



## 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 – Vedant Janapaty

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

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### REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

January 22, 2024 | 6:30 P.M. – 8:30 P.M

Hybrid Meeting

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

**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. Roll Call

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

**ABESENT:** None

**STAFF:** Division Manager, Vidya Kilambi; Senior Librarian, Lizzie Nolan; Librarian, Megan Maloy; College and Career Pathways Coordinator, Amanda Otte; Literacy Program Specialist, Alyssa Mendoza; Administrative Assistant, Dziem Nguyen; Senior Office Specialist, Julia Santos.

**OTHERS:** Assistant to the City Manager Laura Buzo; Parks, Recreation, and Neighborhood Services Interim Recreation Superintendent, Mumtaz Mohammad; Council Assistant Alexander Dersh.

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

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

A. Approve the January 22, 2024, Agenda

B. Approve November 27, 2023, Attendance

- C. Approve November 27, 2023, Meeting Minutes
- D. Approve District 3 and District 7 Mental Health Resource Fair Project Proposal  
**(Moved to Discussion)**
- E. Approve District 1 Career Explorations Event Proposal
- F. Approve Gender Violence Ad-Hoc Policy Memo - Implementing Helpline Placards in the Restroom **(Moved to Discussion)**
- G. Approve District 5 Recommendation Memo - Approval of Proposed Ordinance Prohibiting Encampments and Vehicle Dwellings Near Schools

On the motion of Commissioner M. Luong, seconded by Commissioner Lieu, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the items on the Consent Calendar and moving item D and F to further Discussion.

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

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

**V. Discussion/Action Items**

**A. INFORMATIONAL: Santa Clara County Youth Task Force (M. Luu)**

Co-chairs of the Youth Task Force, Anushka Tadikonda and Henry Yao, and Senior Management Analyst, Melissa Luu, from the Santa Clara Youth Task Force presented on their work. The Youth Task force gave a brief overview about the Santa Clara Youth Task Force and their accomplishments during Fiscal Year 2022-2023. Some notable work by the Youth Task Force includes:

- Provided feedback to the Behavioral Health Services Department on the operational plan to implement school-based wellness centers.
- Facilitated the First Annual Youth Task Force Retreat in August 2023 and drafted their Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Workplan.
- Hosting an upcoming Youth Leadership Summit on April 27, 2024 with a focus on Student Wellness.

No public comment.

The Commissioners engaged in discussion with members of the Youth Task Force.

**B. INFORMATIONAL: Mt. Pleasant Neighborhood Association Presentation (M. Lopez and T. Ellerbeck) - Virtual Presentation**

Melissa Lopez and Trudy Ellerbeck are members of the Mt. Pleasant Neighborhood Association and presented on their work with the Association. Neighborhood

Associations compose of residents who volunteer to represent and advocate for their residents with the local government. The main goal of the Mt. Pleasant Neighborhood Association is to keep the neighborhood safe, clean, and beautiful, and a great place to live in. The association advocates for traffic and road improvements, organize litter pickups and tree planting, and facilitates free art classes and community events. The Neighborhood Association help connects neighbors and create a sense of belonging.

No public comment.

The Commissioners engaged in discussion with members of the Mt. Pleasant Neighborhood Association.

**C. INFORMATIONAL: YAC Attack Conference on March 9, 2024 - Building Success: Constructing Your Future (M. Maloy)**

Librarian, Megan Maloy, reported on a bi-annual youth conference, YAC Attack. This year's focus is Building Success: Constructing Your Future. The conference is on March 9<sup>th</sup> and will include workshops, guest speakers, and networking opportunities. Registration is currently open.

No public comment.

The Commissioners engaged in discussion.

**D. ACTION: District 3 and District 7 Mental Health Resource Fair Project Proposal (Chair Hoang and Commissioner M. Luong)**

Chair Hoang and Commissioner T. Luong discussed on the Mental Health Resource Fair Project Proposal. The Mental Health Resource Faire is scheduled to be on April 27, 2024, which will conflict with the Youth Task Force's Youth Leadership Summit. Melissa Luu, from the Youth Task Force, proposed the Youth Commission and Youth Task Force collaborate on this item for the Mental Health Resource Fair to be part of the Youth Leadership Summit.

No public comment.

The Commissioners engaged in discussion.

Commissioner Bansal motioned to defer this item after review of possible collaboration with Youth Task Force, Commissioner T. Luong seconded the motion, the Commission voted unanimously approved to defer for further review.

**E. ACTION: Gender Violence Ad-Hoc Policy Memo - Implementing Helpline Placards in the Restroom (Commissioner M. Luong)**

Commissioner M. Luong reported on the memo proposing to implement Helpline Placards in the Restrooms. The Gender Violence Ad-hoc Committee recommends placing visible helpline placards in public restrooms. These multilingual placards will include information to immediate help for human trafficking, domestic violence, and sexual assault. This has been implemented in cities such as San Francisco and San Antonio.

No public comment.

The Commissioners engaged in discussion.

On the motion of Commissioner Lieu, seconded by Commissioner Pradeepkumar, the Commission voted unanimously to accept the memo.

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

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

Assistant to the City Manager Laura Buzo shared that the draft memo of the Children and Youth Master Plan will be heard at the Neighborhood Services and Education Committee on February 8, 2024. This same memo will be heard and presented to the Youth Commission on February 26, 2024, and at City Council on February 27, 2024.

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

Council Assistant, Alex Dersh, shared announcements from the Council and their activities in last month. In the last month, Council took the following actions:

- The Council voted approved for four Affordable Housing developments to move forward.
- The Council voted to eliminate commercial space requirements for 100% derestricted affordable housing.
- The Council passed an ordinance on foreign influence business entities prohibiting foreign entities to making independent expenditures, campaign contributions, or contributing to independent expenditures for future elections.
- Council passed a resolution to declare the City's commitment to affordable childcare.
- Council amended cannabis regulation on when a non-medical cannabis business can register with the City.
- Council approved a plan on ending homelessness and adopted an implementation plan on how to track outcomes.
- The draft environmental report for the proposed Costco location is available for viewing.
- Vice Mayor Kamei will be hosting a Black History Month flag raising event on February 2<sup>nd</sup> from 5:00-7:00pm.

**C. Parks and Recreation Neighborhood Services (PRNS) Report (M. Mohammad)**

Mo Mohammad, Interim Recreation Superintendent, shared updates from PRNS from the previous month.

- The Emma Prusch Inclusive Playground is projected to Open in March.
- Viva CalleSJ's dates will be announced the week of 1/22/2024.
- City Facilities will be closed next month for Lunar New Year (02/09/2024) and President's Day (2/19/2024)
- Recreation Leader recruitments are currently open for applications.
- Recruitment for Aquatics and Community Service Aide will be open soon.

There are additional events this month listed on the PRNS website.

**D. San José Public Library Report (V. Kilambi)**

Division Manager, Vidya Kilambi, shared updates from the Library.

- All Library branches except Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library will be closed on February 9<sup>th</sup> for Lunar New Year and February 19<sup>th</sup> for President's Day.
- Various branches will be hosting Lunar New Year celebrations throughout February.
- The Library hosted its First Annual MLK Day of Service on January 20<sup>th</sup> at all Library locations.
- From December 7<sup>th</sup> to January 7<sup>th</sup>, The Library's Winter Reading Program had a total of 3, 685 registrations, a 26% increase from last year.
- The Library is participating in this year's Silicon Valley Reads. "Silicon Valley Reads is a community engagement program which selects an annual theme with accompany books and events. This year's theme is "A Greener Tomorrow Starts Today."

For more information, visit [www.sjpl.org](http://www.sjpl.org).

**E. Commission Chair Report**

Chair Hoang reminded the Commission of upcoming meetings and special events that required Commission attendance.

- Budget Summit was January 21, 2024, with great turnout. The Youths identified top priorities included the following topics: homelessness and poverty, sexual assault and harassment, mental health, and transportation.

- Every Commissioner is required to be involved in one district event.

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

Each Commissioner provided an update from their district.

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

- Mental Health Resource Fair Project Proposal

**VIII. Meeting Schedule and Agenda Items**

The next regular meeting will be an in-person meeting on March 18, 2024, at 6:30 P.M. at Council Chambers.

**IX. Adjournment**

On the motion of Commissioner Mishra, seconded by Commissioner Muniz, the Commission voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:01PM.



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Deitra Hoang, Chair  
San José Public Youth Commission

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YOUTH COMMISSION SECRETARY

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