:** 13 - Commissioner Domensino, Commissioner Gaidhani, Commissioner Gopiseti, Commissioner Arias Hernandez, Commissioner Israni, Commissioner Madriaga, Commissioner Kunze, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner Mehta, Commissioner Vemu, Commissioner Rong, Commissioner Suresh, and Commissioner Uppalapati
- Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Espinal, and Commissioner Chong

CONSENT CALENDAR

[26-82](#)

Action to Approve the Youth Commission Minutes of the January 13, 2026 Meeting

Recommendation: Approve the Youth Commission Minutes of the January 13, 2026 Meeting

A motion was made by Commissioner Gaidhani, seconded by Commissioner Arias Hernandez that this item by recommended for approval. This motion was carried by the following vote:

Aye: 13 - Commissioner Domensino, Commissioner Gaidhani, Commissioner Gopiseti, Commissioner Arias Hernandez, Commissioner Israni, Commissioner Madriaga, Commissioner Kunze, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner Mehta, Commissioner Vemu, Commissioner Rong, Commissioner Suresh, and Commissioner Uppalapati

Excused: 2 - Commissioner Espinal, and Commissioner Chong

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Tabitha Kappeler-Hurley discussed the upcoming American Cancer Society's Relay for Life in Santa Clara. The event takes place on May 2, 2026 from 2:00 - 9:00 p.m. at Franklin Mall. This fundraising event celebrates survivors remembers loved ones and prevention information is shared. Commissioners were also informed on the various ways community members can support the event.

Marlon Aumentado, City Staff, Public Works Street Division, talked about the SV Hopper which is a grant subsidized, ride share program. SV Hopper operates Monday - Friday, 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. and Saturday - Sunday 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. in Cupertino, Santa Clara and San Jose. Commissioners were informed that Phase 2 is coming in July.

GENERAL BUSINESS

[26-83](#)

Discuss and Take Action on Youth Commission FY 2025/26 Work Plan & Goals

Recommendation: Discuss and take action on the activities and efforts in support of the Youth Commission's Work Plan & Goals for FY 2025/26.

At the February 10, 2026 meeting, the Youth Commission continued discussions regarding its work plan priorities and goals for the FY 2025/26 term.

The **Community Building Committee** continues their preparations for the SC Hacks hackathon by finalizing the event flyer and registration forms. They are still updating event materials and have discussed securing event sponsors. The committee plans to open registration on February 21, 2026.

The **Youth Empowerment Committee** discussed logistics for their video "What Can You Do with a Library Card?" and has plans to start filming soon.

The **Civic Engagement Committee** is working on hosting a NARCAN demonstration and continues their work on the Welcome Package by creating a promotional flyer.

STAFF REPORT

Lorena Romero, Librarian - Youth Services, shared information about STEM Zone, an event that will take place on April 19, 2026 from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the Santa Clara Convention Center. The Library Card Design Contest is now closed and staff are reviewing the designs and will vote on the top five.

Jon Kawada, Recreation Coordinator, informed Commissioners that the 2026/2027 Youth Commission term application is available. The deadline to submit applications is March 5, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. and applications can be emailed, mailed or dropped off at the Youth & Teen Center. There will be an informational session at the Youth & Teen Center on February 25, 2026 @ 6:00 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Commissioner Israni had the opportunity to participate in the MLK Jr. Day choral reading of "I Have a Dream", hosted by City of Santa Clara Public Library. **Commissioner Israni** shared her experience meeting City officials and residents from various walks of life. She also attended the Super Bowl Flag Raising Ceremony with fellow **Commissioner Madriaga**, where they met NFL Hall of Fame quarterback Steve Young and the Bay Area Host Committee CEO.

Commissioner Gaidhani talked about the Welcome Party for the Sister Cities exchange high school students from Izumo, Japan on January 24. Sister Cities is looking for host families for middle school exchange students from March 26 - April 1, 2026. Applications are open for Santa Clara students to travel to Izumo, Japan this summer. Interested applicants are highly encouraged to attend an upcoming Sister Cities meeting. The next meeting is on February 11, 2026.

Commissioner Domensino attended a recent Santa Clara Unified School District Superintendent Student Council meeting. Discussions took place regarding the impact of upcoming budget considerations.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Mehta, seconded by Commissioner Vemu that this meeting be adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Aye: 13 - Commissioner Domensino, Commissioner Gaidhani, Commissioner Gopisetti, Commissioner Arias Hernandez, Commissioner Israni, Commissioner Madriaga, Commissioner Kunze, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner Mehta, Commissioner Vemu, Commissioner Rong, Commissioner Suresh, and Commissioner Uppalapati

Excused: 2 - Commissioner Espinal, and Commissioner Chong

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Agenda Report

26-214

Agenda Date: 3/10/2026

REPORT TO YOUTH COMMISSION

SUBJECT

Discuss and Take Action on Youth Commission FY 2025/26 Work Plan & Goals

BACKGROUND

The Youth Commission develops an annual work plan through discussions of current trends and civic needs that relate to the youth and teen population. The annual work plan drives the activities of the Commission throughout the term. The Commission established goals over the past few terms including promoting health and wellness, providing public outreach and education, and fostering community inclusiveness.

DISCUSSION

The **Community Building Committee** continues to work on the logistics for the SC Hacks hackathon event by working on event materials such as registration forms and event flyers. They are starting discussions on ways to obtain event sponsors. Hosting events will support the committee's mission of fostering inclusion and connection among Santa Clara Youth.

The **Youth Empowerment Committee** is working on logistics for their project "What Can You Do with a Library Card?" in collaboration with the City of Santa Clara Public Library. This collaboration aims to provide empowerment opportunities for Santa Clara Youth.

The **Civic Engagement Committee** is starting to discuss hosting a Narcan demonstration and continues their work on a flyer to promote their finalized Welcome Package. Their continued work aims to broaden resources and community awareness.

At the March 10, 2026, meeting the Commission will hear committee updates and they will discuss specific goals and activities to promote their respective theme.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The action being considered does not constitute a "project" within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15378(b)(5) in that it is a governmental organizational or administrative activity that will not result in direct or indirect changes in the environment.

PUBLIC CONTACT

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Clerk's Office at (408) 615-2220, email clerk@santaclaraca.gov or at the public information desk at any City of Santa Clara public library.

RECOMMENDATION

Discuss and take action on the activities and efforts in support of the Youth Commission's Work Plan & Goals for FY 2025/26.

Prepared by: Gayle Ichiho, Recreation Supervisor

Reviewed by: Kimberly Castro, Recreation Manager

Approved by: Damon Sparacino, Director of Parks & Recreation

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Youth Commission Work Plan 2025-26



GOAL #1: Community Building with Santa Clara residents

Objectives	Ad Hoc Sub-Committee	Timeline	Current Status
Foster a culture of inclusivity, belonging, and connection among the Santa Clara youth.	<u>Commissioners:</u> Brian Rong Mateo Espinal Namita Gaidhani Niharika Uppalapati Drew Madriaga Srikha Gopiseti	Spring 2026	Committee continues their preparations for the SC Hacks hackathon event by finalizing the event flyer and registration forms. They are still updating event materials and have discussed getting support to obtain event sponsors. The committee plans to open registration on February 21, 2026.

GOAL #2: Civic Engagement

Objectives	Ad Hoc Sub-Committee	Timeline	Current Status
Facilitate community outreach and education while providing better accessibility to City resources.	<u>Commissioners:</u> Neha Israni Malia Martin Ibrahim Rayees Ayaan Mathur Seoyun Chong	Spring 2026	Committee is working on hosting a Narcan demonstration and continues their work on promoting the Welcome Package by creating a flyer to let residents know it's available.

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GOAL #3: Youth Empowerment			
Objectives	Ad Hoc Sub-Committee	Timeline	Current Status
Empower the Santa Clara youth through opportunities to serve our community.	<u>Commissioners:</u> Julie Arias Samarth Suresh Rebecca Kunze Samaira Mehta Aneesha Vemu Alyssa Domensino	Spring 2026	Committee discussed logistics for their video "What Can You Do with a Library Card?" and has plans to start filming soon.