



City of San José Youth Commission

District 1 – Aanya Mishra
District 3 – Edwin Sanchez
District 5 – Andrew Lieu
District 7 – Peter Vu
District 9 – Agam Singh
Citywide – Marian Kucharewski

Neyha Pradeepkumar – District 2
Genesis Arroyo – District 4
Amiya Bansal – District 6
Aldojoell Gonzalez-Muñiz – District 8
Nolan Mascarenhas – District 10

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

May 19, 2025

6:30 -8:30 PM

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. Call to Order

PRESENT: Commissioners Pradeepkumar, Mishra, Lieu, Bansal, Vu, Singh, Gonzalez-Muñiz, Mascarenhas, and Kucharewski.

ABSENT: Commissioner Arroyo and Sanchez.

STAFF: Division Manager Vidya Kilambi; Chief of Staff Karla Alvarez; Senior Librarian Megan Maloy; Youth Commission Librarian Emily Terada; Senior Librarian Lizzie Nolan; Senior Librarian Paul Wilson; Administrative Assistant Dziem Nguyen.

OTHERS: Community Relations Coordinator Anthony Montes; Parks, Recreation, and Neighborhood Services Recreation Superintendent Lauren Box.

The meeting was called to order at **6:31 P.M.** Quorum was achieved with 8 Commissioners present. (not present, Commissioners Mishra, Sanchez, and Arroyo were not present)

II. Consent Calendar

On the motion of Commissioner Vu, seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez-Muñiz the Commission voted approve the consent calendar.

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

- IV. **Open Forum:** There was 1 public comment to the Commission.
Megan Maloy provided public comment.

V. **Discussion/Action Items**

A. **INFORMATIONAL:** San José Public Library Summer Learning Program (P. Wilson)

Senior Librarian, Paul Wilson, provided an overview of the San José Public Library Summer Learning Program.

Summer Learning Programs have 4 main goals

- Build strong and inclusive communities
- Provide fun learning opportunities
- Celebrate reading and literacy
- Reach and engagement everyone in the community

Summer Learning program

- Run through June 1 – July 31
- Offer to all ages in 5 groups
 - Pre-readers
 - Reader
 - Pre-teens
 - Teens
 - Adults

Lunch at the Library

- Pop-up libraries at local community meal sites
- Run from mid-June through July 31st
- Offer free books, Story times, and crafts
- Funded through a California State and California State Library Grant

Graphic Novel Making Contest

- Run from June 1 through July 31st – accepting comic submissions
- Branches run supportive programs to help participants learn how to make comics
- In 2024, 361 attendees these programs, 200 contest entries

Commissioner Mishra arrive at 6:48pm

There was no public comment. The Commission engaged in discussion.

B. **INFORMATIONAL:** San José Public Library Expanded Learning (L. Nolan)

Senior Librarian, Lizzie Nolan, provided an overview of the San José Public Library Expanded Learning

Trends:

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- 3rd grade reading scores shows 54% of students are reading below grade level
- 8th grade math scores show 50% students learning below grade level

Question of The Library:

- Who needs us (the Library) the most and how can we better serve them?
- Expanded Learning Unit focuses on topics surrounding these questions.
- Expanded Learning Workplan Items
 - Library programs:
 - Class visits and school outreach
 - Out of school times and after school program
 - STEM 2025
 - One in Math/BATA
 - Quality Standards process
 - Academic Support: Reading Partners
 - Support struggling readers and implementing this fall.
 - Library Cards
 - Student Cards
 - Educator Cards
 - School Library Card Day – enroll all students to the student library cards
 - Engage training and development
 - State Library Student Success Working Group preparing for 2026
 - Opportunities:
 - Final Report FY 24-25
 - MOU reengagement
 - SJ Learns and Tutoring Matters: High dosage tutoring, and low-ratio extended academic support for TK-8th grade
 - SJ Learns
 - Fall FY 24-25
 - 605 total students (69% goal)
 - Tutoring Matters
 - 2022-25
 - Served 33 schools
 - 3,038 total students

There was no public comment. The Commission engaged in discussion.

VI. Reports and Information Only

A. Council Liaison Report (Anthony Montes)

Council Liaison, Anthony Montes, provided the following report on Councilmember Campos' focus:

- Focus Area: The homeless population to move out of homelessness are single mothers, families, and foster youths aging out of foster care
 - Divestment from the Federal Government on housing for families and early childcare
- Focus Area: Career and workforce
 - College and Career Pathways: funding will cut from City funding and transition to be funded by the San Jose Public Library Funding.
 - SJWorks: 15 subsidize positions will go to unsubsidized.
- Focus Area: Family, Friends, and Neighborhood Network: Library had a program to provide resources for childcare providers is up for potential defunding in FY 26-27.

B. Parks, Recreation, and Neighborhood Services (Lauren Box)

Parks, Recreation, and Neighborhood Services Recreation Superintendent Lauren Box provided the following updates

- i. Recreation Division
 - 1. Most summer camps begin June 9
 - 2. Summer registration start on May 3rd at 10 AM
- ii. Parks Division
 - 1. Viva CalleSJ on June 8
 - 2. Viva Parks Activations from 6-8 PM
 - 3. Paint the CitySJ
 - a. Offers painting class in the park

C. Library Report (Vidya Kilambi)

- i. Summer Learning kicks off on June 1st through July 30th
- ii. Graphic Novel Contest kicks off on June 1st
- iii. Celebrations
 - 1. Pride Month
 - 2. Immigrant Heritage month
 - 3. Juneteenth, June 19th, the Library will be closed

Visit www.sjpl.org for more information on events and programs.

D. Commission Chair Report

E. Commission report by District

VII. Future meeting items

No Future items were added.

VIII. Meeting Schedule and Agenda Items

The next regular meeting will be on August 25, 2025 at Council Chambers.

IX. Adjournment

On the motion of Commissioner Vu, seconded by Commissioner Lieu, the Commission voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 P.M

San José Public Youth Commission Chair

ATTEST:
YOUTH COMMISSION SECRETARY

Dziem Nguyen