



# City of Santa Clara

## Meeting Minutes

### Cultural Commission

11/03/2025

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:

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

**The meeting was called to order by Chair von Huene at 7:05 PM.**

**Present** 6 - Commissioner Abinas Roy, Commissioner Charles Pontious, Chair Debra von Huene, Commissioner Kuku Das, Commissioner Louis Samara, and Commissioner Neetu Garg

**Absent** 1 - Vice Chair Candida Diaz

**A motion was made by Commissioner Samara and seconded by Commissioner Garg to excuse Vice-Chair Diaz from the meeting.**

**Aye:** 6 - Commissioner Roy, Commissioner Pontious, Chair von Huene, Commissioner Das, Commissioner Samara, and Commissioner Garg

**Absent:** 1 - Vice Chair Diaz

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. [25-1578](#) Action on the Cultural Commission Regular Minutes of October 6, 2025

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

**A motion was made by Commissioner Samara and seconded by Commissioner Garg to approve the minutes of October 3, 2025.**

**Aye:** 6 - Commissioner Roy, Commissioner Pontious, Chair von Huene, Commissioner Das, Commissioner Samara, and Commissioner Garg

**Excused:** 1 - Vice Chair Diaz

## **PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

None.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

2. [25-1579](#) 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 provided updates to the Work Plan.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Pontious and seconded by Commissioner Samara to accept the proposal for Commemorative Months and Cultural Celebrations as presented by the sub-committee.**

**Aye:** 6 - Commissioner Roy, Commissioner Pontious, Chair von Huene, Commissioner Das, Commissioner Samara, and Commissioner Garg

**Excused:** 1 - Vice Chair Diaz

## **STAFF REPORT**

**Recreation Manager Castro** invited the Commission to see Roberta Jones Junior Theater's production of Roald Dahl's Willy Wonka, attend the Holiday Tree Lighter and celebrate the Wanda Buck as the Honorary Tree Lighter.

## **COMMISSIONERS REPORT**

**Commissioners Roy, Garg and Chair von Huene** went to the Art Commissioner Boot Camp in October sponsored by SV Creates and found it very helpful.

**Chair von Huene** attended the Code Art event in Palo Alto.

**Commissioner Pointious** invited the commissioners to attend the Historic Home Tour December 5 and 6 at Santa Clara Harris-Lass Museum.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Samara and seconded by Commissioner Pontious to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 PM.**

**Aye:** 6 - Commissioner Roy, Commissioner Pontious, Chair von Huene, Commissioner Das, Commissioner Samara, and Commissioner Garg

**Excused:** 1 - Vice Chair Diaz

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