



City of San José Youth Commission

District 1 – Anushka Deshmukh
District 3 – Edwin Sanchez
District 5 – Dali Guerrero Fernandez
District 7 – David Huynh
District 9 – Jingru (Ruby) Yu
Citywide – Marian Kucharewski

Neyha Pradeepkumar– District 2
Akashadha Badu Chakravarthi – District 4
Fiona Canfield – District 6
Micah Chung– District 8
Jinyoung (Kyle) Park – District 10

YOUTH COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

January 26, 2026 | 6:30 PM

San José City Hall, Council Chambers
200 E Santa Clara St, San Jose, CA 95113

I. Call to Order & Orders of the Day

A. Roll Call

PRESENT: Chair Kucharewski, Vice Chair Pardeepkumar, Commissioners Sanchez, Badu Chakravarthi, Guerrero Fernandez, Chung, Yu, Park

ABESENT: Commissioners Deshmukh, Canfield, Huynh

CITY STAFF: Division Manager Vidya Kilambi; Chief of Staff Karla Alvarez; Youth Commission Librarian Emily Terada; Administrative Assistant Dziem Nguyen; Parks and Neighborhood Services Recreation Supervisor Nicholas Georgoff; Community Relations Coordinator Anthony Montes

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 P.M. Quorum was achieved with 8 Commissioners present.

II. Consent Calendar

A. Approve November 24, 2026, Meeting Minutes

B. Public Correspondence: No public correspondence was received for January 26, 2026

On the motion of Commissioner Babu, seconded by Commissioner Pardeepkumar, the Commission voted to approve the items on the Consent Calendar (8 yes, 0 no, 0 abstained, 3 absent)

III. Open Forum: There were 0 public comments to the Commission.

IV. Discussion/Action Items

A. Youth Commission Budget Summit Planning (Chair Kucharewski)

Chair Kucharewski and Vice Chair Paredeepkumar reviewed with the Commissioners the Youth Commission Budget Priorities Summit (Summit) Plan and Agenda. This year's Summit will be on February 28, 2026, at 11:00 A.M., located at Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library. Commissioners must arrive at 10:00 A.M. to prepare the space for the Summit. The Summit will officially take place from 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM.

Vice Chair Pradeepkumar reviewed the Youth Priorities Survey data tagging responsibilities. The Education Ad hoc Commissioners will be assigned survey questions for content tagging, in which the data will inform the topics covered at the Summit.

On the motion of Commissioner Sanchez, seconded by Commissioner Park, the Commission voted to approve the Youth Commission Budget Priorities Summit Plan (8 yes, 0 no, 0 abstained, 3 absent)

No Public Comment

V. Items for Future Commission Meeting Agendas

A. Parks and Recreation Neighborhood Services (Nicholas Georgoff) – Virtual

Parks, Recreation, and Neighborhood Services Recreation Supervisor, Nicholas Georgoff provided an update to the Commission.

i. Department Updates

1. B.E.S.T. Grant: Bringing Everybody's Strength Together (B.E.S.T) Grant provides funding for non-profit agencies to implement intervention strategies to address youth violence. Applications are accepted until February 19, 2026.

ii. Recruitment

1. Class Instructor Older Adults Fitness (Part-Time): Opened Until Filled
2. Summer Part-time Positions: Community Service Aide, Recreation Leader, and Lifeguard.

iii. Recreation Division

1. 2026 scholarship applications are opened for qualified families. With in-person registration opening on January 28, 2026, at 10 A.M.

2. 2026 Recreation Swim will be at Camden Community Center, Mayfair Community Center, Rotary Ryland Pool, and Fair Swim Center.
- iv. Parks Division
 1. Arcadia Ball Park registration is opened for their Adult and Sports Leagues during the spring registration window.
 2. Action Sports Camps include Bike Lessons and Skate Lessons taking place in the Spring and Summer at Lake Cunningham Action Sports Park.
 3. Volunteer Opportunities with Adopt-a-Park for the Growing Native Garden Tour and the Viva Calle 2026
 - v. Community Services Division
 1. Partnered with Nordwood Elementary for Dumpster Day on January 31, 2026, from 8-11:30 A.M.
 2. BeautifySJ Neighborhood Forum on January 31, 2026, at 9 –11 A.M.

B. San José Library Report (Vidya Kilambi)

Division Manager, Vidya Kilambi, provided the Library updates.

- Silicon Valley Reads 2026 is in partnership with Santa Clara County Library District and Santa Clara County Office of Education.
 - This year’s theme, *Bridges to Belonging*, promotes building unity and fostering connections.
- Celebrating Black History Month: Library will kick off Black History Month in February with a special 100-year commemoration event on Thursday, February 5, from 5-6pm at Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library. Events are scheduled throughout the month of February with complete list on sjpl.org/BHM.
- SJPL’s Annual Service Day – The Library will be hosting its annual Service Day on Saturday, February 7, from 11-12pm at every SJPL location.
- Celebrating Lunar New Year – Explore Lunar New Year traditions and cultures through hands-on activities, exhibits, and library programs for all ages across SJPL. For complete list of events, visit: sjpl.org/LunarNewYear
- Holiday Closures:
 - Monday, February 16 – President’s Day (King Library Open)
 - Tuesday, February 17 – Lunar New Year Holiday (King Library Open)

C. Commission Chair Report (Chair Kucharewski)

- i. Reminders:
 1. Education Ad hoc should start content tagging the survey data as soon as possible since there are over 600 responses.

2. Youth Commissioners are encouraged to attend YAK Attack on March 7, 2026, to bring awareness to Youth Commission.
3. Neighborhood Forum is on January 31, and Youth Commissioners are encouraged to attend and stay connected with the community.

D. Council Liaison Report:

District 2 Council Liaison, Anthony Montes, provided the Council updates.

- i. At Council on January 23, 2026, Council will be considering several housing interventions to make housing more affordable.
 1. Inclusionary Housing Ordinance: Council will consider new an ordinance change. The current ordinance requires developers to include affordable housing during development. The new ordinance will require a lower amount of affordable housing from developers.
 2. Mobile Home Rental Ordinance: Council will consider changes to how much park owners can charge once a mobile homeowner sells their home.
- ii. Councilmember Campos is having an Early Childhood Education Townhall with Supervisor Ellenburg and Assemblymember Patrick Ahrens at Edenvale Branch Library on January 30.
- iii. Commissioner Pardeepkumar and District 2 office will be collaborating on a potential mural with Youth Commission.

E. Commissioners' Reports per City District

VI. Items for Future Commission Meeting Agenda

VII. Meeting Schedule and Agenda Items

The next meeting will be in-person on February 23, 2026, at 6:30 P.M. at Council Chambers.

VIII. Adjournment

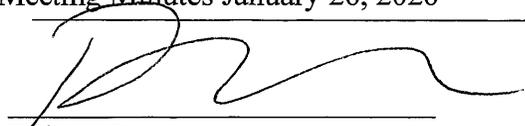
On the motion of Commissioner Babu, seconded by Commissioner Park, the Commission voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 P.M. (8 yes, 0 no, 0 abstained 3 absent).



Chair Marian Kucharewski
San José Youth Commission Chair

ATTEST:
YOUTH COMMISSION SECRETARY

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Dziem Nguyen