



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

February 24, 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, Sanchez, Arroyo, Lieu, Bansal, Vu, Mishra, Singh, Mascarenhas, and Kucharewski.
ABSENT: Commissioner Gonzalez-Muñiz
STAFF: Division Manager Vidya Kilambi; Librarian Megan Maloy; Youth Commission Librarian Emily Terada; Administrative Assistant Dziem Nguyen.
OTHERS: District 2 Policy Director Lucas Ramirez; Parks, Recreation, and Neighborhood Services Lauren Box

The meeting was called to order at **6:30 P.M.** Quorum was achieved with **10** Commissioners present. Commissioner Gonzalez-Muñiz was absent.

II. Consent Calendar

On the motion of Commissioner Lieu, seconded by Commissioner Vu, the Commission voted approve the consent calendar. (10 yay, 0 nays, 1 absent)

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

IV. Open Forum: There was no public comment to the Commission.

V. Discussion/Action Items

A. ACTION: Immigration Support Letter to Council (Vice Chair Lieu & Commissioner Gonzalez- Muñiz)

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Vice Chair Lieu provided a review on the immigration support letter written by himself and Gonzalez-Muniz. The letter requests Council to support DEI programs in this area.

There was 1 public comment from Dustin Tran. The Commission engaged in discussion.

On the motion of Arroyo, seconded by Kucharewski, the Commission voted approve the consent calendar. (10 yes, 0 nays, 1 absent)

B. INFORMATIONAL: Youth Commission Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Work Plan Review (Chair Mascarenhas)

- Explore and understand gender-based violence resource and services.
 - Ad-hoc met to discuss a potential workshop or resource fair. Potential coordination with YWCA.
- Foster Environmental Literacy and Youth Stewardships create a more sustainable San Jose
 - Tree planting for April 5th in partnership from the Mayor's office.
 - District 8 Commissioner Gonzalez-Muñiz has been participating monthly litter clean-ups with local Neighborhood Associations.
 - District 10 and Youth Advisory Council (YAC) has been participating in monthly litter clean-ups.
 - District 3 Commissioner and YAC has been participating in litter clean ups and working on adopting a park.
 - District 4 Commissioner and YAC hosted their own litter clean up.
 - District 7 Commissioner and YAC participated in Councilmember Kamei's office for litter clean up.
- College and Career Pathways and literacy opportunities in San Jose
 - Finding ways to bridge the gap between the school limited resources with library resources.
 - Commissioners Lieu and Kucharewski met with Mt. Pleasant School District Representatives to discuss initiatives for the Mt. Pleasant Branch Library to improve the College and Career Pathways.
- Innovation Committee
 - Youth Commission involvement with the Innovation Committee is currently on hold.
 - Commissioner Kucharewski discussed her attendance for Women in AI between SJSU and Mayor's office.

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

VI. Reports and Information Only

A. Council Liaison Report (Lucas Ramirez)

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District 2 Policy Director, Lucas Ramirez, provided the Council Liaison Report.

- i. District 3 appointed Councilmember Carl Salas as the Interim Councilmember until the conclusion of the Special Elections either in April or in June.
- ii. Branham Emergency Interim Housing Community is opened and has 10% occupy.
- iii. Townhall budget community meetings generally begin after Mayor's March Message.

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

Lauren Box provided the following updates:

- Recreation Division –
 - Summer Hiring are open for position in aquatics, summer camps and Happy Hollow Park & Zoo.
- Community Services-
 - San Jose 311- Report Blight Reduction
 - You can use the app or website 311.sanjoseca.gov or call 24-hour Hotline
- Parks Division
 - Family Camp at Yosemite will be closed for renovations Summer 2025
 - Any maintenance issues or concerns, please report them

C. Library Report (Vidya Kilambi)

- i. Berryessa Branch Celebrating its 20th anniversary March 1st.
- ii. Persian New Year Celebration at Almaden branch on March 8th
- iii. Library celebrated Volunteer Service Day on February 8th
- iv. March is Black History Month. Activities can be found on the website www.sjpl.org
- v. St. Patrick's Day activities and programs are scheduled throughout library branches. Please check the library's website for all 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 March 19, 2025, at City Hall Wings 118-120.

IX. Adjournment

On the motion of Commissioner Sanchez, seconded by Commissioner Vu,

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the Commission voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 P.M.



Nolan Mascarenhas
San José Public Youth Commission Chair

ATTEST:
LIBRARY AND EDUCATION COMMISSION SECRETARY



Dziem Nguyen