



## 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

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### REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

September 23, 2024  
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 Mishra, Pradeepkumar, Sanchez, Arroyo, Lieu, Bansal, Vu, Gonzalez-Muñiz, Singh, Mascarenhas, and Kucharewski.

**STAFF:** Division Manager Vidya Kilambi; Deputy Chief of Staff Karla Alvarez; Librarian Megan Maloy; Youth Commission Librarian Emily Terada; Administrative Assistant Dziem Nguyen.

**OTHERS:** District 1 Council Assistant Alex Dersh; Parks, Recreation, and Neighborhood Services Lauren Hawkins.

The meeting was called to order at **6:31 P.M.** Quorum was achieved with **11** Commissioners present.

#### II. Consent Calendar

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

#### III. Public Record: There was 1 public record for the Commission to review.

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

#### V. Discussion/Action Items

##### A. ACTION: Identify Ad-Hoc Committees to Support Work Plan Objectives (N.

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**Mascarenhas)**

The Commission appointed Commissioners to the Ad-hoc Committees to support the Youth Commission Workplan objectives.

Ad-hoc Committees are:

- Gender-Based Violence Committee – Commissioner Mishra, Bansal, Pradeepkumar, Mascarenhas, Lieu
- Environment Committee – Singh, Gonzalez-Muñiz, Sanchez, Mascarenhas, Arroyo
- College, Education, Career Committee - Lieu, Vu, Arroyo, Kucharewski Pradeepkumar

No public comment

On the motion of Commissioner Vu, seconded by Lieu, the Commission unanimously voted to approve the Commissioners appointed to each ad-hoc: Gender-based Violence, Environment, and College and Career

**B. ACTION: Appoint Commissioners to the Innovation Committee (N. Mascarenhas)**

The Commissioners appointed Commissioners Mishra and Kucharewski are appointed to the STEM Innovation Ad-hoc Committee.

No public comment.

On the motion of Commissioner Mishra, seconded by Lieu, the Commission unanimously voted to approve of the Commissioners assigned to the STEM Innovation Committee.

**C. ACTION: Approve New Budget Summit Date (N. Mascarenhas)**

Commission selected to January 26, 2024 as the new date for the Budget Summit.

No public comment.

On the motion of Commissioner Singh, seconded Pradeepkumar, the Commission unanimously voted to approve of the new Budget Summit date.

**D. ACTION: Approve Youth Commission Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Outreach Plan (DRAFT) (N. Pradeepkumar)**

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Commissioner Pradeepkumar gave a verbal review of Youth Commission Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Outreach Plan. The Outreach Plan outlines three objects, actions, and desired outcomes. The Outreach plan objectives are: Promote and increase awareness of Youth Commission activities and events, connect with community-based organizations to present at Youth Commission meetings, work with SJPL branches on YAC opportunities and Youth Commission events/meetings.

No public comment.

On the motion of Commissioner Sanchez, seconded Gonzalez- Muñiz, the Commission unanimously voted to approve the Youth Commission Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Outreach Plan.

## **VI. Reports and Information Only**

### **A. Council Liaison Report (Alex Dersh)**

Alex Dersh presented about the City of San José Sister Cities:

- i. Developed after World War II, President Eisenhower started an initiative Sister City to facilitate cultural exchange, economic development, and dialogue between international communities.
- ii. **San José has eight Sister City relationships:**
  1. Okayama, Japan
  2. San José, Costa Rica
  3. Veracruz, Mexico
  4. Tainan, Taiwan
  5. Dublin, Ireland
  6. Pune, India
  7. Ekaterinburg, Russia
  8. Guadalajara, Mexico

### **B. Parks, Recreation, and Neighborhood Services (Lauren Hawkins)**

Lauren Hawkins provided the following updates:

#### **i. Department Recruitments –**

1. Several positions are under recruitment including: Recreation Leader, Zoo Curator, Senior Park Ranger, and Student Interns.

#### **ii. Recreation Division –**

1. 2024 Scholarship Application are open access on city website.
2. Community Centers Across the City are hosting Halloween Events
3. Teen Centers have re-opened for 204-2025 School Year
4. Disability Awareness Day on October 10<sup>th</sup> at City Hall Rotunda

#### **iii. Community Services Division –**

1. Beautify SJ Upcoming Events:
  - a. Autumn Litter Harvest (October 5<sup>th</sup>)

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- b. Sunday Friends Litter Cleanup (October 12<sup>th</sup>)
- c. The Foundation for Hispanic Education Litter Cleanup (October 12<sup>th</sup>)

### **iv. Parks Division -**

- 1. There are several events scheduled at Emma Pursch Park & Farm in October including Group Tours, outdoor education youth classes, early childhood recreations,
- 2. Emma Prusch Park & Farm is hosting a Free Trick or Treat Event on Halloween night from 5-7pm

### **C. Library Report (Vidya Kilambi)**

Division Manager, Vidya Kilambi, shared some Library updates.

- i. **SJPL's Fine Free Wave:** On September 10<sup>th</sup>, SJPL kicked off its fine free wave campaign with the help of Krazy George Henderson. This campaign was to announce the elimination of late fines on all overdue materials checked out on and after July 1<sup>st</sup>.
- ii. **New Golden State Warriors Library Card:** SJPL partnered with the Golden State Warriors to release a new co-branded library card to promote literacy, learning and the importance of becoming a member of the Library.
- iii. **Alviso Branch Library Celebrates 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** Everyone is invited to join the Alviso Branch in celebrating 25 years on Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> from 11am to 1pm.
- iv. **Library Spooktacular Events:** Halloween parade on Wednesday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, starting at 4pm.
- v. **Holiday Closure:** All Libraries are closed for Indigenous Peoples' Day on Monday, October 14. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library will remain open.

### **D. Commission Chair Report**

### **E. Commission report by District.**

## **VII. Future meeting items**

## **VIII. Meeting Schedule and Agenda Items**

The next regular meeting will be on October 28, 2024, at 6:30 pm at City Hall.

## **IX. Adjournment**

On the motion of Commissioner Gonzalez, seconded by Commissioner Lieu, the Commission voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 P.M.

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Nolan Mascarenhas  
San José Public Youth Commission Chair

ATTEST:  
LIBRARY AND EDUCATION COMMISSION SECRETARY



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Dziem Nguyen