



City of Santa Clara

Meeting Minutes

Youth Commission

05/14/2024

6:00 PM

Youth & 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 6:05pm.

Present 13 - Commissioner Aarav Gupta , Commissioner Simren Garg (6:10pm)
Commissioner Fatimah Ismail, Commissioner Maryam Ismail,
Commissioner Khadeejah Khan, Commissioner Ryan Kim,
Commissioner Kira Liang, Commissioner Keith Maben,
Commissioner Malia Martin (6:10pm), Commissioner Hiranya
Parekh, Commissioner Sudeepthi Ravipati, Commissioner
Samarth Suresh (6:08pm), and Commissioner Sarah Zuo

Absent 2 - Commissioner Namita Gaidhani, and Commissioner Samaira Mehta

**A motion was made by Commissioner Suresh, seconded by
Commissioner Parekh to excuse Commissioner Metha and
Commissioner Gaidhani from the May 14, 2024 meeting. The motion
carried by the following vote:**

Aye: 13 - Commissioner Gupta, Commissioner Garg, Commissioner Ismail,
Commissioner Ismail, Commissioner Khan, Commissioner Kim,
Commissioner Liang, Commissioner Maben, Commissioner Martin,
Commissioner Parekh, Commissioner Ravipati, Commissioner
Suresh, and Commissioner Zuo

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Gaidhani, and Commissioner Mehta

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. [24-423](#) Action on the Youth Commission Minutes of March 12, 2024 Meeting

**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: 13 - Commissioner Gupta, Commissioner Garg, Commissioner Ismail, Commissioner Ismail, Commissioner Khan, Commissioner Kim, Commissioner Liang, Commissioner Maben, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner Parekh, Commissioner Ravipati, Commissioner Suresh, and Commissioner Zuo

Excused: 2 - Commissioner Gaidhani, and Commissioner Mehta

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

None

GENERAL BUSINESS

- 2 [24-425](#) Discussion and Possible Action on Youth Commission FY 2023/24 Work Plan & Goals
- **Community Building:** Discussed possible ideas to propose for next term which included Santa Clara Speaks and an event at the beginning of the 2024/25 school year to ease stress for students.
 - **Public Outreach and Education:** Distributed the Voter Registration flyer which promotes student registration to vote at the Northside Library and posted the flyer on social media. Discussed possible ideas to propose for next term including new resident packages for new students, peer poverty, and researching where and how to donate to those in need or sites that provide service to those in need.
 - **Youth Engagement and Empowerment:** Recorded a draft podcast discussing mental health with the Santa Clara High School Health & Wellness Coordinator. Discussed possible projects to propose for next term including attending a Sunset Cinema and offering an arts & crafts project for those in attendance.

STAFF REPORT

Karen Guzman, Teen Librarian: announced different teen programs the library will be hosting this summer including the Summer Adventure, starting June 1 - July 31 with prizes raffled at the end. Other summer programs the Library will host are: Financial Literacy (July 11 & July 18; 11 am), Teen gaming/craft program (Wednesdays; 2 pm) and an SQL Workshop (June 13; 4pm). Karen offered to help the Youth Commissioners with any upcoming projects for the next term.

Gayle Ichiho, Recreation Supervisor: Presented awards to the outgoing Youth Commissioners, Aarav Gupta and Sudeepthi Ravipati for serving on the Youth Commission. Upcoming Recreation Summer programs will start in June: Sunset Cinemas, Concerts in the Park, Summer camps, Jr. Leader Volunteer program, and SOS (Student of Service) Volunteer Program will be available for High School students.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Kira Liang, Youth Commission Vice Chair: Youth Commissioners volunteered at the Breakfast with the Bunny event in March. Youth Commissioners helped with photos, egg hunt, and serving breakfast.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Suresh, seconded by Commissioner Parekh, that this meeting be adjourned at 6:15 pm. The motion was carried by the following vote:

Aye: 13 - Commissioner Gupta, Commissioner Garg, Commissioner Ismail, Commissioner Ismail, Commissioner Khan, Commissioner Kim, Commissioner Liang, Commissioner Maben, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner Parekh, Commissioner Ravipati, Commissioner Suresh, and Commissioner Zuo

Excused: 2 - Commissioner Gaidhani, and Commissioner Mehta

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