



City of Santa Clara

Meeting Minutes Cultural Commission

06/01/2026

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 von Huene called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Present 6 - Commissioner Abinas Roy, Vice Chair Candida Diaz, Chair Debra von Huene, Commissioner Kuku Das, Commissioner Louis Samara, and Commissioner Neetu Garg

Absent 1 - Commissioner Charles Pontious

Commissioner Roy made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Samara, to excuse Commissioner Pontious from the June 1, 2026 Cultural Commission meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Commissioner Roy, Vice Chair Diaz, Chair von Huene, Commissioner Das, Commissioner Samara, and Commissioner Garg

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Pontious

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 1.A. [26-595](#) Action on the Cultural Commission Regular Minutes of May 4, 2026

Recommendation: Approve the Cultural Commission Regular Meeting Minutes of May 4, 2026

Commissioner Garg made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Das, to recommend approval of the May 4, 2026, Cultural Commission Minutes. The motion carried by the following votes:

Aye: 6 - Commissioner Roy, Vice Chair Diaz, Chair von Huene, Commissioner Das, Commissioner Samara, and Commissioner Garg

Excused: 1 - Commissioner Pontious

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

The Chair opened the public presentation. No speakers came forward. The Chair closed the public presentation.

GENERAL BUSINESS

2. [26-605](#) Discussion and Potential Action on the 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.

Vice Chair Diaz made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Samara, to close out the Cultural Commission Work Plan and Activities for FY 2025/26 and dissolve all subcommittees. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Commissioner Roy, Vice Chair Diaz, Chair von Huene, Commissioner Das, Commissioner Samara, and Commissioner Garg

Excused: 1 - Commissioner Pontious

3. [26-598](#) Discuss and Develop Cultural Commission Work Plan Goals and Activities for FY 2026/27

Recommendation: Discuss and Develop Cultural Commission Work Plan Goals and Objectives for FY 2026/27.

Commissioner Garg made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Diaz, to allocate \$3,000 to host the Friday Night Live event on October 16, 2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Commissioner Roy, Vice Chair Diaz, Chair von Huene, Commissioner Das, Commissioner Samara, and Commissioner Garg

Excused: 1 - Commissioner Pontious

Vice Chair Diaz made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Samara, to allocate \$6,000 towards the Traffic Box Art Program in FY 2026/27. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Commissioner Roy, Vice Chair Diaz, Chair von Huene, Commissioner Das, Commissioner Samara, and Commissioner Garg

Excused: 1 - Commissioner Pontious

Commissioner Roy made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Samara, to adopt the Cultural Commission Work Plan and Activities for FY 2026/27. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Commissioner Roy, Vice Chair Diaz, Chair von Huene, Commissioner Das, Commissioner Samara, and Commissioner Garg

Excused: 1 - Commissioner Pontious

4. [26-604](#) Elect a Chair and Vice Chair of the Cultural Commission for FY 2026/27

Recommendation: Nominate and elect a Chair and Vice Chair for the Cultural Commission for the FY 2026/27 term.

Commissioner Roy made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Garg, to elect Chair von Huene as Chair and Vice Chair Diaz as Vice Chair of the Cultural Commission for FY 2026/27. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Commissioner Roy, Vice Chair Diaz, Chair von Huene, Commissioner Das, Commissioner Samara, and Commissioner Garg

Excused: 1 - Commissioner Pontious

STAFF REPORT**Recreation Supervisor Shaddle**

Mark calendars for July 7 Special Order of Business at City Council Meeting and August 25 is the joint City Council and Cultural Commission Dinner, Mission College concert, Wednesday, June 3, Mazacote

Recreation Manager Castro

Celebrate Santa Clara Night Market, June dates. July Night Market includes Cultural Commission Summer Concert, added art mural, and additional day on Sunday for a FIFA Watch Party. Ideally we would be launching the Art Master Plan at the event as well. New Cultural Commissioner would be selected the end of June, sworn in July, and ready to go for our Monday, August 3, meeting. Audrey Wang joining the team as intern "Artist in Residence."

COMMISSIONERS REPORT**Commissioner Garg**

Representative from Interntional Peace Organization would like to partner with the Cultural Commission and attend some of the meetings. Will connect them with staff.

Commissioner Das

Attended and served as a judge at the Central Library for the integration of the Teen Library Card.

Chair von Huene

Thanked Commissioners for excusing her last month for a family trip. On May 16, the Santa Clara Chorale performed at Mission Santa Clara with 120 voices and full orchestra. Saw "In the Heights," a community theater production in Los Gatos.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Diaz made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Das, to adjourn the Cultural Commission meeting on May 4, 2026, at 8:12 p.m.

Aye: 6 - Commissioner Roy, Vice Chair Diaz, Chair von Huene, Commissioner Das, Commissioner Samara, and Commissioner Garg

Excused: 1 - Commissioner Pontious

The next regular meeting for the Cultural Commission is on Monday, August 3, 2026.

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