



City of Santa Clara

Meeting Minutes

Youth Commission

02/11/2025

6:00 PM

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

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

This meeting was called to order by Chair Liang at 6:04 p.m.

Present 14 - Commissioner Allysa Domensino, Commissioner Simren Garg, Commissioner Namita Gaidhani, Commissioner Srikha Gopiseti, Commissioner Julianna Arias Hernandez, Commissioner Neha Israni, Commissioner Ryan Kim, Commissioner Rebecca Kunze, Commissioner Kira Liang, Commissioner Malia Martin, Commissioner Samaira Mehta, Commissioner Hiranya Parekh, Commissioner Brian Rong, and Commissioner Samarth Suresh

Absent 1 - Commissioner Maryam Ismail

A motion was made by Commissioner Suresh and seconded by Commissioner Israni to excuse Commissioner Ismail from February 11, 2025 meeting. The motion was carried by the following votes:

Aye: 14 - Commissioner Domensino, Commissioner Garg, Commissioner Gaidhani, Commissioner Gopiseti, Commissioner Arias Hernandez, Commissioner Israni, Commissioner Kim, Commissioner Kunze, Commissioner Liang, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner Mehta, Commissioner Parekh, Commissioner Rong, and Commissioner Suresh

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Ismail

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. [25-154](#) Action on the Youth Commission Meeting Minutes of January 14, 2025

A motion was made by Commissioner Suresh, seconded by Commissioner Mehta that this item be recommended for approval. The motion was carried by the following votes:

Aye: 14 - Commissioner Domensino, Commissioner Garg, Commissioner Gaidhani, Commissioner Gopiseti, Commissioner Arias Hernandez, Commissioner Israni, Commissioner Kim, Commissioner Kunze, Commissioner Liang, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner Mehta, Commissioner Parekh, Commissioner Rong, and Commissioner Suresh

Excused: 1 - Commissioner Ismail

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

City of Santa Clara resident suggested for Youth Commission to consider TikTok security as a topic for Hackathon event.

GENERAL BUSINESS

2. [25-155](#)**Discussion and Possible Action on Youth Commission FY 2024/25 Work Plan & Goals**

Commissioners continued to develop and plan their activities for the FY 2024/25 Work Plan.

Community Building with Santa Clara residents:

- Committee created a team building activity & presented at the Sister Cities Welcome party on January 25th.
- The committee is planning on hosting a SC Hacks - Hackathon event on March 22 hosted at the Teen Center. Committee delegated responsibilities for marketing, recruiting participants, judges, set up needs, and food options.
- Harmony of Cultures, multicultural event will be held at the Teen Center on April 26th. Committee delegated responsibilities for marketing, recruiting high school cultural clubs, entertainment, and food options.

Public Outreach and Education:

- Committee shared a brief list of education-related to the SCUSD CalKIDS - a program that provides saving accounts for eligible students' post-secondary education including vocational schools and college. Provided a resource flyer regarding AB 288, which informs students of their protections against scholarship displacement
- The committee provided information regarding the Santa Clara County's Valley Water Refill Stations Grant Initiative: aims to provide funding for installing water refill stations to increase access to clean drinking water.
- Youth Commission social media account, completed a post highlighting the Magical Bridge Playground, and added resources offering affordable clothing and free meals to the New Residents' Welcome Package Project.

Youth Empowerment:

- The committee has drafts of recorded podcasts on the topic of education reform. Further discussions on other teen topics for future podcasts and Santa Clara Speaks event in April.

STAFF REPORT

Gayle Ichiho, Parks & Recreation Supervisor, announced the Youth Commission applications for FY2025-26 term are available and due March 3rd. Parent informational meeting is on February 26 at 6:00 p.m. hosted at the Teen Center. Interviews will be held on March 15th at the Teen Center.

Karen Guzman, Youth Services Librarian, presented upcoming Library Teen programs: Teen Dating Violence Awareness month presentation for February 12; SQL teen workshop, hands on sessions on February 22 at Central Park Library; Teens Teach Presentation AI on February 25; Navigating College applications virtual workshop on March 11; upcoming Teen Library leaders meeting and Community services monthly meetings.

Jon Kawada, Parks & Recreation Coordinator, requested volunteers for the Breakfast with the Bunny event held on April 12 from 8:30-12:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Commissioner Irani attended an open-to-all community conversation hosted by the nonprofit Asian Law Alliance, who expressed interest in collaborating with the Youth Commission for an AAPI Women's Mentorship Program. Also attended the State of the District (D4), and talked to the Q Corner about their resources for queer youth and the NARCAN administration for future demonstrations. D4 Supervisor Susan Ellenberg also offered her support.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Suresh, seconded by Commissioner Parekh that this meeting be adjourned at 6:30 p.m. The motion was carried by the following votes:

Aye: 14 - Commissioner Domensino, Commissioner Garg, Commissioner Gaidhani, Commissioner Gopisetti, Commissioner Arias Hernandez, Commissioner Israni, Commissioner Kim, Commissioner Kunze, Commissioner Liang, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner Mehta, Commissioner Parekh, Commissioner Rong, and Commissioner Suresh

Excused: 1 - Commissioner Ismail

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