



City of Santa Clara

Meeting Agenda

Youth Commission

Tuesday, May 13, 2025

6:00 PM

Cafeteria - City Hall East Wing
1500 Warburton Avenue
Santa Clara, CA 95050

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. 25-473 [Action on the Youth Commission Meeting Minutes of April 8, 2025](#)

Recommendation: Approve the Youth Commission Meeting Minutes of April 8, 2025

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

[This item is reserved for persons to address the body on any matter not on the agenda that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the body. The law does not permit action on, or extended discussion of, any item not on the agenda except under special circumstances. The governing body, or staff, may briefly respond to statements made or questions posed, and appropriate body may request staff to report back at a subsequent meeting.]

GENERAL BUSINESS

2. 25-475 [Discussion and Possible Action on Youth Commission FY2024/25 Work Plan & Goals](#)

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

STAFF REPORT

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

ADJOURNMENT

The next scheduled meeting of the Youth Commission is on Tuesday, September 9, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

MEETING DISCLOSURES

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Agenda Report

25-473

Agenda Date: 5/13/2025

REPORT TO YOUTH COMMISSION

SUBJECT

Action on the Youth Commission Meeting Minutes of April 8, 2025

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the Youth Commission Meeting Minutes of April 8, 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 April 8, 2025



City of Santa Clara

Meeting Minutes

Youth Commission

04/08/2025

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 6:04 p.m.

- Present** 11 - Commissioner Allysa Domensino, Commissioner Simren Garg, Commissioner Namita Gaidhani, Commissioner Srikha Gopiseti, Commissioner Julianna Arias Hernandez, Commissioner Neha Israni, Commissioner Ryan Kim, Commissioner Rebecca Kunze, Commissioner Kira Liang, Commissioner Malia Martin, and Commissioner Samarth Suresh
- Absent** 4 - Commissioner Maryam Ismail, Commissioner Samaira Mehta, Commissioner Hiranya Parekh, and Commissioner Brian Rong

A motion was made by the Commissioner Suresh, seconded by Commissioner Martin to excuse Commissioner Ismail, Commissioner Parekh, Commissioner Rong and Commissioner Mehta from the April 8 meeting. The motion was carried by the following votes:

- Aye:** 11 - Commissioner Domensino, Commissioner Garg, Commissioner Gaidhani, Commissioner Gopiseti, Commissioner Arias Hernandez, Commissioner Israni, Commissioner Kim, Commissioner Kunze, Commissioner Liang, Commissioner Martin, and Commissioner Suresh
- Absent:** 4 - Commissioner Ismail, Commissioner Mehta, Commissioner Parekh, and Commissioner Rong

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. [25-391](#) Action on the Youth Commission Meeting Minutes of March 11, 2025

Amend with the following changes to the March 11, 2025 meeting minutes: change the date from April 4th to April 5th under the Community Building with Santa Clara residents objective.

A motion was made by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Arias Hernandez that this item be recommended for approval as amended. This motion was carried by the following votes:

Aye: 11 - Commissioner Domensino, Commissioner Garg, Commissioner Gaidhani, Commissioner Gopisetti, Commissioner Arias Hernandez, Commissioner Israni, Commissioner Kim, Commissioner Kunze, Commissioner Liang, Commissioner Martin, and Commissioner Suresh

Excused: 4 - Commissioner Ismail, Commissioner Mehta, Commissioner Parekh, and Commissioner Rong

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

None

GENERAL BUSINESS

2. [25-392](#) Discussion and Possible Action on Youth Commission FY 2024/25 Work Plan & Goals

Community Building with Santa Clara residents:

The committee made the decision to postpone the SC Hacks Hackathon event to next year's term, due to low enrollment. Committee is continuing the planning of their multicultural event, Harmony of Cultures. This event will be held at the Teen Center on Saturday, April 26th. Committee will send out invitations to local high school clubs to participate. This event will include cultural performances, food, and music.

Public Outreach & Education:

The committee met with representative from QCorner and learned about their organization's resources. Commissioners reached out to our library to organize a possible future NARCAN demonstration for the public. The committee will continue to develop New Resident Welcome resource packets and suggestions for improving the publication, including: incorporating photos, and utilizing free online translation services.

Youth Empowerment:

The committee reported on the Santa Clara Speaks event held on April 3rd at the Teen Center. The Santa Clara Youth Commission, with the Santa Clara High School Wellness Center, hosted a panel discussion about middle-to-high school transition for students and parents. Topics included:

- Academic expectations in high school,
- Social and emotional adjustments,
- Parent support strategies, and
- School-life balance

The event ended with a Q&A session. The goal was to help families navigate this transition by offering advice from school professionals and current high school students.

STAFF REPORT

Karen Guzman, Youth Services Librarian, discussed upcoming Library events and resources for our teen population. These programs included free online tutoring, mental health resources, and Bricks by the Books event that will be held on May 10th at the Central Park Library.

Gayle Ichiho, Recreation Supervisor, announced the recommended Youth Commissioners for next year's term. This year's outgoing and incoming Youth Commissioners will be recognized at the upcoming May 13 City Council meeting. She also confirmed that our last Youth Commission meeting for this year's term will be held after the City Council meeting in the City Hall cafeteria.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

None

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Israni that this meeting be adjourned at 6:21 p.m. The motion was carried by the following votes:

Aye: 11 - Commissioner Domensino, Commissioner Garg, Commissioner Gaidhani, Commissioner Gopisetti, Commissioner Arias Hernandez, Commissioner Israni, Commissioner Kim, Commissioner Kunze, Commissioner Liang, Commissioner Martin, and Commissioner Suresh

Excused: 4 - Commissioner Ismail, Commissioner Mehta, Commissioner Parekh, and Commissioner Rong

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Agenda Report

25-475

Agenda Date: 5/13/2025

REPORT TO YOUTH COMMISSION

SUBJECT

Discussion and Possible Action on Youth Commission FY2024/25 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 discussed 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 May 13, 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 the 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 FY2024/25



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 Gopiseti Brian Rong Mateo Espinal Namita Gaidhani Niharika Uppalapati Maryam Ismail	Spring 2025	The committee made the decision to postpone the SC Hacks Hackathon to the next Youth Commission term. Committee is continuing the planning of their multicultural event, Harmony of Cultures. This event will be held at the Teen Center on Saturday, April 26th. Committee will send out invitations to local high school clubs to participate. This event will include cultural performances, food, and music.

GOAL #2: Public Outreach & Education

Objectives	Ad Hoc Sub-Committee	Timeline	Current Status
Online resources for Santa Clara residents Welcome packets, period poverty, and volunteer opportunities	<u>Commissioners:</u> Neha Israni Kira Liang Ryan Kim Malia Martin Simren Garg	Spring 2025	The committee met with representative from Q Corner and learned about their organization's resources. Commissioners reached out to our library to organize a possible future NARCAN demonstration for



			<p>the public. The committee will continue to develop New Resident Welcome resource packets and suggestions for improving the publication, including incorporating photos, and currently utilizing free online translation services.</p>
<p>GOAL #3: Youth Empowerment</p>			
Objectives	Ad Hoc Sub-Committee	Timeline	Current Status
<p>Teen focused podcasts, Inclusive Maker Space workshop, and mental health challenge</p>	<p><u>Commissioners:</u> Julie Arias Samarth Suresh Allysa Domensino Hiranya Parekh Samaira Mehta Aneesha Vemu Rebecca Kunze</p>	<p>Spring 2025</p>	<p>The committee reported on the Santa Clara Speaks event held on April 3rd at the Teen Center. The Santa Clara Youth Commission, with the Santa Clara High School Wellness Center, hosted a panel discussion about middle-to-high school transition for students and parents. Topics included: Academic expectations in high school; Social and emotional adjustments; Parent support strategies;</p>

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			<p>and School-life balance</p> <p>The event ended with a Q&A session. The goal was to help families navigate this transition by offering advice from school professionals and current high school students.</p>
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