



**DRAFT MINUTES
CUPERTINO TEEN COMMISSION**

Wednesday, September 10, 2025

At 6:00 p.m. Recreation Manager Sonya Lee called the Regular Teen Commission meeting to order at the Quinlan Conference Room, 10185 North Stelling Road and via teleconference.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners: Brianna Su, Chelsea Lau, Harly Liu, Anushree Misra, Jonathan Gao, Vinay Prakash, Rusheel Deshmukh (arrived at the meeting at 6:07 p.m.), Saanvi Halambi, Sumedha Kumar. Absent: None.

CEREMONIAL MATTERS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Subject: Swearing-in Ceremony for Incoming 2025-2027 Teen Commissioners
Recommended Action: Swear in the five incoming Teen Commissioners for the 2025-2027 term.

Deputy City Clerk Lauren Sapudar swore in the new Commissioners.

Commissioner Deshmukh arrived late and was not sworn in.

2. Subject: Teen Commission Orientation
Recommended Action: Receive an overview of the Commissioner's Handbook from City Clerk.

Deputy City Clerk Lauren Sapudar gave a presentation.

Recreation Manager Sonya Lee opened the public comment period, and seeing no one, closed the public comment period.

3. Subject: Teen Organizations Presentation
Recommended Action: Receive a presentation on Teen Commission, Youth Activity Board (YAB), and Recreation Event Volunteers (REV) from Recreation Coordinator, Robert Kaufman.

Recreation Coordinator Robert Kaufman gave a presentation.

Recreation Manager Sonya Lee opened the public comment period, and seeing no one, closed the public comment period.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4. Subject: Approval of Minutes – June 11, 2025

Recommended Action: Review and approve the minutes from the Teen Commission meeting on June 11, 2025.

MOTION: Misra moved and Su seconded to approve the June 11, 2025 minutes. The motion carried with the following vote: Ayes: Su, Lau, Liu, Misra, Gao, Prakash, Deshmukh, Halambi, Kumar. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None. This vote was determined to be invalid as Deshmukh was not a voting member of the Commission.

CORRECTED MOTION: Misra moved and Su seconded to approve the June 11, 2025 minutes. The motion carried with the following vote: Ayes: Su, Lau, Liu, Misra, Gao, Prakash, Halambi, Kumar. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

5. Subject: Approval of Minutes – August 13, 2025

Recommended Action: Review and approve the minutes from the Teen Commission meeting on August 13, 2025.

MOTION: Lau moved and Liu seconded to approve the August 13, 2025 minutes. The motion carried with the following vote: Ayes: Su, Lau, Liu, Misra, Gao, Prakash, Deshmukh, Halambi, Kumar. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None. This vote was determined to be invalid as Deshmukh was not a voting member of the Commission.

CORRECTED MOTION: Su moved and Gao seconded to approve the August 13, 2025 minutes. The motion carried with the following vote: Ayes: Su, Lau, Liu, Misra, Gao, Prakash, Halambi, Kumar. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

POSTPONEMENTS – None

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – None

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

6. Subject: 2025-2026 Chair and Vice Chair Selection

Recommended Action: Select a Chair and Vice Chair for the 2025-2026 Teen

Commission term.

MOTION: Commissioner Su moved, Commissioner Misra seconded to nominate Commissioner Su for Chair of the Teen Commission. Commissioner Su accepted this nomination. This motion was not voted on.

MOTION: Commissioner Prakash moved, Commissioner Gao seconded to nominate Commissioner Liu for Chair of the Teen Commission. Commissioner Liu accepted the nomination. This motion was not voted on.

MOTION: Commissioner Lau moved, Commissioner Deshmukh seconded to nominate Commissioner Lau for Chair of the Teen Commission. Commissioner Lau accepted the nomination. This motion was not voted on.

MOTION: Commissioner Misra moved, Commissioner Kumar seconded to nominate Commissioner Misra for Chair of the Teen Commission. Commissioner Misra accepted the nomination. The motion carried with the following vote: Ayes: Su, Lau, Misra, Deshmukh, Halambi, Kumar. Noes: Gao, Prakash. Abstain: None; Absent: None. This motion was determined to be invalid as Deshmukh was not a voting member of the Commission.

CORRECTED MOTION: Commissioner Misra moved, Commissioner Kumar seconded to nominate Commissioner Misra for Chair of the Teen Commission. Commissioner Misra accepted the nomination. The motion carried with the following vote: Ayes: Su, Lau, Misra, Halambi, Kumar. Noes: Liu, Gao, Prakash; Abstain: None; Absent: None.

MOTION: Commissioner Prakash moved, Commissioner Liu seconded to nominate Commissioner Prakash for Vice Chair of the Teen Commission. Commissioner Prakash accepted the nomination. The motion failed with the following vote: Ayes: Prakash. Noes: Su, Lau, Liu, Misra, Gao, Deshmukh, Halambi, Kumar. Abstain: None. Absent: None. This vote was determined to be invalid as Deshmukh was not a voting member of the Commission.

MOTION: Commissioner Kumar moved, Commissioner Gao seconded to nominate Commissioner Kumar for Vice Chair of the Teen Commission. Commissioner Kumar accepted the nomination. The motion failed with the following vote: Ayes: Kumar. Noes: Su, Lau, Liu, Misra, Gao, Prakash, Deshmukh, Halambi. Abstain: None. Absent: None. This vote was determined to be invalid as Deshmukh was not a voting member of the Commission.

MOTION: Commissioner Su moved, Commissioner Halambi seconded to nominate

Commissioner Su for Vice Chair of the Teen Commission. Su accepted the nomination. The motion failed with the following vote: Ayes: Su, Misra. Noes: Lau, Liu, Gao, Prakash, Deshmukh, Halambi, Kumar. Abstain: None. Absent: None. This vote was determined to be invalid as Deshmukh was not a voting member of the Commission.

MOTION: Commissioner Lau moved, Commissioner Misra seconded to nominate Commissioner Lau for Vice Chair of the Teen Commission. Commissioner Lau accepted the nomination. The motion failed with the following vote: Ayes: Lau; Noes: Su, Liu, Misra, Gao, Prakash, Deshmukh, Halambi, Kumar. Abstain: None. Absent: None. This vote was determined to be invalid as Deshmukh was not a voting member of the Commission.

MOTION: Commissioner Liu moved, Commissioner Prakash seconded to nominate Commissioner Liu for Vice Chair of the Teen Commission. Commissioner Liu accepted the nomination. The motion carried with the following vote: Ayes: Liu, Gao, Deshmukh, Halambi. Noes: Su, Lau, Misra, Prakash, Kumar. Abstain: None. Absent: None. This vote was determined to be invalid as Deshmukh was not a voting member of the Commission.

MOTION: Commissioner Deshmukh moved, Commissioner Gao seconded to nominate Commissioner Deshmukh for Vice Chair of the Teen Commission. Commissioner Deshmukh accepted the nomination. The motion failed with the following vote: Ayes: None. Noes: Su, Lau, Liu, Misra, Gao, Prakash, Deshmukh, Halambi, Kumar. Abstain: None. Absent: None. This vote was determined to be invalid as Deshmukh was not a voting member of the Commission.

CORRECTED MOTION: Commissioner Liu moved, Commissioner Lau seconded to nominate Commissioner Liu for Vice Chair of the Teen Commission. Commissioner Liu accepted the nomination. The motion carried with the following vote: Ayes: Su, Liu, Gao, Halambi, Kumar. Noes: Lau, Misra, Prakash. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

STAFF AND COMMISSION REPORTS

Recreation Coordinator Robert Kaufman introduced himself and discussed recent and upcoming community events, including the Pooch Plunge, Fall Festival, Diwali, and Cherry Blossom Festival. He highlighted a teen movie night on September 26, Bike Fest on September 27, and the Monster Mash Halloween event on October 25. Kaufman noted the REV program is restarting and growing rapidly, with opportunities for teens to serve as speakers and MCs at events. He also noted that the Teen Speaker Series will be held on Saturdays in November, and a Spelling Bee is planned for January 31, with commissioners serving as moderators and judges.

Commissioners asked questions and made comments, which staff responded to.

FUTURE AGENDA SETTING – None

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:58 p.m. Chair Misra adjourned the Regular Teen Commission Meeting.

Minutes prepared by:

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