



City of Santa Clara

Meeting Minutes

Cultural Commission

11/02/2020

7:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

Pursuant to the provisions of California Governor's Executive Order N-29-20, issued on March 17, 2020, to prevent the spread of COVID-19, the City of Santa Clara has implemented methods for the public to participate remotely.

Via Zoom:

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

Webinar ID: 982 7228 3531

Or join by phone: 1 669 900 6833

The meeting set-up is in line with the recommendations of the COVID-19 White House Task Force, which notes no more than ten (10) people gathering. The Chair will be present for the meeting with the staff liaison and commissioners participating remotely.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Chair Samara at 7:03 P.M.

Present 5 - Chair Louis Samara, Commissioner Niha Mathur, Commissioner Debra von Huene, Commissioner Candida Diaz, and Commissioner Teresa Sulcer

Absent 2 - Commissioner Harbir Bhatia, and Vice Chair Jonathan Marinaro

CONSENT CALENDAR

1.A [20-1029](#) Cultural Commission Regular Meeting Minutes of October 5, 2020.

Recommendation: Approve the Cultural Commission Regular Meeting Minutes of October 5, 2020.

A motion was made by Commissioner von Huene and seconded by Commissioner Diaz, that this item be adopted. The motion passed with the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chair Samara, Commissioner Mathur, Commissioner von Huene, Commissioner Diaz, and Commissioner Sulcer

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Bhatia, and Vice Chair Marinaro

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Atisha Varshney made a public presentation and shared a community driven art initiative for an outdoor art activity on Franklin Street.

Suska made a public presentation in favor of outdoor street performers and musicians.

GENERAL BUSINESS

2. [20-1019](#) Identify Cultural Commission Work Plan FY2020/21 Goals and Activities

Recommendation: Identify Cultural Commission Work Plan FY2020/21 Goals and Activities

Commissioners reviewed the Work Plan goals and activities presented by subcommittees. Work Plan goals and activities will be presented at the December meeting. No action was taken on this item.

STAFF REPORT

Recreation Manager Castro provided an update of events and activities that occurred in October. She announced a CPOD (Commodity Point of distribution) that the City will operate, starting in November at the Salvation Army. She also mentioned the Virtual Tree lighting that will take place December 4, recreation classes and programs that are underway, and a new marketing campaign, "Play it Safe Santa Clara". She reported on the Halloween Home decorating Contest had 22 entries for the six (6) districts. It was suggested that next year a Commissioner and Council member deliver the signs.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Commissioner von Huene volunteered with Catalyze SV for a Secret San Jose Zoom Meeting with an author of a book about secret places in San Jose (including Santa Clara and Sunnyvale).

Commissioner Diaz elaborated on the Halloween Home Decorating Contest she judged along with Commissioner Bhatia and Vice Chair Marinaro. She mentioned since a lot of kids were not trick or treating, families drove around to visit the houses on Halloween night. She had a fun time judging Halloween and it was well received by the public. She mentioned that for Christmas it will be the same situation, and suggested for the Holiday Home Decorating Contest, there should be more marketing online with that program. She would like to get more visibility to the program.

Chair Samara mentioned he drove around his neighborhood since kids were not trick or treating.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Diaz, seconded by Commissioner von Huene, that the meeting be adjourned at 8:23 P.M.

Aye: 5 - Chair Samara, Commissioner Mathur, Commissioner von Huene, Commissioner Diaz, and Commissioner Sulcer

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Bhatia, and Vice Chair Marinaro