



# City of Santa Clara

## Meeting Minutes Youth Commission

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09/14/2021

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 6:21 p.m.

**Present** 14 - Commissioner Mitchell Blanda, Commissioner Rishith Gopiseti, Commissioner Malia Martin, Commissioner Hiranya Parekh, Commissioner Samarth Suresh, 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** 1 - Commissioner Mitali Gaidhani

**A motion was made by Commissioner Kelly-Tanti, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell to excuse Commissioner Gaidhani from the September 14, 2021 meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 14 - Commissioner Blanda, Commissioner Gopiseti, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner Parekh, Commissioner Suresh, Commissioner Butcher, Commissioner Gupta, Commissioner Ismail, Commissioner Khan, Commissioner Shroff, Commissioner Mehta, Commissioner Parikh, Commissioner Zuo, and Commissioner Kelly-Tanti

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Gaidhani

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

**1.A.**     [21-5900](#)     Youth Commission Minutes of May 11, 2021

**Recommendation:** Approve the Youth Commission Minutes of May 11, 2021.

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

**Aye:** 14 - Commissioner Blanda, Commissioner Gopisetti, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner Parekh, Commissioner Suresh, Commissioner Butcher, Commissioner Gupta, Commissioner Ismail, Commissioner Khan, Commissioner Shroff, Commissioner Mehta, Commissioner Parikh, Commissioner Zuo, and Commissioner Kelly-Tanti

**Excused:** 1 - Commissioner Gaidhani

### **PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

None

### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

2.        [21-5901](#)        Pruneridge Avenue Complete Streets Plan

Youth Commissioners were presented information on the status of the Pruneridge Avenue Complete Streets Plan from City staff and consultants. Draft concept plans were shared, along with analysis of each, which Commissioners were able to ask questions and provide feedback on. For more information:

<https://www.santaclaraca.gov/our-city/departments-g-z/public-works/engineering/traffic-engineering/pruneridge-avenue-complete-streets-plan>

3.        [21-5902](#)        Youth Commission FY2021/22 Work Plan & Goals

Commissioners began to share their ideas for the FY2021/22 work plan and goals. Ideas include, but are not limited to, promoting cultural diversity and inclusiveness, sharing mental health resources, improving the environment, addressing youth homelessness, and promoting teen job and career opportunities. Commissioners will continue their discussion at their next meeting and begin to focus their priorities for the term.

**STAFF REPORT**

Gayle Ichiho, Recreation Supervisor: Fall programs and activities have begun for the Parks & Recreation Department, Sunset Cinema outdoor movie night is on Friday, September 17, 2021 at Live Oak Park, the Children's Halloween Party is on Saturday, October 30, 2021 from 1-4 p.m. and volunteers are needed, and the S.O.S. school-year teen volunteer program has started. [www.SantaClaraCA.gov/ParksandRec](http://www.SantaClaraCA.gov/ParksandRec)

Rachel Hughes, Librarian: Libraries are now open to the public, a new Teen Librarian has been hired for Central Library, a new City Librarian has been hired, and all teen programs are online.  
[www.SCCL.SantaClaraCA.gov](http://www.SCCL.SantaClaraCA.gov)

Jon Kawada, Staff Liaison: Explained the roles of the Youth Commission Chair and Vice Chair and how the process will work to elect these officers at the October meeting and discussed the possibility of creating a social committee to organize and schedule team building and social activities for the Commission during the term.

**COMMISSIONERS REPORT**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Ismail, second be Commissioner Gopisetti, that this meeting be adjourned at 8:23 p.m.**

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