



# City of Santa Clara

## Meeting Minutes Youth Commission

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10/12/2021

6:00 PM

Teen Center  
2446 Cabrillo Avenue  
Santa Clara, CA 95051

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### CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Staff Liaison Jon Kawada called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

- Present** 12 - Commissioner Mitchell Blanda, Commissioner Rishith Gopiseti, Commissioner Malia Martin, Commissioner Kaitlyn Butcher, Commissioner Aarav Gupta, Commissioner Ahmad Ismail, Commissioner Khadeejah Khan, Commissioner Rajvi Khanjan Shroff, Commissioner Riya Mehta, Commissioner Palak Parikh, Commissioner Sarah Zuo, and Commissioner Jasmine Kelly-Tanti
- Absent** 3 - Commissioner Hiranya Parekh, Commissioner Samarth Suresh, and Commissioner Mitali Gaidhani

**A motion was made by Commissioner Parikh, seconded by Commissioner Shroff to excuse Commissioners Gaidhani and Parekh from the October 12, 2021 meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

- Aye:** 12 - Commissioner Blanda, Commissioner Gopiseti, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner Butcher, Commissioner Gupta, Commissioner Ismail, Commissioner Khan, Commissioner Shroff, Commissioner Mehta, Commissioner Parikh, Commissioner Zuo, and Commissioner Kelly-Tanti
- Absent:** 3 - Commissioner Parekh, Commissioner Suresh, and Commissioner Gaidhani

### CONSENT CALENDAR

- 1.A**     [21-4996](#)     Youth Commission Minutes of September 14, 2021

**Recommendation:** Approve the Youth Commission Minutes of September 14, 2021.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Ismail, seconded by Commissioner Kelly-Tanti, that this item be recommended for approval. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 12 - Commissioner Blanda, Commissioner Gopisetti, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner Butcher, Commissioner Gupta, Commissioner Ismail, Commissioner Khan, Commissioner Shroff, Commissioner Mehta, Commissioner Parikh, Commissioner Zuo, and Commissioner Kelly-Tanti

**Excused:** 2 - Commissioner Parekh, and Commissioner Gaidhani

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Suresh

**1.B**     [21-4997](#)     Adopt Youth Commission Calendar of Meetings for 2022

**Recommendation:** Recommend to Council for Approval of the Youth Commission Calendar of Meetings for 2022.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Shroff, seconded by Commissioner Parikh, that this item be recommended for approval. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 12 - Commissioner Blanda, Commissioner Gopisetti, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner Butcher, Commissioner Gupta, Commissioner Ismail, Commissioner Khan, Commissioner Shroff, Commissioner Mehta, Commissioner Parikh, Commissioner Zuo, and Commissioner Kelly-Tanti

**Excused:** 2 - Commissioner Parekh, and Commissioner Gaidhani

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Suresh

## **PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

None

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

**2.**     [21-4998](#)     Youth Commission Election of Chair and Vice Chair

**A motion was made by Commissioner Parikh, seconded by Commissioner Butcher, to elect Commissioner Ismail for the Chair position. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 12 - Commissioner Blanda, Commissioner Gopisetti, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner Butcher, Commissioner Gupta, Commissioner Ismail, Commissioner Khan, Commissioner Shroff, Commissioner Mehta, Commissioner Parikh, Commissioner Zuo, and Commissioner Kelly-Tanti

**Excused:** 2 - Commissioner Parekh, and Commissioner Gaidhani

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Suresh

**A motion was made by Chair Ismail, seconded by Commissioner Zuo, that Commissioner Parikh be elected to the position of Vice Chair. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 12 - Commissioner Blanda, Commissioner Gopisetti, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner Butcher, Commissioner Gupta, Commissioner Ismail, Commissioner Khan, Commissioner Shroff, Commissioner Mehta, Commissioner Parikh, Commissioner Zuo, and Commissioner Kelly-Tanti

**Excused:** 2 - Commissioner Parekh, and Commissioner Gaidhani

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Suresh

**3. [21-4999](#) Youth Commission FY2021/22 Work Plan & Goals**

Commissioner continued the discussion on identifying their top priorities for the FY2021/22 term. The tentative themes and ideas include:

Community Building: Multi-cultural activity

Youth Outreach: Food/clothing/essentials drive, acts of kindness, and public outreach

Youth Empowerment: Opportunity to highlight youth voices via open mic, newsletter, etc., TED-type talk

Commissioners are expected to finalize the work plan and goals at the November 9, 2021 meeting.

**STAFF REPORT**

**Gayle Ichiho, Recreation Supervisor:** The last Sunset Cinema outdoor movie of the summer series is on Friday, October 15 at Maywood Park at 8:00 p.m., "You've Been Treated" Halloween activity for the community begins the week of October 11, Children's Halloween Party will be outdoors this year on Saturday, October 30 from 1:00-4:00 p.m. at the Walter E. Schmidt Youth Activity Center,

**Rachel Hughes, Librarian:** Survey gathering feedback from the community on Library hours has completed, new City Librarian, Branch Manager at Mission Library, and Teen Librarian at Central Library have started, book sale at Central Library on Saturday, October 16 from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., online events and activities can still be found at: [www.SCCL.SantaClaraCA.gov](http://www.SCCL.SantaClaraCA.gov)

**Jon Kawada, Staff Liaison:** Youth Commission will host a booth at the Children's Halloween Party for the community to meet and greet Commissioners, Youth Commission has been invited to assist with Breakfast with the Bunny tentatively scheduled for April 9, 2022, redistricting information for the City of Santa Clara can be found here: [www.SantaClaraCA.gov/redistricting](http://www.SantaClaraCA.gov/redistricting)

**COMMISSIONERS REPORT**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Blanda, seconded by Commissioner Martin, that this meeting be adjourned at 7:48 p.m.**

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