



City of San José Youth Commission

District 1 – Gordon Chen
District 3 – Deitra Hoang
District 5 – Andrew Lieu
District 7 – Ananya Sriram
District 9 – Agam Singh
Citywide – Vendant Janapaty

Kathy Lu – District 2
Nuha Khan – District 4
Amiya Bansal – District 6
Aldojoell Gonzalez-Muniz – District 8
Alexander Lee – District 10

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

February 27, 2023
6:30 P.M. – 8:30 P.M
Virtual

I. Call to Order & Orders of the Day

A. Roll Call

PRESENT: Chair Chen, Vice Chair Sriram, Commissioners Lu, Hoang, Khan, Lieu, Bansal, Singh, Gonzalez-Muniz, Janapaty

ABSENT: Commissioner Lee

STAFF: Library Deputy Director of Public Services Michelle Ornat; Division Manager Vidya Kilambi; Sr. Librarian Elizabeth Nolan, Librarian Megan Maloy; Administrative Assistant Dziem Nguyen.

OTHERS: Assistant to the City Manager Laura Buzo, Senior Analyst Kevin Huynh; Parks, Recreation, and Facilities Supervisor Nick Georgoff, Cleo Cole

B. The meeting was called to order at 6:32 P.M. Quorum was achieved with 10 Commissioners present.

C. Land Acknowledgement

D. Orders of the Day

II. **Public Record:** There was no correspondence for the Commission to review.

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

Commissioner Gonzalez-Muniz joined the meeting at 6:35 pm.

IV. Consent Calendar

A. Approve February 27, 2023 Agenda

B. Approve January 23, 2023 Meeting Minutes

C. Approve January 23, 2023 Attendance Record

On the motion of Commissioner Lieu, seconded by Commissioner Khan, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the items on the Consent Calendar.

V. Discussion/Action Items

A. Children and Youth Services Master Plan (L. Buzo)

Ms. Buzo presented on the status of Children and Youth Services Master Plan. The aim of the Children and Youth Services Master Plan is to create pathways with services that can serve children and youth/young adults with opportunities from cradle to career. The program is developed to allow for sustainable employment and competitive living wage in San Jose. Input from Community engagement activities included outreach via youth townhalls, focus groups, citywide survey, engagement with various school districts, libraries, and youth programs. Community engagement shows common themes among youths covering concerns such as cost of living, childcare, mental health, and education.

Discussion followed the presentation.

B. Santa Clara County Bill of Rights for Children and Young Adults (C. Cole)

Ms. Cole presented on the partnership between Youth Liberation and Kids in Common to collect the input on the rights young people should have in the Bill of Rights. Input was collected from a diverse group of young people from Santa Clara County. Volunteers from various organizations developed a final version of an updated Bill of Rights for Children and Youth. This updated Bill of Rights included rights covering topics of green spaces, safety, healthcare, mental health, life skills, education, etc. Ms. Cole would like the Youth Commission's endorsement of the proposed version of the updated Bill of Rights. The Youth Commission will add this item to the March Youth Commission Agenda as an action item for voting.

VI. Reports and Information Only

A. Council Liaison's Announcement/Report

There was no announcement or report from the Council Liaison.

B. Parks and Recreation Neighborhood Services (PRNS) Report

Recreation Supervisor, Nick Georgoff, shared updates about the Parks and Recreation Neighborhood Services (PRNS). In March, there will be a commendation at City Council recognizing staff, including 100 PRNS staff, for their service in providing disaster relief during the recent January storms. PRNS has job openings available for youth during the summer. More information about events and updates can be found at issuu.com/sjparksandrec.

C. San José Library Report

Michelle Ornat, Library Deputy Director of Public Services, shared updates about the San Jose Public Library (SJPL). SJPL is partnering with multiple local organizations for “Read Across San José” on March 2nd. San José councilmembers will be reading at selected branch locations.

SJPL is celebrating the 20th anniversary of “Silicon Valley Reads.” This year’s theme, “*Journey to New Beginnings*,” continues throughout February and March with over 100 author visits, book clubs, children’s programs, and other free events throughout SJPL locations.

SJPL is partnering with Study Smart Tutors to provide free college and career preparation classes. For workshop and event listings, visit <https://bit.ly/sjplstudysmart>

All library branches will be closed for Cesar Chavez Day on Friday, March 31st. More information about events and updates can be found at www.sjpl.org.

D. Commission Chair Report

Chair Chen shared updates on the Youth Commission Budget Summit on Sunday, February 26th, and Commissioner Lieu’s Policython event on Saturday, February 25th. Chair Chen would like to have one or two Commissioners attend the Commission meetings for different departments to gain some insight on policy writing and proposals that

E. Commissioner’s Report per City District

Each Commissioner shared a report of their district.

VII. Items for Future Commission Meeting Agendas

VIII. Adjournment

On the motion of Commissioner Khan, seconded by Commissioner Hoang, the Commission voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 P.M.

YOUTH COMMISSION
Regular Meeting Minutes February 27, 2023

The next regular meeting will be an in-person meeting on March 27, 2023, at 6:30 P.M.

_____/s/_____
Gordon Chen, Chair
San José Public Youth Commission

ATTEST:

LIBRARY AND EDUCATION COMMISSION SECRETARY

_____/s/_____
Megan Maloy