



City of Santa Clara

Meeting Minutes

Youth Commission

12/12/2023

6:00 PM

Teen Center
2446 Cabrillo Avenue
Santa Clara, CA 95051

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by **Chair Maben** at 6:04 pm.

- Present** 10 - Commissioner Simren Garg, Commissioner Namita Gaidhani, Commissioner Khadeejah Khan, Commissioner Ryan Kim, Commissioner Kira Liang, Commissioner Keith Maben, Commissioner Samaira Mehta, Commissioner Hiranya Parekh, Commissioner Sudeepthi Ravipati, and Commissioner Sarah Zuo
- Absent** 5 - Commissioner Aarav Gupta, Commissioner Fatimah Ismail, Commissioner Maryam Ismail, Commissioner Malia Martin, and Commissioner Samarth Suresh

A motion was made by Commissioner Maben, seconded by Commissioner Parekh to excuse Commissioner Gupta, Commissioner Fatimah Ismail, Commissioner Maryam Ismail, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner Suresh from the December 12th meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

- Aye:** 10 - Commissioner Garg, Commissioner Gaidhani, Commissioner Khan, Commissioner Kim, Commissioner Liang, Commissioner Maben, Commissioner Mehta, Commissioner Parekh, Commissioner Ravipati, and Commissioner Zuo
- Absent:** 5 - Commissioner Gupta, Commissioner Ismail, Commissioner Ismail, Commissioner Martin, and Commissioner Suresh

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 1.A** [23-1445](#) Youth Commission Meeting Minutes of November 14, 2023.

A motion was made by Commissioner Liang, seconded by Commissioner Parekh, that this item be recommended for approval. The motion carried by the following votes:

Aye: 10 - Commissioner Garg, Commissioner Gaidhani, Commissioner Khan, Commissioner Kim, Commissioner Liang, Commissioner Maben, Commissioner Mehta, Commissioner Parekh, Commissioner Ravipati, and Commissioner Zuo

Excused: 5 - Commissioner Gupta, Commissioner Ismail, Commissioner Ismail, Commissioner Martin, and Commissioner Suresh

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Derek Bryant, Parks & Recreation staff, presented a Presidential Volunteer Service Award to Medha Vinnakota and Mihir Vinnakota. Medha completed 54.5 volunteer hours and Mihir completed 68 volunteer hours in various organizations within the City of Santa Clara, which made them eligible for the Bronze award for the Teenage category.

GENERAL BUSINESS

2. [23-1449](#) Youth Commission FY2023/24 Work Plan & Goals

Commissioners prioritized three themes for the FY2023/24 Work Plan: Community Building, Youth Engagement, and Public Outreach. The first committee meeting dates will be set for December 19th. Each committee will discuss specific goals and activities to promote their respective theme.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gaidhani, seconded by Commissioner Parekh, that this item be recommended for approval. The motion carried by the following votes:

Aye: 10 - Commissioner Garg, Commissioner Gaidhani, Commissioner Khan, Commissioner Kim, Commissioner Liang, Commissioner Maben, Commissioner Mehta, Commissioner Parekh, Commissioner Ravipati, and Commissioner Zuo

Excused: 5 - Commissioner Gupta, Commissioner Ismail, Commissioner Ismail, Commissioner Martin, and Commissioner Suresh

STAFF REPORT

Karen Guzman, Youth Services Librarian, reported on seeking volunteers for their Homework Help Center that begins in January 2024. **Gayle Ichihō**, Parks & Recreation Supervisor, reported that the Parks & Recreation Department had a successful and fun Holiday event season. She also announced the upcoming dates for the Winter Activity guide's activities and classes.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Commissioner Liang reported that she attended and volunteered at the annual Holiday Tree Lighting event on Friday, December 1, at Central Park. **Commissioner Gaidhani** reported that she attended and volunteered at the annual Tree Lighting event with the Santa Clara Sister Cities food booth. **Commissioner Maben** reported on the walking tour at the Silicon Valley Advanced Water Purification Center on December 11. **Commissioner Liang, Commissioner Gaidhani, Commissioner Maben,** and **Gayle Ichiho**, Recreation Supervisor attended the tour. Also announced -- Wilcox High School ASB is having a Toy Drive.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Khadeejah, seconded by Commissioner Parehk, that this meeting be adjourned at 6:34 pm. The motion was carried by the following vote:

Aye: 10 - Commissioner Garg, Commissioner Gaidhani, Commissioner Khan, Commissioner Kim, Commissioner Liang, Commissioner Maben, Commissioner Mehta, Commissioner Parekh, Commissioner Ravipati, and Commissioner Zuo

Excused: 5 - Commissioner Gupta, Commissioner Ismail, Commissioner Ismail, Commissioner Martin, and Commissioner Suresh

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