



City of Sunnyvale

Meeting Minutes - Draft Arts 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 Board of Library Trustees and Parks and Recreation Commission

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

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

Council Liasion Srinivasan (present)

Board of Library Trustees

ROLL CALL

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

Council Liasion Mehlinger (absent)

Chair Juttukonda and Board Member Lam's absences are excused

Parks and Recreation Commission

ROLL CALL

Present: 3 - Chair David Kesting

Commissioner Daniel Bremond
Commissioner Prashant Gattani
Absent: 2 - Vice Chair Dona Mason
Commissioner Prakash Giri

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

STUDY SESSION

A [26-0517](#) 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

2 [26-0497](#) 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: 0

No: 1 - Commissioner Kauffman

Abstain: 4 - Chair Veith
Vice Chair Filley
Commissioner Tkachenko
Commissioner Wright

Board of Library Trustees:

Yes: 1 - Board Member Yael Hod

No: 2 - Vice Chair Hu

Board Member David Liu

Absent: 2 - Chair Meena Juttukonda

Board Member Winnie Lam

Parks and Recreation Commission:

Yes: 3 - Chair David Kesting

Commissioner Daniel Bremond

Commissioner Prashant Gattani

Absent: 2 - Vice Chair Dona Mason

Commissioner Prakash Giri

No: 0

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: 5 - Chair Veith
Vice Chair Filley
Commissioner Kauffman
Commissioner Tkachenko
Commissioner Wright

No: 0

Board of Library Trustees:

Yes: 3 - Vice Chair Carter Hu
Board Member Yael Hod
Board Member David Liu

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Chair Meena Juttukonda
Board Member Winnie Lam

Parks and Recreation Commission:

Yes: 2 - Commissioner Daniel Bremond
Commissioner Prashant Gattani

Abstained: 1 - Chair David Kesting

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Vice Chair Dona Mason
Commissioner Prakash Giri

ADJOURNMENT

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