



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

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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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