

# CITY OF SOUTH EL MONTE

## REGULAR COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION MEETING

### AGENDA

**March 1, 2022, 6:00 P.M.**

(Via Zoom Webinar Only; Due to Covid-19 Pandemic and AB 361, City Council Chambers is Temporarily Closed to the Public)



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ISRAEL ALACIO, VICE-CHAIRPERSON  
GERARDO DIAZ, COMMISSIONER  
CESIAH ROMO, COMMISSIONER  
HORTENCIA VASQUEZ, COMMISSIONER**

**1. ROLL CALL**

Commissioners: Aguilar, Alacio, Diaz, Romo, and Vasquez

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Commissioner Alacio

**3. PRESENTATIONS** None.

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

By motion of the Community Services Commission, this is the time to notify the public of any changes to the agenda, and/or rearrange the order of the agenda.

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Speakers wishing to address the Community Services Commission on any items on the agenda, or any other matter, are invited to do so at this time. Pursuant to the Brown Act, the Commission cannot discuss or take action on items not on the agenda. Matters brought before the Commission that are not on the agenda may be, at the Commissions' discretion, be referred to staff or placed on the next agenda.

**6. CONSENT CALENDAR**

Items on the consent calendar are considered to be routine and customary and are enacted by a single motion with the exception of items previously removed by a member of the Community Services Commission during "Approval of the Agenda" for individual consideration. Any items removed shall be individually considered immediately after taking action on the Consent Calendar.

**6a. CONDISERATION AND APPROVAL OF COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 1, 2022.**

Staff seeks Commission approval of the Minutes for the Community Services Commission Meeting held Tuesday, February 1, 2022.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Staff recommends Community Services Commission approve the Community Services Commission Meeting Minutes of February 1, 2022.

**7. GENERAL BUSINESS**

**7a. SPRING 2022 SPECIAL EVENTS**

Update on upcoming Spring Special Events

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Staff recommends Community Services Commission discuss the upcoming spring special events and provide feedback.

**7b. COMMUNITY SERVICES MONTHLY INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

Update of Recreation Programing

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Staff recommends that the Community Services Commission receive and file the report.

**8. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS, INCLUDING AB 1234 REPORTS**

AB 1234 requires that commission members must briefly report, orally or in writing, on meetings/events attended at City expense (for example, luncheons, city special events, conferenced, etc.) at the Community Services Commission meeting following the meeting/event.

**9. COMMISSIONERS' AGENDA**

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

Tuesday, April 5, 2022, 6:00 p.m.

**CITY OF SOUTH EL MONTE  
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 1, 2022**

**1. ROLL CALL**

Miss Saucedo called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

PRESENT (Via Zoom Webinar): Commissioner(s): Aguilar, Alacio, Diaz, Vasquez  
ABSENT: Commissioner: Romo

Also, Present (Via Zoom Webinar): Ariana De La Cruz, Recreation Supervisor and Noelia Saucedo, Senior Recreation Leader

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Ingrid Aguilar led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. PRESENTATIONS None.**

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A motion was made by Commissioner Diaz, seconded by Commissioner Alacio to approve the agenda. Motion carried **4-0**, by following vote:

AYES: Commissioner(s): Aguilar, Alacio, Diaz, Vasquez  
NAYS: Commissioner(s): None  
ABSENT: Commissioner: Romo

**5. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Miss Saucedo opened public comment.

Seeing that there are no public comments at this time Miss Saucedo closed public comment.

**6. CONSENT CALENDAR**

6a. Minutes for December 21, 2021

A motion was made by Diaz, seconded by Alacio and carried 4-0 to approve Consent Calendar.

AYES: Commissioner(s): Aguilar, Alacio, Diaz, Vasquez  
NAYS: Commissioner(s): None  
ABSENT: Commissioner: Romo

Commissioner Romo joined the meeting (Via Zoom Webinar) at 6:08 p.m.

**7. GENERAL BUSINESS**

**7a. COMMISSION INTRODUCTIONS**

Mrs. De La Cruz asked everyone to introduce themselves.

**7b. COMMUNITY SERVICES MONTHLY INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

Mrs. De La Cruz provided the monthly report for the Recreation Department.

**7c. ROTATION OF CHAIRPERSON AND VICE-CHAIRPERSON**

Mrs. De La Cruz stated that per the City Council's direction the position of chairperson and vice-chairperson is to be rotated every two months. The rotation will allow all commissioners to have a chance to experience the position of chairperson and vice-chairperson. Mrs. De La Cruz stated that the rotation will be based on alphabetical order by commissioner's last name.

**8. COMMISSION REPORTS, INCLUDING AB 1234 REPORTS None.**

**9. COMMISSIONERS' AGENDA None.**

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business coming before this body, at 6:39 p.m. Miss Saucedo adjourned the meeting to a regular meeting on Tuesday, March 1, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.



# Commission Agenda Report

**DATE:** March 1, 2022

**TO:** Community Services Commissioners

**FROM:** Ariana De La Cruz, Recreation Supervisor

**SUBJECT:** COMMUNITY SERVICES PARK AND RECREATION DIVISION  
SPRING CITY SPECIAL EVENTS

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**SUMMARY:** The City Council approved the 2022 City Specials Events Calendar held by the Community Services Department. All scheduled events are subject to modifications, date change, or cancellation due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Staff recommends the Commission receive and file the 2022 City Special Events Calendar and provide any feedback for the upcoming spring events.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** None.

**DISCUSSION:** In 2021, the City began to transition back to hosting traditional planned events after a year of cancelled events in 2020 due to the Pandemic. The first few scheduled special events in 2021 were held as drive-through events to comply with the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health mandates regarding social gatherings.

The health and safety of the community continues to be the highest priority for the City of South El Monte. Staff continue to follow the most up-to-date guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, as well as state and local authorities, and are staying informed on best practices. After further review, staff will proceed with planning to host normal city special events in 2022.

The scheduled spring special events include:

- Monthly Bike Rides – The City invites the whole family to join the Council and staff on an eight mile bike ride around the City to kickoff the Community Bike Ride season on Saturday, March 5, 2022. The monthly bike ride will be escorted by public safety officers to ensure the participants safety along the route. Light refreshments are provided during and after the ride. Participants who attend the first bike ride will receive a free bike ride shirts. Bike Ride participants are asked to meet at 8:30 a.m. at the Community Center and will depart at 9:00 a.m.

- Easter Breakfast and Egg Hunt – The Easter Pancake Breakfast is one of the City’s most popular events. The City provides a complimentary breakfast made of pancakes, eggs, sausage, and fruit for all the participants. In addition, families can participate in a number of free activities such as egg hunts, game booths, face painting, inflatables, crafts, petting zoo and raffles. This year the event will be held on Saturday, April 16, 2022, in front of City Hall Front Lawn.
- Memorial Day Ceremony – The Memorial Day Ceremony is held in remembrance of all those who have sacrificed their lives for this nation. The Ceremony features the 21-gun salute, performance of Taps, and presentation of the memorial wreath. The event concludes with a complimentary lunch composed of hot dog, chips, beverage, and a root beer float. The Memorial Day Ceremony will be held on Monday, May 30, 2022 at City Hall Front Lawn at 11:00 a.m.
- Cinco De Mayo Festival & Boxing Show – The Cinco De Mayo Festival and Boxing Show is filled with folkloric dancing, mariachi music, a wide variety of food vendors, and activities for the whole family. In addition, the festival features a live boxing hosted by the City’s Youth Boxing Program. The Cinco de Mayo Celebration is scheduled for Thursday, May 5, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. at the Community Center.

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

- A. Community Services 2022 Special Events Calendar and Senior Special Luncheons



## Community Services 2022 Special Events Calendar and Senior Luncheons

Date	Day	Special Event	Location	Host
First Saturday of the month between April and September	Saturday	Community Bike Rides	Community Center	Parks & Recreation
February 11, 2022	Friday	Valentine's Day Drive Thru	Senior Center	Senior Services
March 17, 2022	Thursday	St. Patrick's Day Drive Thru	Senior Center	Senior Services
March 12, 2022	Saturday	Baby Pageant	Community Center	Parks & Recreation
March 26, 2022	Saturday	T-Ball Season Opening Day	Mary Van Dyke Park	Parks & Recreation
April 15, 2022	Friday	Easter Luncheon	Senior Center	Senior Services
April 16, 2022	Saturday	Easter Pancake Breakfast	City Hall Parking Lot	Parks & Recreation
April 29, 2022	Friday	Volunteer Appreciation Drive Thru	Senior Center	Senior Services
May 5, 2022	Thursday	Cinco de Mayo Festival	Community Center	Parks & Recreation
May 6, 2022	Friday	Cinco De Mayo Luncheon	Senior Center	Senior Services
May 6, 2022	Friday	Mother's Day Luncheon	Senior Center	Senior Services
May 30, 2022	Monday	Memorial Day Ceremony	City Hall Front Lawn	Parks & Recreation
June 9, 2022	Thursday	1 <sup>st</sup> Summer Concert	City Hall Front Lawn	Parks & Recreation
June 17, 2022	Friday	Father's Day Luncheon	Senior Center	Senior Services
June 23, 2022	Thursday	2 <sup>nd</sup> Summer Concert	City Hall Front Lawn	Parks & Recreation
July 1, 2022	Friday	Fourth of July Luncheon	Senior Center	Senior Services

July 2, 2022	Saturday	Fourth of July Festival	New Temple Park	Parks & Recreation
July 14, 2022	Thursday	3 <sup>rd</sup> Summer Concert	City Hall Front Lawn	Parks & Recreation
July 21, 2022	Thursday	1 <sup>st</sup> Movie in the Park	Mary Van Dyke Park	Parks and Recreation
July 28, 2022	Thursday	4 <sup>th</sup> Summer Concert	City Hall Front Lawn	Parks and Recreation
August 4, 2022	Thursday	National Night Out & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Movie in the Park	Mary Van Dyke Park	Parks and Recreation
August 11, 2022	Thursday	5 <sup>th</sup> Summer Concert	City Hall Front Lawn	Parks & Recreation
August 18, 2022	Thursday	3 <sup>rd</sup> Movie in the Park	Mary Van Dyke Park	Parks & Recreation
August 25, 2022	Thursday	6 <sup>th</sup> Summer Concert	City Hall Front Lawn	Parks & Recreation
August 26, 2022	Friday	Senior Citizen's Prom	Senior Center	Senior Services
September 9, 2022	Friday	Grandparent's Day Luncheon	Community Center Gym	Senior Services
September 16, 2022	Friday	Mexican Independence Day Luncheon	Senior Center	Senior Services
September 17, 2022	Saturday	Fire Station 90 Appreciation Day	City Hall Front Lawn	Parks & Recreation
October 29, 2022	Saturday	Harvest Festival	City Hall Front Lawn	Parks & Recreation
October 31, 2022	Monday	Halloween Luncheon	Senior Center	Senior Services
November 11, 2022	Friday	Veteran's Day Ceremony	City Hall Front Lawn	Parks & Recreation
November 19, 2022	Saturday	Turkey Dash 5k and 1k Trot	City Hall Front Lawn	Parks & Recreation
November 22, 2022	Tuesday	Thanksgiving Day Luncheon	Senior Center	Senior Services
December 1, 2022	Thursday	Tree Lighting Ceremony	City Hall Front Lawn	Parks & Recreation
December 3, 2022	Saturday	Youth Basketball League Opening Day	South EL Monte High School	Parks & Recreation
December 17, 2022	Saturday	Christmas Wish Toy Giveaway	Community Center	Parks & Recreation
December 20, 2022	Tuesday	Home Decorating Contest	Around City	Parks and Recreation

December 21, 2022	Wednesday	Christmas Luncheon	Senior Center	Senior Services
December 19 <sup>th</sup> -21 <sup>st</sup>	M/T/ W	Santa Coming to Town	Around City	Parks & Recreation
December 28, 2022	Wednesday	New Year's Day Luncheon	Senior Center	Senior Services

\*Dates are tentative or cancellation due to pandemic



# Commission Agenda Report

**DATE:** March 1, 2022  
**TO:** Community Services Commission  
**From:** Ariana De La Cruz, Recreation Supervisor  
**Subject:** Monthly Report for February 2022

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**SUMMARY:** The health and safety of our Community continues to be the highest priority for the City of South El Monte. We are continuing to follow the most up-to-date guidance from the CDC, as well as state and local authorities, and are staying informed on best practices. The Recreation Division is focused on helping our community live safely, healthy, and independently in their own homes. During this current surge of COVID-19, our services are especially vital in keeping community members safe at home and limiting their exposure through virtual and outdoor programming.

## **Current Programs Offered:**

- Virtual Recreation Classes
- Weekly-At-Home Activities
- Outdoor After School Programs
- T-Ball Clinics
- Youth Basketball League

## **Monthly Themed Newsletter**

The Recreation Division uses the monthly newsletter to help keep the community engaged. The newsletter also serves as a medium to keep residents informed about upcoming City sponsored events, virtual contest, virtual rec classes, along with health and exercise tips.

## **Recreation Services Webpage & Instagram**

The City's Recreation webpage continues to be updated regularly with new virtual and outdoor programming and resources available during the COVID-19 pandemic. The website includes a Virtual Recreation program and a Resource Center with links to weekly activities such as cooking demos, arts & crafts, health & wellness activities, virtual tours, and science projects. The Recreation Instagram showcases the monthly contests and winners, recreation classes, clinics and

any special events hosted by the department.

**Upcoming Events:**

- Virtual Baby Pageant
- T Ball League
- March Bike Ride

**What's Open:**

- City parks
- Outdoor playground
- Skatepark
- Tennis Courts
- Basketball Courts

**Closed**

- Aquatic Center
- Community Center
- Senior Center
- Boxing Gym
- Rental Halls

The Community Services Department is currently hosting an ongoing Covid 19 Testing clinic at the Community Center Parking Lot. The City partnered with Total Testing Solutions to offer this resource at no cost to the Community. The clinic is offered Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m. from 4:30 p.m. with an appointment.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive and File.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

DISCUSSION: Staff is open to receiving feedback on programs and events.

ATTACHMENTS: Virtual Baby Pageant Flyer, T-Ball Flyer, and March Bike Ride Flyer

# *Little Mr. and Miss South El Monte Virtual Baby Pageant*

Do you think your baby is the cutest? Then we invite you to send in your cutest baby picture for a chance to WIN A PRIZE!

## Age Group Categories

Under 1 Year

Under 2 Years

Under 3 Years

Under 4 Years

The contest runs from February 14th to March 11th. The winner in each age category will be announced on March 16th on the City of South El Monte website and social media pages and the parks and recreation department's instagram.

Download the application from [cityofsouthelmonte.org](http://cityofsouthelmonte.org) and email it, along with your baby's picture, to [nrodriguez@soelmonte.org](mailto:nrodriguez@soelmonte.org).

**\*Must be a South El Monte Resident to participate in contest.**



FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL 626-579-2043.



# T-BALL

*For Boys and Girls Ages 4-6*

The T-Ball Program is a non-competitive program focused on fun, fitness, and fundamentals where players ages 4-6 are first introduced to the basics of baseball.

## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Residents: January 3, 2022 - February 4, 2022

Fee: \$40 (Sibling discount available for residents)

Non-Residents: January 24, 2022 - February 4, 2022

Fee: \$67

\*Must bring proof of child's age to register.



Registration space is limited and will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

Register at the South El Monte Community Center,  
1530 Central Ave.

Monday - Friday from 1:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

## VOLUNTEER COACHES NEEDED

We are looking for volunteer coaches for the 2022 season. To become a volunteer coach you must fill out a volunteer application and pass a background check.

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\*Subject to change or cancellation based on COVID-19 restrictions at the time of the program.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL 626-579-2043.**



# 2022 COMMUNITY BIKE RIDES

**BRING YOUR BIKE AND HELMET AND JOIN THE CITY COUNCIL IN AN EIGHT-MILE BIKE RIDE AROUND THE CITY.**

**BIKE RIDES ARE RECOMMENDED FOR AGES 10 AND OLDER.**

**\*IN THE EVENT OF RAIN, THE BIKE RIDE WILL BE CANCELLED.**



**FREE SHIRT IF YOU PARTICIPATE  
ON THE MARCH 5TH BIKE RIDE!**

MEET AT 8:30 AM  
DEPART AT 9:00 AM

MARCH 5TH  
APRIL 2ND  
MAY 7TH  
JUNE 4TH  
JULY 9TH  
AUGUST 6TH  
SEPTEMBER 10TH

SOUTH EL MONTE  
COMMUNITY CENTER  
1530 CENTRAL AVE.

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS ARE  
PROVIDED DURING AND AFTER  
THE BIKE RIDE.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL 626-579-2043.



# Commission Agenda Report

**DATE:** February 23, 2022

**TO:** Community Services Commission

**From:** Andrés González, Senior Services Supervisor

**Subject:** Monthly Report for February 2022

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**SUMMARY:** The health and safety of senior citizen residents continues to be the highest priority for the City of South El Monte. We are following the most up-to-date guidance from the CDC, as well as state and local authorities, and are staying informed on best practices. The Senior Services Division is focused on helping seniors live safely, healthy, and independently in their own homes. During COVID-19, our services are especially vital in keeping seniors safe at home and limiting their exposure through personalized care and support.

**Program Updates:** In response to the increase in community transmission of COVID-19 and the predominance of the more easily spread Omicron variant of the COVID-19 all in-person programs were postponed in February until further notice. City staff continue to notify seniors who inquired about in-person programming. Staff will continue to monitor Covid-19 cases to assess when it is safe to begin offering in-person programming.

**St. Valentine's Day Drive-Thru Event:** On Monday, February 14<sup>th</sup> the Senior Services Division hosted a St. Valentine's Day Drive-thru. Over 110 seniors participated that took place in the Senior Center's parking lot. Attendees were greeted by Senior Services Staff and City Council; each participant received a hot lunch with dessert. Each participant also received a St. Valentine's Day themed goodie bag and PPE items.

**Covid-19 Vaccines:** On Thursday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, the City in partnership with Chinatown Service Center hosted a COVID-19 vaccine clinic in the evening inside of the South El Monte Senior Center. Free vaccines were provided to the community, including kids, adults and seniors.

**Monthly Themed Newsletter:** Each month, the Senior Services Division creates a monthly themed newsletter to help keep seniors engaged with the community and to provide service updates. The newsletter also serves as a medium to keep seniors informed of upcoming City sponsored events, fun games along with health and exercise tips. The February newsletter included information on heart health along with tips on how to live a heart-healthy lifestyle.

**Weekly Senior Wellness Calls:** Staff continued make calls to seniors. The calls are used to provide a meaningful conversation and an opportunity to check that seniors are safe and not in need of additional assistance.

**Nutrition Services:** The Senior Services Elderly Nutrition Program continued to provide home-delivered meals to safeguard seniors from having to leave home to secure a meal. During the month of February 4,113 meals were delivered to over 162 unduplicated seniors.

**Transportation Services:** City staff provided transportation services to eligible residents who do not drive. Our services ensure that seniors continue to live independently in their community. Transportation services were provided to medical appointments, grocery shopping, personal trips and to the South El Monte Senior Center. Trips are also provided to students who participate in the city-sponsored after-school program. See attached February report.

**Staff meetings:** Staff attended the following meetings for information gathering, training, and networking:

- Nutritional Q&A Meeting with CNS Dietician on February 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Staff participated in training for the MySenior Center program on February 14<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>

The Senior Center has reopened for some in-person programming, however the congregate meal program remains closed until further notice.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Receive and File.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** None

**DISCUSSION:** Staff is open to receiving feedback on programs and events.

**ATTACHMENTS:** N/A

City of South El Monte Senior Services / Transportation Division



# City of South El Monte

## Transportation Monthly Report

### February 2022

Trip Purpose	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Total
Excursion	0	0	0	0	0
Medical	18	33	51	18	120
Personal	0	0	2	0	2
School	51	64	57	28	200
Senior Center	0	0	0	0	0
Shopping	4	5	6	6	21
<b>Total for period</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>343</b>