



City of Santa Clara

Meeting Minutes

Cultural Commission

10/07/2019

7:00 PM

Senior Center
1303 Fremont Street
Santa Clara, CA 95050

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Samara called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Present 5 - Chair Louis Samara, Commissioner Harbir Bhatia, Commissioner Niha Mathur, Vice Chair Jonathan Marinaro, and Commissioner Teresa Sulcer

Absent 2 - Commissioner Debra von Huene, and Commissioner Candida Diaz

A motion was made by Commissioner Marinaro, seconded by Commissioner Bhatia to excuse Commissioners von Huene and Diaz

Aye: 5 - Chair Samara, Commissioner Bhatia, Commissioner Mathur, Vice Chair Marinaro, and Commissioner Sulcer

Absent: 2 - Commissioner von Huene, and Commissioner Diaz

CONSENT CALENDAR

1.A [19-1099](#) Cultural Commission Special Meeting Minutes of August 12, 2019

Recommendation: Approve the Cultural Commission Special Meeting Minutes of August 12, 2019.

A motion was made by Commissioner Marinaro, seconded by Commissioner Mathur to approve the minutes from the Special Meeting on August 12, 2019.

Aye: 4 - Chair Samara, Commissioner Mathur, Vice Chair Marinaro, and Commissioner Sulcer

Excused: 2 - Commissioner von Huene, and Commissioner Diaz

Abstained: 1 - Commissioner Bhatia

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Balraj Singh and Harpreet Kohi spoke to the Commission regarding Sikh Awareness Month.

GENERAL BUSINESS

2. [19-1100](#) Cultural Commission Discussion of Draft Work Plan for FY2019/21

Recommendation: Recommend a Final Work Plan with three to five specific goals with no more than 2 activities/objectives per goal for FY2019/21.

The Commission discussed the Work Plan and subcommittees provided updates to the Commission.

A motion was made by Commissioner Marinaro, seconded by Commissioner Bhatia to Support Sikh Awareness Month with marketing for anniversary events and include Joy of Sewa in the the Tree Lighting booth.

Aye: 5 - Chair Samara, Commissioner Bhatia, Commissioner Mathur, Vice Chair Marinaro, and Commissioner Sulcer

Absent: 2 - Commissioner von Huene, and Commissioner Diaz

STAFF REPORT**COMMISSIONERS REPORT**

Commissioner Marinaro attended a business trip on the East Coast and enjoyed many art and music activities.

Commissioner Bhatia attended an International Convention in Pakistan, and attended the Migrant Experience Art exhibition at the Triton Museum.

Commissioner Mathur created a Kids Gallery Wall in her home.

Commissioner Saulcer displayed the community mural from 2018 Street Dance at the Parade of Champions and a Women's Business event at the Triton. She is looking for a permanent home for the mural.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Marinaro motioned, seconded by Commissioner Bhatia to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 p.m.

Aye: 5 - Chair Samara, Commissioner Bhatia, Commissioner Mathur, Vice Chair Marinaro, and Commissioner Sulcer

Absent: 2 - Commissioner von Huene, and Commissioner Diaz

The next regular meeting of the Cultural Commission is November 4, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.