



City of Santa Clara

Meeting Minutes Youth Commission

12/14/2021

6:00 PM

Teen Center
2446 Cabrillo Avenue
Santa Clara, CA 95051

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by **Vice Chair Parikh** at 6:10 p.m.

- Present** 7 - Commissioner Malia Martin, Commissioner Samarth Suresh, Commissioner Kaitlyn Butcher, Commissioner Aarav Gupta, Commissioner Palak Parikh, Commissioner Sarah Zuo, and Commissioner Jasmine Kelly-Tanti
- Absent** 8 - Commissioner Mitchell Blanda, Commissioner Rishith Gopiseti, Commissioner Hiranya Parekh, Commissioner Mitali Gaidhani, Commissioner Ahmad Ismail, Commissioner Khadeejah Khan, Commissioner Rajvi Khanjan Shroff, and Commissioner Riya Mehta

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 1.A 21-1687** Youth Commission Minutes of November 9, 2021

Recommendation: Approve the Youth Commission Minutes of November 9, 2021.

This item was deferred to the January 11, 2022 meeting due to lack of a quorum.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

None

GENERAL BUSINESS

2. [21-1688](#) Youth Commission Committee Reports on Work Plan Goals

The Youth Commission's FY2021/22 work plan will include themes of community building, youth empowerment, and youth outreach. Each theme will have a committee comprised of Youth Commissioners, to plan activities to deliver to the community.

Community Building Committee: Preliminary discussions focused on the feasibility of a multi-cultural event to highlight cultural food, arts, performances represented in Santa Clara. The committee discussed the options of one event or multiple, smaller events. The committee's vision is to bring the people of Santa Clara together and learning new things about the various cultures in the community.

Youth Outreach Committee: Discussed how to give back to the community, making a positive impact, uplifting underrepresented populations, and raising awareness of Youth Commission. The committee hopes to implement monthly activities to reach their goals.

Youth Empowerment Committee: The committee discussed ideas to allow youth to positively express themselves through a youth showcase and monthly opportunities to share their voice. The committee will consider how to provide these platforms for youth with appropriate guidelines.

STAFF REPORT

Gayle Ichiho, Recreation Supervisor: The Parks & Recreation Department hosted the annual tree lighting ceremony at Central Park on Friday, December 3, 2021, Department holiday programs are coming up including Santa activities, Nutcracker, and Commissioners were encouraged to take the Tasman East Mini Park Community Survey. Visit www.SantaClaraCA.gov/ParkProjects for more information.

Rachel Hughes, Librarian: The Library has hired a new Young Adult Librarian at Central Library, craft take and makes will be available at all libraries in January, Central Library is offering a teen snow globe activity, and the Library will be closed from December 24, 2021-January 3, 2022 but late fees will not be charged during this time, video games are available at Central and North Side libraries, and in January library staff will be meeting to discuss teen volunteer roles.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Commissioners Butcher, Gupta, and Zuo assisted with the Parks & Recreation Department's Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 11. Commissioners enjoyed working with families in attendance and interacting with the youth.

ADJOURNMENT

Commission concluded the meeting at 6:20 P.M.

The next meeting of the Youth Commission will be held on January 11, 2022 at 6:00 P.M. at the Teen Center.

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