



City of San José Youth Commission

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Nolan Mascarenhas – District 10

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

November 27, 2023

6:30 P.M. – 8:30 P.M

Hybrid Meeting

Webinar: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82031271897>

In-Person Location: San Jose City Hall – Council Chambers
200 E. Santa Clara St. San Jose, CA 95113

I. Call to Order & Orders of the Day

A. Roll Call

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PRESENT: Chair Hoang, Vice Chair Mascarenhas, Commissioners Mishra, Pradeepkumar, T. Luong, Lieu, Bansal, M. Luong, Gonzalez-Muniz, Singh, and Janapaty.

ABESENT: None

STAFF: Deputy Director of Public Services, Michelle Ornat, Chief of Staff, Ann Grabowski; Division Manager, Vidya Kilambi; Senior Librarian, Lizzie Nolan; Librarian, Megan Maloy; College and Career Pathways Coordinator, Amanda Otte; Digital Empowerment Program Administrator, Yadirha Orozco; Administrative Assistant, Dziem Nguyen, Senior Office Specialist, Julia Santos.

OTHERS: Assistant to the City Manager Laura Buzo; Parks, Recreation, and Neighborhood Services, Lauren Hawkins; Council Assistant Alexander Dersh.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. Quorum was achieved with 11 Commissioners present.

II. Consent Calendar

YOUTH COMMISSION

Regular Meeting Minutes November 27, 2023

- A. Approve November 27, 2023, Agenda
- B. Approve October 23, 2023, Meeting Minutes
- C. Approve October 23, 2023, Attendance Record
- D. Approve District 2 Family Giving Tree Holiday Drive Project Proposal
- E. Approve District 4 Clothing Drive Project Proposal
- F. Approve to defer discussion item V. A. City of San José Budget Overview

On the motion of Commissioner M. Luong, seconded by Commissioner Mishra, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the items on the Consent Calendar.

III. Public Record: There was no correspondence for the Commission to review.

IV. Open Forum: There was one public comment to the Commission.
Gerbenn Seraphin provided public comment.

V. Discussion/Action Items

A. INFORMATIONAL: City of San José Budget Overview (C. Chang)

This item is deferred.

B. INFORMATIONAL: Education & Digital Literacy Report (V. Kilambi, A. Otte, Y. Orozco-Lemus, A. Grabowski, and L. Nolan)

Division Manager, Vidya Kilambi, provided an update on the Early Education programs. Parks, Recreation, and Neighborhood Services (PRNS) and Library department provide several programs to children (ages 0-5) and their caregivers. The Library provide over 2,600 Library early education programs serving 14, 054 participants. Kilambi highlighted the Library's program Wee Grow! Developmental Screening Program. This program provides children with free developmental screen to identify any developmental disabilities and provide families with referrals or connect them with community resources.

Senior Librarian, Lizzie Nolan, shared information on the Expanded Learning programs. These programs are provided outside of the normal school day with a focus on academic success. The strategic actions for Expanded Learning programs are to bolster skills needed, application of the Expanded Learning Quality Standards, and continue to provide direct services to the community. PRNS and Library uses the quality standards to assess the programs for quality and create plans to improve. Library uses the standards to assess programs such as homework clubs, Maker[Space] Ship, Reading Buddies, and Apple Everyone Can Code and Create.

College and Career Pathways Coordinator, Amanda Otte, provided an update on the College and Career Pathways programs. The programs in this category seek to provide services and opportunities for young people from cradle to career. In 2022-2023, the Library added two new programs in addition to the existing three programs. The programs are as follows: Family, Friend, and Neighbor Caregiver

Support Network, SJ Aspires, Career Online High School, Resilience Corps Learning Pathways, and SJPL Works. City Quality Standards are used to assess these programs for quality and any needed improvements.

Digital Empowerment Program Administrator, Yadirha Orozco, provided an overview of the Digital Equity & Skills Building accomplishments. The construction of 5 networks community wi-fi has been completed and open to the community with consistent connection. In the past year, almost 10,000 devices have been circulated and they have been checked out approximately 20, 000 times. The Library has also expanded their digital skill building programming and will be adding three digital skill building pathways.

Division Manager, Vidya Kilambi, shared information on policy and governance around these programs. The Library hosted the Schools/City Collaborative meeting in late October to review past and upcoming workplan priorities. The Collaborative is comprised of local education agencies such as local schools, superintendents, Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Library Staff.

There was one public comment from Paul Soto.
The Commission engaged in discussion.

VI. Reports and Information Only

A. Office of City Manager Report (L. Buzo)

There was no report from the Office of City Manager.

B. Council Liaison's Announcements (A. Dersh)

Council Assistant, Alex Dersh, shared announcements from the Council and their activities in last month. In the last month, Council took the following actions:

- Approved the resolution to support the transgender and broader LGBTQ communities.
- Adopted recommendations to reduce costs and improved outcomes of emergency interim housing sites.
- Accepted a first quarter status report on the progress towards fiscal year 2022-2023 focus areas.
- Allowed an affordable housing development to move forward California Housing Finance Agency as its alternate new bond issuer which will result in 171 new affordable developments.
- Accepted a new status report on the Citywide Capital Improvement Programs-an overview of projects from Public Works.
- Updated fines of medical and non-medical cannabis violations.

- Adopted recommendations to examine adding new staff positions to the police auditor's office.

C. Parks and Recreation Neighborhood Services (PRNS) Report (L. Hawkins)

Lauren Hawkins, Recreation Superintendent, shared updates from PRNS from the previous month.

- PRNS has 5 recruitments they are actively hiring.
- Parks and Recreation Commission approved the name recommendation "City Gardens Park," for the asset site and "Elizabeth P. Boyer Park" for the North San Pedro site.
- The Recreation Division has open the 2023 Scholarship Application online. They also have a list of Winter 2024 Community Activity Guides available online issuu.com/sjparksandrec.
- The Parks Division's Raging Waters Staff is exploring options for potential operators for the next year and long-term ideas.

There are additional events this month listed on the PRNS website.

D. San José Library Report (M. Ornat)

Deputy Director of Public Services, Michelle Ornat, shared updates from the Library.

- The Library will be hosting its 11th Annual LocalLit Event at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library on Saturday, December 2nd, from 2:00-4:30pm. This event supports local authors and hear them share their stories on writing and publishing their work.
- The Winter Reading program registration is open for readers who would like to participate in the challenge. Participants can log their reading hours from December 7th to January 7th for a chance to win prizes.
- The West Valley Branch Teens Reach chapter is partnering with HomeFirst of Santa Clara County to host an item donation drive to collect items for people experiencing homelessness.
- The Library will be closed for the upcoming holidays and dates can be found on the Library's website.

For more information, visit www.sjpl.org

E. Commission Chair Report

Chair Hoang reminded the Commission of upcoming meetings and special events that required Commission attendance.

- Commission Winter Retreat is on December 4, 2023 at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library.
- Youth Commissioners will be presenting at the Santa Clara County Youth Task Force on December 14, 2023.
- Youth Commission Budget Summit is on January 21, 2024 at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library.

F. Commissioner's Report per City District

Each Commissioner provided an update from their district.

VII. Items for Future Commission Meeting Agendas

- Vice Chair Mascarenhas will have a road safety policy proposal.
- Commissioner M. Luong will have a memo for the inclusion of signage and placard in public bathrooms with help lines for domestic abuse.
- Commissioner Lieu in partnership with Chair Hoang will have the presentation for the Mt. Pleasant Neighborhood meeting.
- Commissioner Mishra will have a project proposal for career and club exploration creation and policy proposal about unsafe conditions of transportation.


VIII.

IX. Meeting Schedule and Agenda Items

The next regular meeting will be an in-person meeting on January 22, 2024 at 6:30 P.M.

X. Adjournment

On the motion of Commissioner Singh, seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez-Muniz, the Commission voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:30PM.



Deitra Hoang, Chair
San José Public Youth Commission

ATTEST:
YOUTH COMMISSION SECRETARY

/s/
Dziem Nguyen