



# City of Sunnyvale

## Meeting Minutes - Draft Parks and Recreation Commission

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Wednesday, May 20, 2026

6:00 PM

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

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### 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

Board Member David Liu  
Board Member Yael Hud  
Absent: 2 - 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.