



City of Sunnyvale

Meeting Minutes - Draft Parks and Recreation Commission

Wednesday, May 20, 2026

6:00 PM

Online and Redwood Conference Room,
City Hall, 456 W. Olive Ave., Sunnyvale,
CA 94086

Special Joint Meeting with the Arts Commission and Board of Library Trustees

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Veith called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

ROLL CALL

- Present:** 3 - Chair David Kesting
Commissioner Daniel Bremond
Commissioner Prashant Gattani
- Absent:** 2 - Vice Chair Dona Mason
Commissioner Prakash Giri

Council Liaison Sell (present)
Vice Chair Mason's absence is unexcused
Commissioner Giri's absence is excused

Arts Commission

ROLL CALL

- Present: 5 Chair Agnes Veith
Vice Chair Kathryn Filley
Commissioner Molly Kauffman
Commissioner Mariia Tkchenko
Commissioner Christina Wright

Council Liaison Srinivasan (present)

Board of Library Trustees

ROLL CALL

- Present: 3 - Vice Chair Carter Hu

Absent: 2 - Board Member David Liu
Board Member Yael Hud
Chair Meena Juttukonda
Board Member Winnie Lam

Council Liaison Mehlinger (absent)

Chair Juttukonda and Board Member Lam's absences are excused

STUDY SESSION

[26-0522](#) Brown Act Training for Board and Commission Members

Melissa Tronquet, Senior Assistant City Attorney, presented basic training on Ralph M. Brown Act Basics. Highlights included: understanding the purpose of and requirements for open public meetings, key areas of risk, the five key elements of open government, agenda requirements, permissible non-agenda items, public comment, what a meeting is, serial meetings, exceptions to Brown Act meetings, social media, and consequences of Brown Act violations.

Chair Veith opened public comment.

Henry S. addressed the board and commissions regarding the importance of transparency, public trust, and governance practices beyond technical Brown Act compliance.

Chair Veith closed public comment.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS

[26-0496](#) Review and Recommend Council Approve Recommended Budget

Matt Paulin, Director of Finance, and Dennis Jaw, Assistant Director of Finance, presented on the City's budget. Highlights included: legal framework and community values, budget principles, Council Budget Workshop, citywide revenues by source, citywide revenues by fund, top tax revenues, expenditures by type, expenditures by fund, reserve balances by type, park dedication fund, park dedication fee revenue, golf and tennis operations fund, Fiscal Year 2026/27 recommended budget, service level adjustments, and art funds.

Chair Veith opened public comment, and there being no speakers, closed public comment.

MOTION: Chair Kesting moved, and Commissioner Gattani seconded, the motion to recommend to Council approval of the recommended budget, and to recommend Council to fund the Parks and Recreation Council Priority Project submitted last year, titled "Comprehensive Field and Park Usage Data Collection".

The motion failed by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Chair Kesting
Commissioner Bremond
Commissioner Gattani

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Vice Chair Mason
Commissioner Giri

Arts Commission:

Abstained: 4 - Chair Agnes Veith
Vice Chair Filley
Commissioner Christina Wright
Commissioner Mariia Tkachenko
No: 1 - Commissioner Molly Kauffman

Board of Library Trustees:

Yes: 1 - Board Member Hod
No: 2 - Vice Chair Carter Hu
Board Member David Liu
Absent: 2 - Chair Meena Juttukonda
Board Member Winnie Lam

MOTION: Board Member Hu moved, and Commissioner Kauffman seconded, the motion to recommend to Council approval of the recommended budget.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Commissioner Bremond
Commissioner Gattani

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Vice Chair Mason
Commissioner Giri

Abstain: 1 - Chair Kesting

Arts Commission:

Yes: 5 - Chair Agnes Veith
Vice Chair Filley
Commissioner Molly Kauffman
Commissioner Christina Wright
Commissioner Mariia Tkachenko

No: 0

Board of Library Trustees:

Yes: 3 - Vice Chair Carter Hu
Board Member Yael Hod
Board Member David Liu
Absent: 2 - Chair Meena Juttukonda
Board Member Winnie Lam

No: 0

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Veith adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.