



City of Santa Clara

Meeting Minutes Youth Commission

09/10/2024

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 Jon Kawada, Recreation Coordinator at 6:18 pm.

Present 14 - Commissioner Simren Garg, Commissioner Namita Gaidhani, Commissioner Srikha Gopiseti, Commissioner Julianna Arias Hernandez, Commissioner Neha Israni, Commissioner Maryam Ismail, Commissioner Ryan Kim, Commissioner Rebecca Kunze, Commissioner Kira Liang, Commissioner Malia Martin, Commissioner Samaira Mehta, Commissioner Hiranya Parekh, Commissioner Brian Rong, and Commissioner Samarth Suresh

CONSENT CALENDAR

1.A [24-598](#) Action on the Youth Commission Minutes of May 14, 2024 Meeting

Amend with the following changes to the May 14, 2024 minutes: change peer poverty to period poverty under the Public Outreach and Education objective.

A motion was made by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Parekh that this item be recommended for approval as amended.

Aye: 14 - Commissioner Garg, Commissioner Gaidhani, Commissioner Gopiseti, Commissioner Arias Hernandez, Commissioner Israni, Commissioner Ismail, Commissioner Kim, Commissioner Kunze, Commissioner Liang, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner Mehta, Commissioner Parekh, Commissioner Rong, and Commissioner Suresh

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

None

GENERAL BUSINESS

- 2 [24-774](#) Discussion and Possible Action on Youth Commission FY 2024/25 Work Plan & Goals
- The Commissioners began their discussions of the FY 2024/25 work plan and goals. Some of the brainstorming ideas included: promoting volunteering, beginner hackathon, STEM workshops, multicultural events, and toy drive. The conversation will continue at the next Youth Commission monthly meeting.

STAFF REPORT

Jon Kawada, Recreation Coordinator, discussed the Youth Commissioner's roles and responsibilities for the FY2024/25 term.

Gayle Ichiho, Recreation Supervisor reported that the Art & Wine Festival is the weekend of September 14 and 15 at Central Park and will include artists, music, food, and the Magical Bridge All-Inclusive Playground.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Commissioner Liang reported that she will be serving as a District 4 representative to the Santa Clara County Youth Task Force and has the opportunity to collaborate with other city youth commissions.

Commissioner Israni reported on the Library's Children Arts showcase event.

Commissioner Gaidhani reported on sister cities exchange program and her exchange trip to Japan this past Summer.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Suresh, and seconded by Commissioner Parekh that this meeting be adjourned at 8:03 pm.

Aye: 14 - Commissioner Garg, Commissioner Gaidhani, Commissioner Gopisetti, Commissioner Arias Hernandez, Commissioner Israni, Commissioner Ismail, Commissioner Kim, Commissioner Kunze, Commissioner Liang, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner Mehta, Commissioner Parekh, Commissioner Rong, and Commissioner Suresh

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