



# 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**