



# City of Santa Clara

## Meeting Minutes

### Cultural Commission

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03/04/2024

7:00 PM

Hybrid Meeting  
Santa Clara Senior Center  
Room 205  
1303 Fremont Street  
Santa Clara, CA 95050

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The City of Santa Clara is conducting the Cultural Commission meeting in a hybrid manner (in-person and a method for the public to participate remotely).

Via Zoom:

<https://santaclaraca.zoom.us/j/98272283531>

Meeting ID:98272283531

Or join by phone: 669-900-6833

#### **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Chair Diaz called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

**Present** 5 - Commissioner Louis Samara, Vice Chair Debra von Huene, Chair Candida Diaz, Commissioner Jonathan Marinaro, and Commissioner Neetu Garg

**Absent** 1 - Commissioner Paul McNamara

**A motion was made by Commissioner Marinaro, seconded by Vice Chair von Huene, to excuse Commissioner McNamara from the meeting. The motion fails with the following vote:**

**Aye:** 3 - Vice Chair von Huene, Commissioner Marinaro, and Commissioner Garg

**Nay:** 2 - Commissioner Samara, and Chair Diaz

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner McNamara

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

- 1.A [24-184](#) Action on Cultural Commission Regular Minutes of February 5, 2024

**Recommendation:** Approve the Cultural Commission Regular Meeting Minutes of February 5, 2024

**A motion was made by Commissioner Samara, seconded by Commissioner Marinaro, that the consent calendar be approved.  
The motion passed with the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Commissioner Samara, Vice Chair von Huene, Chair Diaz,  
Commissioner Marinaro, and Commissioner Garg

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner McNamara

### **PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

There were no Public Presentations.

### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

2. [24-192](#) Review and Approve a Draft Presentation of Commission Accomplishments for the Joint Dinner with the City Council on March 19, 2024.

**Chair Diaz** shared the Draft Presentation of Commission Accomplishments for the Joint Dinner with the City Council on March 19, 2024. The Commissioners listened to the presentation and provided feedback.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Marinaro, seconded by Commissioner Samara, that the Draft Presentation of Commission Accomplishments for the Joint Dinner with the City Council on March 19, 2024 be approved. The motion passed with the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Commissioner Samara, Vice Chair von Huene, Chair Diaz,  
Commissioner Marinaro, and Commissioner Garg

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner McNamara

3. [24-183](#) Action on Cultural Commission Work Plan Goals and Activities for FY 2023/24

**Recommendation:** Discuss the Cultural Commission Work Plan Goals and Activities for FY 2023/24.

Commissioners reported the following on the Cultural Commission Work Plan Goals and Activities for FY 2023/24:

**GOAL #1: Host and enhance multicultural events to encourage and acquaint Santa Clara residents with cultural diversity.**

**Plan for Summer Concerts in FY 2023/24- Commissioner Samara**

reported there are no changes with the five (5) Concerts:

June 14 @ Live Oak Park-Houserockers

June 28 @ Central Park-The Peelers

July 12 @ Central Park-The Megatones

July 26 @ Central Park-Orquesta Borinquen

Aug.16 @ Central Park-Pop Fiction

The Committee met to brainstorm with Mission College for using their venue in 2025. The City will cross-promote the concerts with Mission College.

**Street Dance-** Date: Aug. 2024 with Neon Velvet. City staff walked the proposed site (Franklin St. between Monroe and Madison) for feasibility. Staff will check with the Police Department if they foresee any issues with the proposed new site.

**Plan and Host Friday Night Live Events-** October will be for Hispanic Heritage month. Triton will provide space. Youth Band is targeted for April 2025 and The Korean Event with the Parks & Recreation Commission will be moved to the 2025 calendar.

**Secure sponsors for Cultural Commission special events in FY 2023/2024-**

**Street Dance:** EdgeCore Digital Infrastructure, CEFCU and Swim Club.

**Concerts:** EdgeCore Digital Infrastructure.

**GOAL #2: Develop and encourage interactive, art opportunities to provide temporary, performing, cultural, and public art in the City.**

**Advise and recommend public art to City Council-**No updates were provided.

**Identify available Utility Boxes in the City for Artist Utility Box**

**Program (alternate years with Sculpture Exhibition)**-No updates were provided.

**Host Sculpture Exhibition**-Eight (8) entries were received by four (4) artists. The Commission discussed that the minimum amount of entries would be sixteen (16) and the contest would be extended three (3) weeks to March 24. The awards have been increased to \$2,500, \$1,500 and \$750. The Commission voted on this item.

**Vice Chair von Huene** will provide the updated information to be posted on the website and she will email additional people.

**Host Halloween Home & Holiday Home Decorating Contest and Recognition**-Contests have concluded. No updates provided.

**Update and maintain City interactive web-based public art map**-The map has been updated.

**GOAL #3: Raise the visibility of commemorative months.**

**Update Coloring Book to honor Commemorative Months according to Federal Calendar**- The artist provided the coloring pages (April-June).

**Chair Diaz** shared the three (3) pages. The Commission would like April to be Jazz and Poetry month. **Chair Diaz** will request the artist revise the April page and add a lamp image to the May page.

**Promote monthly commemorative months through Social Media and Special Events to raise awareness and cultural competency**-Vice Chair von Huene posted the March coloring page.

**GOAL #4: Enhance communication and media strategy to increase community awareness of the Cultural Commission.**

**Commissioners to attend the Americans for the Arts Conference**-On hold for FY23/24.

**Present regularly to City Council**-The Commission will present to Council on March 19 at the Joint Dinner. A Draft Presentation was presented at the meeting and minor changes were added and approved.

**Develop, maintain, and grow partnerships and collaborations with external organizations**-The subcommittee is fostering a relationship with Mission College and collaborating on possible concert sites in 2025. They

will see if someone with Mission College can be a judge for the Art Exhibition with the new dates discussed. The Commission discussed partnerships, parking, and amenities at the campus.

**GOAL #5: Prepare for Citywide Arts Master Plan Process.**

**Develop, promote, and implement Citywide Arts Master Plan alongside the City Council--Commissioner Marinaro** met with **Cynthia Bojorquez, Assistant City Manager/Acting Parks & Recreation Director**, about the Arts Master Plan Process. The Council Priority Sessions are in March and April. He encouraged everyone to attend. The Commission will review other Arts Master Plans and see what they like about their plans and what are priorities for the Commission.

**GOAL #6: Identify and expand on Arts Education in the City of Santa Clara.**

**Identify potential partnerships with schools/local organizations to expand arts and art education--Vice Chair von Huene** met with Jessica Friedman from Santa Clara Unified School District. She is interested in partnering with the Commission. **Chair Diaz** will be reaching out regarding the Utility Box Art Project to see if the Commission can work together on this project.

**A motion was made by Vice Chair von Huene, seconded by Commissioner Samara, to extend the Sculpture Exhibition deadline by three (3) weeks, to increase the Award amounts, and agree to a minimum of 16 entries. The motion passed with the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Commissioner Samara, Vice Chair von Huene, Chair Diaz, Commissioner Marinaro, and Commissioner Garg

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner McNamara

**STAFF REPORT**

**Recreation Manager Castro** attended the Santa Clara Unified School District Arts in Education Breakfast with Commissioners Garg and McNamara. A variety of entities that prioritize art were represented.

**COMMISSIONERS REPORT**

The following commissioners provided reports:

**Vice Chair von Huene** reported on a work trip to Houston Texas and attended a rodeo. She also saw several murals and art in Houston and Austin. She is also a member of the Santa Clara Chorale and they sang the National Anthem at a Barracuda hockey game Saturday, March 2, 2024.

**Chair Diaz** reported that Santa Clara Westside Little League is looking for someone to sing the National Anthem on Saturday, March 9, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. at their opening ceremony.

**Commissioner Garg** reported attending the Santa Clara Unified School District, Arts in Education Breakfast for the table discussion. She has been brainstorming how we can work with the School District through the Utility Box Project.

**Commissioner Marinaro** reported attending a Ciaran Mac Gowan Irish concert. He was able to see his last concert before he returns to Ireland.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Marinaro, seconded by Vice Chair von Huene, that the meeting be adjourned at 8:29 p.m. The motion passed with the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Commissioner Samara, Vice Chair von Huene, Chair Diaz, Commissioner Marinaro, and Commissioner Garg

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner McNamara

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March 4, 2024

#24-192

# Joint City Council & Cultural Commission Meeting

**Item #24-1429**  
**March 19, 2024**



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POST MEETING MATERIAL





# Agenda

- Welcome – Mayor Lisa M. Gillmor
- Introductions – Mayor & Council, Commissioners, City Staff
- Report on Accomplishments – Cultural Commission
- Brief Update – City Manager Jōvan D. Grogan
  - 2024 Council Priority Setting Process



# 2023 Accomplishments



**Concerts  
in the Park**


David Martin House Party  
June 9 | Central Park

The Fog City Swampers  
June 23 | Live Oak Park

Neon Velvet  
July 21 | Central Park

Orquesta Borinquen  
Aug. 18 | Central Park

The Megatones  
Sept. 29 | Live Oak Park

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# STREET DANCE

PRESENTED BY  SILICON VALLEY POWER, CITY OF SANTA CLARA



**Featuring: Pop Rocks**

FRIDAY, AUG. 4 | 6-9:30 P.M. | 1100-1300 FRANKLIN SQUARE

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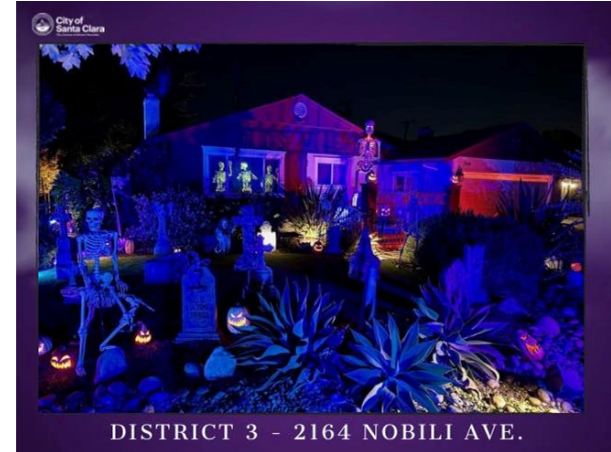
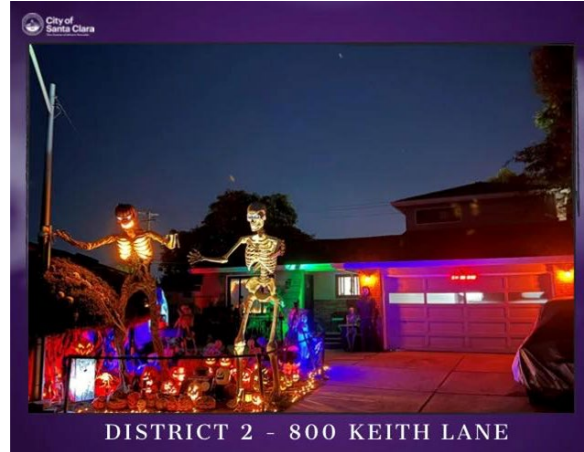
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# Home Decorating Contest - Halloween 2023





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DISTRICT 4 - 875 PEPPER TREE LANE



DISTRICT 6 - 221 DOUGLANE AVE.



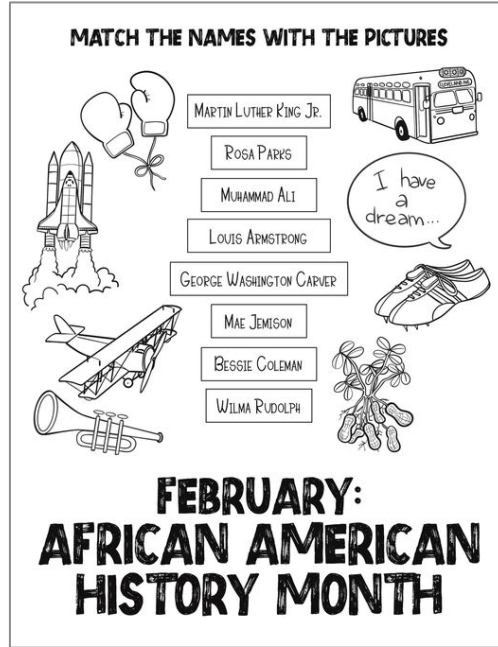
# Home Decorating Contest - Halloween 2023







# Commemorative Coloring Pages





# Home Decorating Contest - Holiday 2023



District 1 - 4292 Burdick Lane



District 2 - 2133 Hoover Court



District 3 - 3031 Santa Maria Ave.





# Home Decorating Contest - Holiday 2023



District 4 - 960 Capitola Way



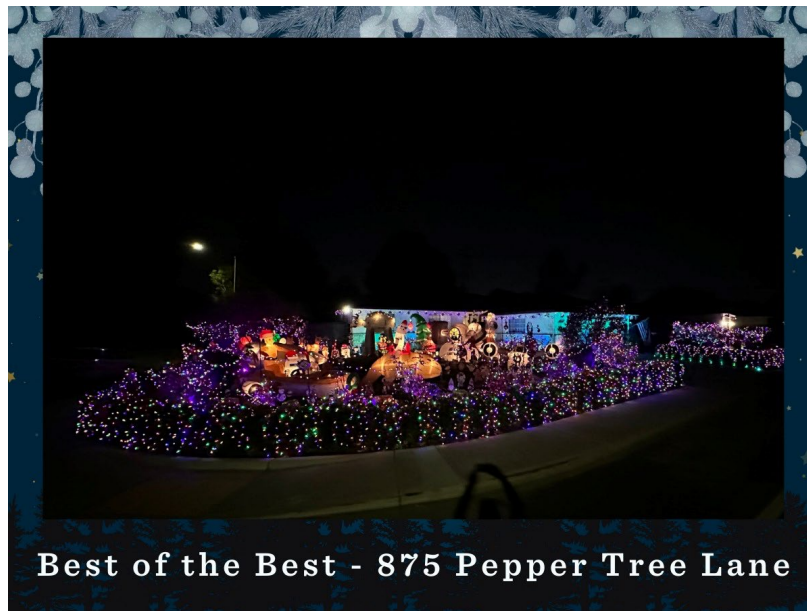
District 5 - 1210 Lincoln St.



District 6 - 345 Sloat Court



# Home Decorating Contest - Holiday 2023



**Best of the Best - 875 Pepper Tree Lane**



# Temporary Art Installation

The Mechanical Horse  
By Artist Adrian Landon

Collaboration with Santa Clara  
University: Sept. 23 – Jan. 24







# Happening Now

## Sculpture Exhibition 2024

Theme: **“One World, One Hope”**

- **April:** Up to 25 Artists Artwork installed at designated locations
- **May:** Exhibition opens to public & public online voting opens
- **June:** All Artists invited to reception and first, second and third place winners will be announced





# Looking Forward - 2024 Concert Series

## Live Oak Park:

Friday, June 14

The Houserockers, Rock & Roll Party

## Central Park:

Friday, June 28

The Peelers, Modern

Friday, July 12

The Megatones, 80s & 90s Dance Party

Friday, July 26

Orquesta Borinquen, Latin

Friday, August 16

Pop Fiction, Ultimate Dance Party



# **2024 Street Dance Featuring Neon Velvet**

**Street Dance on Franklin Street  
Friday, Aug. 2 from 6-9:30 p.m.**

Join us for another year of music, food, dancing and  
community!



# Future Projects

- Friday Night Live Series Fall 2024
- Utility Box Art Program in 2025
- Support for Citywide Arts Master Plan
- In discussion with Mission College for potential event collaboration

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# Approved 2024 Council Priority Setting Framework

## March 2024

- Community Survey

## March – April 2024

- Council Priority Setting Process

## May - June 2024

- CBC Annual Budget Setting Process

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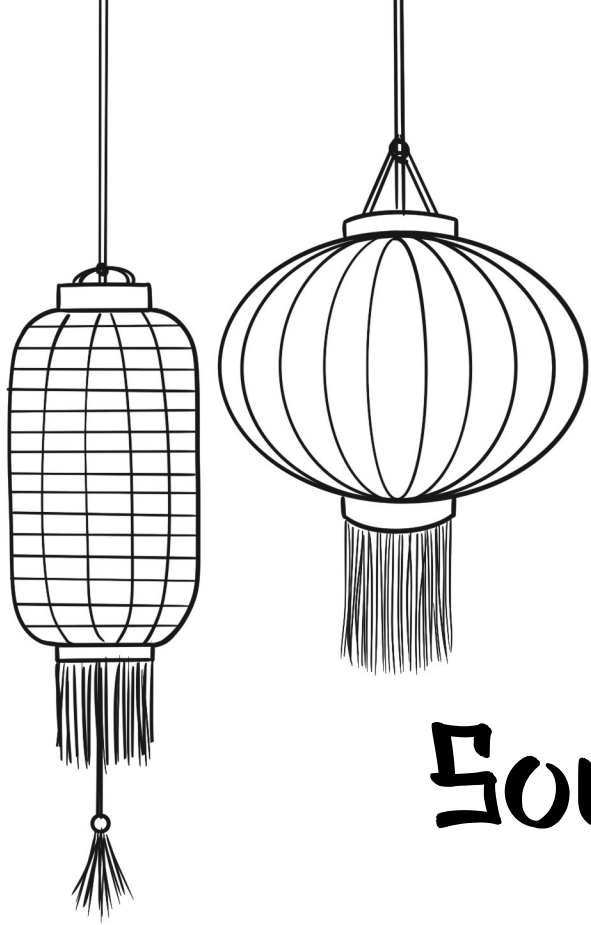
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**awareness month**

May:



South Asian  
and  
Asian Pacific  
Heritage  
Month

