



## City of San José Youth Commission

District 1 – Anaya Mishra  
District 3 – Deitra Hoang  
District 5 – Andrew Lieu  
District 7 – Megan Luong  
District 9 – Agam Singh  
Citywide – Vendant Janapaty

Neyha Pradeepkumar– District 2  
Thy Luong– District 4  
Amiya Bansal– District 6  
Aldojoell Gonzalez Muñoz– District 8  
Nolan Mscarenhas – District 10

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### REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

September 25, 2023

6:30 P.M. – 8:30 P.M

Hybrid Meeting

Webinar: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82031271897>

In-Person Location: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library, Room 225

150 East San Fernando St., San Jose, CA 95112

#### **I. Call to Order & Orders of the Day**

##### A. Roll Call

**PRESENT:** Vice Chair Marcarenhas, Commissioners Mishra, Pradeepkumar, T. Luong, Lieu, Bansal, M. Luong, Gonzalez-Muniz, Singh, and Janapaty.

**ABESENT:** Chair Hoang

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

**OTHERS:** Assistant to the City Manager Laura Buzo; Parks, Recreation, and Neighborhood Services, Lauren Hawkins Council Assistant Alexander Dersh

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. Quorum was achieved with 10 Commissioners present.

#### **II. Consent Calendar**

- A. Approve September 25, 2023, Agenda
- B. Approve August 28, 2023, Meeting Minutes
- C. Approve August 28, 2023, Attendance Record
- D. Approve District 3 Policy Summit

On the motion of Commissioner T. Luong, seconded by Commissioner Singh, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the items on the Consent Calendar.

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

**IV. Open Forum:** There was one public comment to the Commission.  
Paulo Soto provide public comment.

**V. Discussion/Action Items**

**A. INFORMATIONAL: 28th Street/Little Portugal Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) (A. Lopez, W. Hanson)**

Woody Hanson presented on the 28<sup>th</sup> Street/Little Portugal Transit – Oriented Development (TOD). 28<sup>th</sup> Street/Little Portugal Station is one of four planned TOD stations in VTA’s Bart Silicon Valley Extension Project. The TOD planned for this station aims to capture the cultural diversity of the area while meeting the needs of the community. The VTA have been collecting input from different community groups on what retail, businesses, and services should be at these TOD locations. The VTA requested Youth Commissioners to provide input what should be included at the 28<sup>th</sup> Street/ Little Portugal TOD location.

No Public Comment  
Commissioners engaged in discussion.

**B. ACTION: Ad-hoc: Environmental Advocacy (Vice Chair Mascarenhas)**

Vice Chair requested for Commissioners who are interested in joining the Ad-hoc for Environmental Advocacy. This Committee aims to inform and cultivate environmental advocacy amongst youths and upscale existing solutions in collaboration with local organizations. The Ad-Hoc Committee includes Chair Hoang, Vice Chair Mascarenhas, Commissioners Singh and Janapaty.

No Public Comment  
Commissioners engaged in discussion.

**C. ACTION: Ad-hoc: Exploration of Sexual Harassment and Assault Support Services (Vice Chair Mascarenhas)**

Vice Chair requested for Commissioners who are interested in joining the Ad-hoc for the exploration of Sexual Harassment and Assault Support Services. This Committee will explore and understand sexual harassment and assault services. They will work with local

organizations and City departments and The Ad-Hoc Committee includes Chair Hoang and Commissioners Bansal, Mishra, and M. Luong.

No Public Comment  
Commissioners engaged in discussion.

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

### **A. Office of City Manager Report (L. Buzo)**

Laura Buzo, Assistant to City Manager, gave a brief update that the City is continuing to draft the master plan document. The City have been meeting with City staff, County representatives, community-based organizations, and school districts on how to effectively serve children and youths.

### **B. Council Liaison's Announcements (A. Dersh)**

Alex Dersh, Council Assistant, shared announcements from the Council and their activities in last month. In the last month, Council voted to modify the revolving policy, voted to approve the Union and Labor negotiations, voted to modify building energy efficiency standards, voted to approve the Enhancing Youth Commission memo, accepted a report and recommendation from the San Jose Police, and accepted for the report on the City's long term trash plans.

### **C. Parks and Recreation Neighborhood Services (PRNS) Report (L. Hawkins)**

Lauren Hawkins, Recreation Superintendent shared updates from PRNS from the previous month. PRNS has hired their first Racial Equity Manager, Veronica Amador Perez, to help guide the department to be more equitable in their services for the community. PRNS has some upcoming recruitments that are available on the PRNS web platform. Councilmember Torres presented a commendation to the former Recreation Superintendent, Ed Solist. Councilmember Foley and Dan presented a commendation recognizing our Disaster Service Workers for their service in providing disaster relief for our communities during the series of storms in early 2023. Within the Capital Division, there are some upcoming ribbon-cutting at the Heinlenville Park, Pellier Park, and a groundbreaking at the Flea Market Bruzzone and Mercado. Within the Recreation Division, there are events scheduled including the R.O.C.K Afterschool 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Various Community Center Events, Fall Break Camps available across the City.

**D. San José Library Report (M. Ornat)**

Vidya Kilambi, Division Manager, shared updates from the Library. September 20<sup>th</sup>, the San Jose Public Library and San Jose State shared the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Dr, Martin Luther King, Jr. Library partnership. In celebration of the anniversary, 10 new limited edition library card designs. The Library is hosting its' annual Fall into Fiction Short Story Contest 2023. In October, the Library is celebrating National Hispanic Heritage month and Digital Inclusion month. There are two new exhibits at King Library, World on the Move Exhibit and Pinoy Town. There will be a special speaker events for Pinoy Town on September 14<sup>th</sup>. For more information, visit [www.sjpl.org](http://www.sjpl.org)

**E. Commission Chair Report**

Vice Chair Mascarenhas wanted to commend Commissioners who attended and presented at the City Council and Neighborhood Services and Education Committee meeting.

**F. Commissioner's Report per City District**

**VII. Items for Future Commission Meeting Agendas**

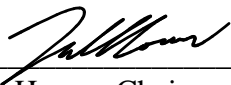
- A. YPB Survey for Youth
- B. Youth Commission Outreach Plan

**VIII. Meeting Schedule and Agenda Items**


The next regular meeting will be an in-person meeting on October 23, 2023 at 6:30 P.M.

**IX. Adjournment**

On the motion of Commissioner Singh, seconded by Commissioner T. Luong, the Commission voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 PM.

  
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Deitra Hoang, Chair  
San José Public Youth Commission

ATTEST:  
YOUTH COMMISSION SECRETARY

  
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