



City of Santa Clara

Meeting Agenda

Youth Commission

Tuesday, February 11, 2025

6:00 PM

Youth & Teen Center
2446 Cabrillo Avenue
Santa Clara, CA 95051

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. 25-154 [Action on the Youth Commission Meeting Minutes of January 14, 2025](#)

Recommendation: Approve the Youth Commission Meeting Minutes of January 14, 2025

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

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GENERAL BUSINESS

2. 25-155 [Discussion and Possible Action on Youth Commission FY 2024/25 Work Plan & Goals](#)

Recommendation: Discussion and possible action on the activities and efforts in support of the Youth Commission's Work Plan & Goals for FY2024/25.

STAFF REPORT

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

ADJOURNMENT

The next scheduled meeting of the Youth Commission is on Tuesday, March 11, 2025.

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Agenda Report

25-154

Agenda Date: 2/11/2025

REPORT TO YOUTH COMMISSION

SUBJECT

Action on the Youth Commission Meeting Minutes of January 14, 2025

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the Youth Commission Meeting Minutes of January 14, 2025

Prepared by: Gayle Ichiho, Recreation Supervisor

Reviewed by: Kim Castro, Recreation Manager

Approved by: Damon Sparacino, Director of Parks & Recreation

ATTACHMENTS

1. Draft- Youth Commission Meeting Minutes of January 14, 2025



City of Santa Clara

Meeting Minutes Youth Commission

01/14/2025

6:00 PM

Youth & Teen Center
2446 Cabrillo Avenue
Santa Clara, CA 95051

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

This meeting was called to order by Chair Liang at 6:09 p.m.

Present 15 - Commissioner Allysa Domensino, Commissioner Simren Garg, Commissioner Namita Gaidhani, Commissioner Srikha Gopiseti, Commissioner Julianna Arias Hernandez, Commissioner Neha Israni, Commissioner Maryam Ismail, Commissioner Ryan Kim, Commissioner Rebecca Kunze, Commissioner Kira Liang, Commissioner Malia Martin, Commissioner Samaira Mehta, Commissioner Hiranya Parekh, Commissioner Brian Rong, and Commissioner Samarth Suresh

CONSENT CALENDAR

[24-1228](#)

Action on the Youth Commission Meeting Minutes of December 10, 2024

A motion was made by Commissioner Suresh, seconded by Commissioner Martin that this item be recommended for approval.

The motion was carried by the following votes:

Aye: 15 - Commissioner Domensino, Commissioner Garg, Commissioner Gaidhani, Commissioner Gopiseti, Commissioner Arias Hernandez, Commissioner Israni, Commissioner Ismail, Commissioner Kim, Commissioner Kunze, Commissioner Liang, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner Mehta, Commissioner Parekh, Commissioner Rong, and Commissioner Suresh

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

None

GENERAL BUSINESS

[24-1231](#)

Discussion and Possible Action on Youth Commission FY 2024/25 Work Plan & Goals

Commissioners continued to develop activities and events for the FY 2024/25 Work Plan themes: youth empowerment, public outreach and education, and community building. Tentative plans for spring include a hackathon, multicultural high school fair, new resident welcome resources, and an education reform podcast. The committees will update progress at the next Youth Commission monthly meeting in February 2025.

STAFF REPORT

Gayle Ichiho, Recreation Supervisor discussed the application process for the Youth Commission's upcoming FY 2025/26 term. Applications will be available on Monday, Feb. 3. Interested youth ages 12-19, who reside within the City of Santa Clara, are encouraged to apply.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

None

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by commissioner Suresh, seconded by Commissioner Gaidhani that this meeting be adjourned at 6:18 p.m. The motion was carried by the following votes:

Aye: 15 - Commissioner Domensino, Commissioner Garg, Commissioner Gaidhani, Commissioner Gopisetti, Commissioner Arias Hernandez, Commissioner Israni, Commissioner Ismail, Commissioner Kim, Commissioner Kunze, Commissioner Liang, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner Mehta, Commissioner Parekh, Commissioner Rong, and Commissioner Suresh

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REPORT TO YOUTH COMMISSION

SUBJECT

Discussion and Possible Action on Youth Commission FY 2024/25 Work Plan & Goals

BACKGROUND

The Youth Commission develops an annual work plan through discussion of current trends and civic needs that relate to the youth and teen population. The annual work plan drives the activities of the Commission throughout the term. The Commission established goals over the past few terms, including promoting health and wellness, providing public outreach and education, and fostering community inclusiveness.

DISCUSSION

At the October 8, 2024, meeting, the Youth Commissioners adopted their work plan priorities and goals for this term. The work plan priorities include:

- **Public Outreach and Education:** online resources for Santa Clara residents and volunteering opportunities
- **Community Building** with our Santa Clara residents: community events and multicultural activities.
- **Youth Empowerment** in the community: teen talk podcasts, study support for high school students, and mental health challenges.

Commissioners have formed committees for each priority to develop specific plans of action. At the February 11, 2025, meeting, committee members will provide updates on their committee activities and actions. (Attachment 1)

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The action being considered does not constitute a “project” within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15378(b)(5) in that it is a governmental organizational or administrative activity that will not result in direct or indirect changes in the environment.

PUBLIC CONTACT

Public contact was made by posting the Youth Commission agenda on the City’s official-notice bulletin board outside City Hall Council Chambers. A complete agenda packet is available on the City’s website and in the City Clerk’s Office at least 72 hours prior to a Regular Meeting and 24 hours prior to a Special Meeting. A hard copy of any agenda report may be requested by contacting the City Clerk’s Office at (408) 615-2220, email clerk@santaclaraca.gov or at the public information desk at any City of Santa Clara public library.

RECOMMENDATION

Discussion and possible action on the activities and efforts in support of the Youth Commission's Work Plan & Goals for FY2024/25.

Prepared by: Gayle Ichiho, Recreation Supervisor

Reviewed by Kimberly Castro, Recreation Manager

Approved by: Damon Sparacino, Director of Parks & Recreation

ATTACHMENTS

1. Youth Commission Work Plan FY 2024/25



GOAL #1: Community Building with Santa Clara residents

Objectives	Ad Hoc Sub-Committee	Timeline	Current Status
Provide Community Events and multicultural activities.	<u>Commissioners:</u> Srikha Gopisetti Brian Rong Mateo Espinal Namita Gaidhani Niharika Uppalapati Maryam Ismail	Spring 2025	Discussed plans for upcoming events: the Sister Cities Welcome Party for the Japanese exchange students, discussed plans for the SC Hacks - Hackathon event in March. Further discussed the Harmony of Cultures event at the Teen Center in April.

GOAL #2: Public Outreach and Education

Objectives	Ad Hoc Sub-Committee	Timeline	Current Status
Online resources for Santa Clara residents, period poverty, and volunteer opportunities	<u>Commissioners:</u> Neha Israni Kira Liang Ryan Kim Malia Martin Simren Garg	Spring 2025	Committee discussed creating a social media post publicizing Narcan distribution and collaborating with the library. Discussed developing the New Residents' Welcome Package as a long-term project. Committee will continue to explore ways to combat period poverty.

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Work Plan FY 2024/25**



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GOAL #3: Youth Empowerment			
Objectives	Ad Hoc Sub-Committee	Timeline	Current Status
Teen focused podcasts, Inclusive Maker Space workshop, and mental health challenge	<u>Commissioners:</u> Julie Arias Samarth Suresh Allysa Domensino Hiranya Parekh Samaira Mehta Aneesha Vemu Rebecca Kunze	Spring 2025	Committee created a timeline for Spring projects, focusing on creating a variety of podcasts episodes and practicing recording of the topic of Education Reform.