



City of Santa Clara

Meeting Minutes

Cultural Commission

08/04/2025

7:00 PM

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

The City of Santa Clara is conducting the Cultural Commission meeting in a hybrid manner (in-person and a method for the public to participate remotely).

Via Zoom:

<https://santaclaraca.zoom.us/j/82207705371>

Meeting ID: 98272283531

Or join by phone: 669-900-6833

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

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

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

Absent 2 - Commissioner Abinas Roy, and Commissioner Louis Samara

Commissioner Roy and Samara arrived to the meeting at 7:12 PM.

1. [25-853](#) Action on Cultural Commission Regular Minutes of July 7, 2025

Recommendation: Approve the Cultural Commission Regular Meeting Minutes of July 7, 2025

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Diaz to approve the minutes from July 7, 2025 with an amendment (recording Pontious as excused) and seconded by Commissioner Garg.

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

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Roy, and Commissioner Samara

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

None.

2. [25-854](#) 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 and assigned Commissioners to sub-committees to work on the activities for FY 2025/26. Vice-Chair Diaz presented the submissions for the Traffic Box Beautification Project (Post Meeting Material 1), and Chair von Huene presented Commemorative Month Festival Ideas (Post Meeting Material 2).

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Diaz and seconded by Commissioner Garg to reallocate up to \$500 from the Public Art Reception allocation to produce and procure up to three street banners for Nebula Rider.

Aye: 7 - Commissioner Roy, Vice Chair Diaz, Commissioner Pontious, Chair von Huene, Commissioner Das, Commissioner Samara, and Commissioner Garg

A motion was made by Commissioner Daz and seconded by Commissioner Pontious to change goal no. 3 activity to read: "Identify a space to curate and facilitate the celebration of Commemorative Months and determine what cultural holidays to celebrate and via which medium."

Aye: 7 - Commissioner Roy, Vice Chair Diaz, Commissioner Pontious, Chair von Huene, Commissioner Das, Commissioner Samara, and Commissioner Garg

STAFF REPORT

Recreation Manager announced the beginning of fall recreation classes, the Art & Wine Festival is September 13 & 14, and the State of the City is September 24, and due to the City Holiday on September 1, the next meeting of the Commission will be October 6.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Commissioner Samara: Visited Mexico and saw areas with public art and murals.

Commissioner Garg: Attended the Station Area Task Force Meeting and reported on the meeting. She also attended a Festival in Pittsburgh, PA.

Chair von Huene: attended the Marketing and Economic Development Committee meetings, this group is focused on planning celebrations and events for 2026.

ADJOURNMENT

The next scheduled meeting for Cultural Commission is on Monday, October 6, 2025 at 7:00 PM.

MEETING DISCLOSURES