



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

March 23, 2026 | 6:30 PM
San José City Hall, Council Chambers
200 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, Deshmukh, Canfield, Huynh, Chung, Yu, and Park

ABSENT: None

CITY STAFF: District 2 Council Community Director Anthony Montes; Division Manager Vidya Kilambi; Senior Librarian Megan Maloy; Youth Commission Librarian Emily Terada; Administrative Assistant Dziem Nguyen; Parks and Neighborhood Services Recreation Superintendents Israel Canjura and Jeffery Shoffner

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

II. Consent Calendar

- A. Approve February 23, 2026, Meeting Minutes
- B. Public Correspondence: No public correspondence was received for March 23, 2026

On the motion of Commissioner Sanchez, seconded by Commissioner Babu Chakravarthi, the Commission unanimously voted to approve the items on the Consent Calendar (11 yes, 0 no, 0 abstained).

III. Open Forum: There were no public comments to the Commission.

IV. Discussion/Action Items

A. Children and Youth Services Master Plan (I. Canjura)

The Commission received a presentation on the Children and Youth Services Master Plan by Recreation Superintendent, Israel Canjura.

No Public Comment

B. Youth Priorities Survey and Budget Summit (Chair Kucharewski)

The Commission reviewed the Youth Priorities Survey and Budget Summit. They discussed budget priorities and topics to include in a budget letter to the City Council.

No Public Comment

On the motion by Commissioner Chung, seconded by Commissioner Canfield, the Commission unanimously approved authorizing the Chair to draft a budget letter on behalf of the Youth Commission, incorporating the youth priorities and topics discussed at this meeting. The Chair signing the final version for submission to City Council. (11 yes, 0 no, 0 abstained)

V. Items for Future Commission Meeting Agendas

A. Council Liaison Report

District 2 Council Liaison Community Director, Anthony Montes, highlighted items heard by Council.

- Retrieval of Personnel Items
- Automatic License Plate Reader
- Budget

B. Parks and Recreation Neighborhood Services

Parks, Recreation, and Neighborhood Services Recreation Superintendent, Jeremy Shoffner, provided an update to the Commission.

- **Recruitment:**
 - Lifeguard and Instructor Lifeguard
 - Class instructors
 - Camp Counselor for Family Camp at Yosemite
 - Assistant Swimming Pool Manager/Swimming Pool Manager
- **Recreation Division:**
 - Summer Camps are open for registration
 - Late Night Gym Programs are available at Seven Trees Community Center.
 - Recreation Swim Program: Camden Community Center, Mayfair Community Center, Rotary Ryland Pool, and Fair Swim Center
- **Parks Division:**
 - Construction on Taiko Bridge will begin late March. Completion estimated to be mid-May
 - VivaCalle: Eastside Quest April 19 at 10am-3pm
 - Bike Lessons and Skate Lessons are available
- **Community Services Divisions:**
 - Dumpster Days are scheduled at Beckesto Park, Mayfair, Seven Trees, Starbird Youth Center
 - Illegal dumping and graffiti can be reported on 311 app or online

C. San José Library Report

Division Manager, Vidya Kilambi, provided the Library updates.

- **SJPL Invites You to Vote for Your Favorite Educator:** As the City department leading the City's Education Initiative, the San José Public Library (SJPL) is proud to announce its 2nd Annual San Jose Educator of the Year Award to honor local educators during Teacher Appreciation Week, May 4-8. For more information, visit: sjpl.org
- **March Celebrations at SJPL:**
 - Women's History Month
 - Irish American Heritage Month
 - For more details and a complete list of events, visit: sjpl.org
- **Annual Spring into Poetry Contest:** The San José Public Library (SJPL) is happy to announce its 6th Annual Spring into Poetry Contest next month (in April) in celebration of National Poetry Month. The contest closes on Thursday, April 30. For more details, visit: sjpl.org/PoetryContest
- **SJPL Provides Free Tax Help:** Free tax preparation for those who qualify, plus resources and information for everyone. More Information at sjpl.org/taxes.

- **Upcoming Holiday Closures:** Tuesday, March 31

D. Commission Chair Report

- i. District reports for Annual Youth Commission reports are due in two weeks
- ii. Consider recipients for the Youth Advisory Council awards
- iii. Project proposals should be submitted by the April Youth Commission meeting
- iv. Youth Commission recruitment deadline is April 30
- v. The Siren Immigration Rights Workshop is on April 18
- vi. The Transit Way event is on April 4
- vii. Creative Futures Fair will be in May. Exact date to be determined
- viii. Youth Commission may be tabling at Cinco de Mayo event

E. Commissioners' Reports per City District

VI. Items for Future Commission Meeting Agenda

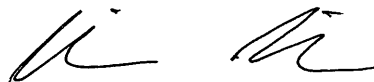
There are no items for future Commission meeting agenda. Meeting Schedule and Agenda Items

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The next regular meeting will be in-person on April 27, 2026, at 6:30 P.M. at Council Chambers.

VIII. Adjournment

On the motion of Commissioner Park, seconded by Commissioner Babu, the Commission voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 P.M. (11 yes, 0 no, 0 abstained, 0 absent).



Chair Marian Kucharewski
San José Youth Commission Chair

ATTEST:



Dziem Nguyen
Youth Commission Secretary