City of Santa Clara

Meeting Agenda

Youth Commission

Tuesday, September 8, 2026 **6:00 PM** **Youth & Teen Center**
2446 Cabrillo Avenue
Santa Clara, CA 95051

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

CONSENT CALENDAR

1 **26-887** Action on the Youth Commission Minutes of May 12, 2026 Meeting

Recommendation: Approve the Youth Commission Minutes of the May 12, 2026 Meeting

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

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GENERAL BUSINESS

2 **26-907** Discussion and Possible Action on Youth Commission FY 2026/27 Work Plan & Goals

Recommendation: Discussion and possible action on the activities and efforts in support of the Youth Commission's Work Plan & Goals for FY2026/27.

STAFF REPORT

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

ADJOURNMENT

The next scheduled meeting of the Youth Commission is on Tuesday, October 13, 2026 at the Youth & Teen Center.

MEETING DISCLOSURES

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26-887 **Agenda Date: 9/8/2026**

REPORT TO YOUTH COMMISSION

SUBJECT
Action on the Youth Commission Minutes of May 12, 2026 Meeting

RECOMMENDATION
Approve the Youth Commission Minutes of the May 12, 2026 Meeting

Prepared by: Rich Casem, Recreation Coordinator
Reviewed by: Kim Castro, Recreation Manager
Approved by: Damon Sparacino, Director of Parks & Recreation

ATTACHMENTS
1. Draft- Youth Commission Minutes of the May 12, 2026 Meeting

Draft

City of Santa Clara

Meeting Minutes

Youth Commission

05/12/2026	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 Chair Martin at 6:05 p.m.

Present 9 - Commissioner Allysa Domensino, Commissioner Seoyun Chong, Commissioner Namita Gaidhani, Commissioner Srikha Gopisetti, Commissioner Julianna Arias Hernandez, Commissioner Neha Israni, Commissioner Drew Madriaga, Commissioner Malia Martin, and Commissioner Aneesha Vemu

Absent 6 - Commissioner Mateo Espinal, Commissioner Rebecca Kunze, Commissioner Samaira Mehta, Commissioner Brian Rong, Commissioner Samarth Suresh, and Commissioner Niharika Uppalapati

A motion was made by Commissioner Vemu, seconded by Commissioner Arias Hernandez to excuse Commissioner Rong, Commissioner Kunze, Commissioner Mehta, Commissioner Uppalapati, Commissioner Suresh, Commissioner Espinal from the May 12, 2026 meeting. The motion was carried by the following votes:

Aye: 9 - Commissioner Domensino, Commissioner Chong, Commissioner Gaidhani, Commissioner Gopisetti, Commissioner Arias Hernandez, Commissioner Israni, Commissioner Madriaga, Commissioner Martin, and Commissioner Vemu

Absent: 6 - Commissioner Espinal, Commissioner Kunze, Commissioner Mehta, Commissioner Rong, Commissioner Suresh, and Commissioner Uppalapati

CONSENT CALENDAR

1 26-486 Discuss and Take Action on Youth Commission FY 2025/26 Work Plan & Goals

Civic Engagement Committee
The committee are working with Santa Clara Public Library for Narcan training. It is tentatively scheduled for June 2, 2026, 4:30 - 5 p.m. at Central Park Library.

Community Building Committee
The committee recapped on the Hack-a-thon they held at the Youth & Teen Center on March 21, 2026.

Youth Empowerment Committee
Completed the joint collaboration post on the National Library Association's social media on the benefits of having a library card. Their video is being showcased on library and Youth & Teen Center social media.

The motion was made by Commissioner Chong and seconded by Commissioner Gopisetti that this item be recommended for approval. The motion was carried by the following votes:

Aye: 9 - Commissioner Domensino, Commissioner Chong, Commissioner Gaidhani, Commissioner Gopisetti, Commissioner Arias Hernandez, Commissioner Israni, Commissioner Madriaga, Commissioner Martin, and Commissioner Vemu

Excused: 6 - Commissioner Espinal, Commissioner Kunze, Commissioner Mehta, Commissioner Rong, Commissioner Suresh, and Commissioner Uppalapati

2 26-485 Action on the Youth Commission Meeting Minutes of April 7, 2026

Amend with the following changes to the April 7, 2026 minutes: Change 2020 - 2027 to 2026 - 2027 in the staff report.

A motion was made by Commissioner Israni, seconded by Commissioner Vemu that this item be recommended for approval as amended. This motion was carried by the following votes.

Aye: 9 - Commissioner Domensino, Commissioner Chong, Commissioner Gaidhani, Commissioner Gopisetti, Commissioner Arias Hernandez, Commissioner Israni, Commissioner Madriaga, Commissioner Martin, and Commissioner Vemu

Excused: 6 - Commissioner Espinal, Commissioner Kunze, Commissioner Mehta, Commissioner Rong, Commissioner Suresh, and Commissioner Uppalapati

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

None

GENERAL BUSINESS

STAFF REPORT

Mimi Nguyen, Teen Librarian presented the printed winning library card contest designs. On May 21, 2026 the library will be honoring all artwork submission displaying the students artwork. In addition, the Summer Reading program Adventure Trails has started and community members can join. Community members can get information and application forms at the library. On June 10, 2026 teens are welcomed to join the Library in decorating Trader Joe's mini-tote bags. 300 bags will be available for teens to design and take home.

Gayle Ichiho, Recreation Supervisor, announced the May 12, 2026 meeting is the last meeting for the 2025 - 2026 Youth Commission. There will be a City Council meeting at City Hall on May 19, 2026 at 6:40 pm to recognize outgoing and incoming commissioners in attendance. Gayle also stated there are two additional Night Markets scheduled on June 5 & June 6, and July 17 & 18 on Lafayette Street.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Commissioner Report
Commissioner Domensino attended the STEM Zone Super Community Event at the Santa Clara Convention Center. It was well attended and participants were able to play interactive games, attend STEM workshops and do hands on crafts with tech vendors from the Bay Area.
Commissioner Arias attended the Night Market and thought it was a success with food and craft vendors from all over the Bay Area.
Commissioner Madriaga attended the Night Market and it brought a lot of new people to Santa Clara and looks forward to the Youth Commission involvement in upcoming Night Markets.
Alternate Ibrahim attended the Night Market and felt the excitement and potential for the community. He also attended the Santa Clara Fire Department Community CPR Training and ice cream social. It was informative and helpful. Alternate Ibrahim was also in attendance for the STEM Zone and thought it was a great success.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Gopisetti, seconded by Commissioner Madriaga that this meeting be adjourned at 6:21 p.m.until the next regular meeting on September 8, 2026 at the Youth & Teen Center. The motion was carried by the following votes:

Aye: 9 - Commissioner Domensino, Commissioner Chong, Commissioner Gaidhani, Commissioner Gopisetti, Commissioner Arias Hernandez, Commissioner Israni, Commissioner Madriaga, Commissioner Martin, and Commissioner Vemu

Excused: 6 - Commissioner Espinal, Commissioner Kunze, Commissioner Mehta, Commissioner Rong, Commissioner Suresh, and Commissioner Uppalapati

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26-907 **Agenda Date: 9/8/2026**

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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 meeting on September 8, 2026, the Youth Commission will begin discussions regarding its' work plan priorities and goals for the FY2026/27 term. These discussions will occur over the next one or two monthly meetings as Commissioners narrow their focus to approximately three overarching goals with supporting activities and/or events.
The work plan goals for this term will be discussed, evaluated, prioritized, and implemented in the context of existing City resources.

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 <mailto:clerk@santaclaraca.gov> <mailto:clerk@santaclaraca.gov>.

RECOMMENDATION
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