



# City of Santa Clara

## Meeting Minutes

### Cultural Commission

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02/03/2025

7:00 PM

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

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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).

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#### **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

**Chair Marinaro** called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

**Present** 5 - Commissioner Abinas Roy, Commissioner Candida Diaz, Vice Chair Debra von Huene, Chair Jonathan Marinaro, and Commissioner Louis Samara

**Absent** 1 - Commissioner Neetu Garg

**A motion was made by Commissioner Diaz and seconded by Commissioner Sarmara to excuse Commissioner Garg.**

**Aye:** 5 - Commissioner Roy, Commissioner Diaz, Vice Chair von Huene, Chair Marinaro, and Commissioner Samara

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Garg

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

- 1.A [25-159](#) Action on Cultural Commission Regular Minutes of January 6, 2025

**Recommendation:** Approve the Cultural Commission Regular Meeting Minutes of January 6, 2025

**A motion was made by Commissioner Diaz and seconded by Commissioner von Huene to approve the meeting minutes from January 6, 2025.**

**Aye:** 5 - Commissioner Roy, Commissioner Diaz, Vice Chair von Huene, Chair Marinaro, and Commissioner Samara

**Excused:** 1 - Commissioner Garg

### **PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

Kush Patel spoke in favor of collaborating with the Commission to promote a community Holi event in the City this spring.

### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

2. [25-160](#) Discussion and Updates of the Cultural Commission's Work Plan Goals and Activities for FY 2024/25 and FY 2025/26

Goal 4 Objective: "Send two representatives to attend the Americans for the Arts Conference" was discussed. No one on the Commission is able to attend the conference, therefore, the allocation of \$5,000 is no longer needed for this item.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Roy and seconded by Commissioner Samara to invite the Silicon Valley Chamber of Commerce to the March meeting to present opportunities to develop a partnership.**

**Aye:** 5 - Commissioner Roy, Commissioner Diaz, Vice Chair von Huene, Chair Marinaro, and Commissioner Samara

**Excused:** 1 - Commissioner Garg

**A motion was made by Commissioner Diaz and seconded by Commissioner von Huene to allocate \$1,000 to host a community reception with the artists for the Outdoor Sculpture Exhibit project.**

**Aye:** 5 - Commissioner Roy, Commissioner Diaz, Vice Chair von Huene, Chair Marinaro, and Commissioner Samara

**Excused:** 1 - Commissioner Garg

**A motion was made by Commissioner Diaz and seconded by Commissioner von Huene to increase the artists stipend from \$10,000 to \$12,500 for the Outdoor Sculpture Exhibit project.**

**Aye:** 5 - Commissioner Roy, Commissioner Diaz, Vice Chair von Huene, Chair Marinaro, and Commissioner Samara

**Excused:** 1 - Commissioner Garg

**A motion was made by Commissioner Diaz and seconded by Commissioner von Huene to change the allocation for the Traffic Box project from \$4,500 to \$6,000, allowing the artist stipend to rise to \$1,000 per box.**

**Aye:** 5 - Commissioner Roy, Commissioner Diaz, Vice Chair von Huene, Chair Marinaro, and Commissioner Samara

**Excused:** 1 - Commissioner Garg

### **STAFF REPORT**

**Recreation Manager Castro** shared the that Parks & Recreation will post the Spring/Summer Activity Guide on Friday, February 21. Recreation program registration for residents begins on Tuesday, February 25 at 7 a.m. Parks & Recreation is hosting a Camp Fair on February 25, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Community Recreation Center. This event gives residents the opportunity to preview summer camps and aquatic programs in the City.

### **COMMISSIONERS REPORT**

**Commissioner von Huene** participated in a Bay Area Choirs event. The Santa Clara Corale is preparing for a concert on March 1 & 2 themed, "Where the Wild Things Are." All are invited to attend.

**Commissioner Marinaro** went bowling in the Presidio and enjoyed the art and views of the venue.

**Commissioner Roy** attended an Indian Independence Day in Milpitas.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Commissioner von Huene made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Samara.**

**Aye:** 5 - Commissioner Roy, Commissioner Diaz, Vice Chair von Huene, Chair Marinaro, and Commissioner Samara

**Excused:** 1 - Commissioner Garg

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