

**CITY OF SOUTH EL MONTE**  
**REGULAR PATRIOTIC COMMISSION MEETING**

**AGENDA**

**March 23, 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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**BLANCA FIGUEROA, PATRIOTIC CHAIR**  
**NAOMI LOPEZ, PATRIOTIC VICE CHAIR**  
**RUDY LOPEZ, PATRIOTIC COMMISSIONER**  
**ALEJANDRO MIRAMONTES DE ANDA, PATRIOTIC COMMISSIONER**  
**MIRNA IVETTE SANCHEZ, PATRIOTIC COMMISSIONER**

**1. ROLL CALL**

Commissioners: Figueroa, Lopez (Naomi), and Lopez (Rudy), Miramontes De Anda, and Sanchez

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Commissioner Rudy Lopez

**3. PRESENTATIONS**

**3a.** South El Monte Awarded Grant to Establish a New City Commission for the Advancement of Women and Girls

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

By motion of the Patriotic 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 Patriotic 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 Patriotic 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 PATRIOTIC COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 23, 2022.**

Staff seeks Commission approval of the Minutes for the Patriotic Commission Meeting held Wednesday, February 23, 2022.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Staff recommends Patriotic Commission approve the Patriotic Commission Meeting Minutes of February 23, 2022.

**7. GENERAL BUSINESS**

**7a. UPDATE ON VETERAN’S STATUE PROJECT IDEA AND VETERAN’S DAY PARADE IDEA**

Staff will provide an update on the Veteran’s Statue project idea and the possibility of having a Veteran’s Day Parade.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Staff recommends Patriotic Commission discuss the information provided regarding the Veteran’s Statue and the Veteran’s Day Parade.

**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, conferences, etc.) at the Patriotic Commission meeting following the meeting/event.

**9. COMMISSIONERS’ AGENDA**

**9a. Chair Blanca Figueroa**

1. Add a Facebook or Webpage for South El Monte Veterans, Soldiers, and family members to include VA Hospitals, VA Telephone numbers, Clinic Hotlines PTSD, Housing for Veteran's, Food banks, local VFW's American Legions, etc. on the City of South El Monte's Facebook.
2. Create a Veterans and Soldiers chat room on the City of South El Monte's Facebook where they can write (text) about combat non-combat related military service. Find old military fellow combat friends, etc. They can include pictures while serving and after their end of duty.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

Wednesday, April 27, 2022, 6:00 p.m.

**CITY OF SOUTH EL MONTE  
PATRIOTIC COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 23, 2022**

**1. ROLL CALL**

Chair Figueroa called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Present: (Via Zoom Webinar) Commissioner(s): Figueroa, Lopez (Naomi), Lopez (Rudy), Miramontes De Anda

ABSENT: Commissioner(s) Sanchez

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

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Alejandro Miramontes De Anda led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. PRESENTATIONS None.**

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A motion was made by Lopez (Naomi), seconded by Lopez (Rudy) and Carried **4-0** to approve the agenda.

AYES: Commissioner(s) Figueroa, Lopez (Naomi), Lopez (Rudy), Miramontes De Anda

NAYS: Commissioner(s) None

Absent Commissioner(s) Sanchez

**5. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Chair Figueroa opened public comments.

Seeing that there are no public comments at this time Chair Figueroa closed public comments.

**6. CONSENT CALENDAR**

6a. Minutes of January 26, 2022

A motion was made by Lopez (Rudy), seconded Miranda De Anda and carried **4-0** to approve the consent calendar.

AYES: Commissioner(s) Figueroa, Lopez (Naomi), Lopez (Rudy), Miramontes De Anda

NAYS: Commissioner(s) None

Absent Commissioner(s) Sanchez

## **7. GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **7a. MONUMENT WALL APPLICATION**

Mrs. De La Cruz presented the Patriotic Commission Board with Mr. Kaitangian monument wall application for their review.

A motion was made by Lopez (Rudy), seconded Lopez (Naomi) a carried **4-0** to approve Mr. Kaitangian monument wall application.

AYES: Commissioner(s) Figueroa, Lopez (Naomi), Lopez (Rudy), Miramontes De Anda

NAYS: Commissioner(s) None

Absent Commissioner(s) Sanchez

Commissioner Sanchez joined the meeting via zoom webinar at 6:14 p.m.

## **8. COMMISSIONER REPORTS, INCLUDING AB 1234 REPORTS**

Commissioner Figueroa attended the senior center Valentine's Day Drive-Thru and stated that she enjoyed the drive-thru.

## **9. COMMISSIONERS' AGENDA**

### **9a. Chair Blanca Figueroa**

1. Consideration of Creating a Veteran's Statue or Statues honoring our military heroes. Location right side wall next to City Hall with lighting illuminating on it 24/7. Ex. 3 different cultures Hispanic, African, American, Anglo). Standing or kneeling.

Chair stated that she would like a statue to honor Veterans. She stated that the monies can be raised by fundraising, donations or with the help of the Patriotic Commission budget. Vice-Chair (Naomi) Lopez mentioned that she recalls that the Patriotic Commission Board was not allowed to fundraise. Commissioner Miramontes De Anda asked if there is a budget for these types of projects. Mrs. De La Cruz stated that there isn't a budget for these types of projects. She also stated this project would most likely take some time to be completed and require staff to do some research including cost, type of statue and location.

A motion was made by Figueroa, seconded Lopez (Rudy) and carried **5-0** to have staff conduct some research regarding a Veteran's Statue.

AYES: Commissioner(s) Figueroa, Lopez (Naomi), Lopez (Rudy), Miramontes De Anda, and Sanchez

NAYS: Commissioner(s) None

2. Consideration of Military Christmas Tree to have patriotic ornaments to include Army, Airforce, Navy, Marines, US Coast Guard. Ornaments to be donated by residents, Veterans Soldiers or their families.

Chair Figueroa would like a Veterans Christmas tree to be displayed inside the City Hall for the residents to enjoy. She asked if it could be advertised in the City's newsletter asking residents and veterans to donate Veterans Christmas ornaments. Mrs. De La Cruz stated that it still early in the year to discuss this matter and can have further conversation regarding this matter. She also mentioned that the items can be stored in the Community Services Department storage. Vice-Chairperson Lopez (Naomi) asked if it could be possible to place the ornaments in the current Christmas tree that the City displays in front of City Hall.

A motion was made by Figueroa, seconded by Miramontes De Anda and carried **3-2** to have Veterans Christmas Tree during the holidays.

AYES: Commissioner(s) Figueroa, Miramontes De Anda, and Sanchez

NAYS: Commissioner(s) Lopez (Naomi), Lopez (Rudy)

3. Consideration of having a Veteran's Day Parade. Invite Veteran and active soldiers from South El Monte, invite congressional, assembly and other local elected government officials, have them ride on decorated cars etc.

Chair Figueroa would like to know about the possibility of having a Veteran's Day Parade in conjunction with the Veteran's Day Ceremony. Mrs. De La Cruz stated that this is something that can be done. Chair Figueroa stated that she would like to invite congressional, assembly, and other local elected government officials. Chair Figueroa asked if staff can find out the logistics to get cars for the parade.

Motion was made by Figueroa, seconded by Sanchez and carried **5-0** to have a Veteran's Day Parade in conjunction with the Veteran's Day Ceremony.

AYES: Commissioner(s) Figueroa, Lopez (Naomi), Lopez (Rudy), Miramontes De Anda, and Sanchez

NAYS: Commissioner(s) None

## **10. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business coming before this body, at 7:18 p.m. Chair Figueroa adjourned the meeting to a regular meeting on Wednesday, March 23,2022 at 6:00 p.m.



# Commission Agenda Report

**DATE:** March 23, 2022

**TO:** Patriotic Commission

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

**Subject:** SOUTH EL MONTE AWARDED GRANT TO ESTABLISH A NEW CITY COMMISSION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN AND GIRLS

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SUMMARY:

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

FISCAL IMPACT:

DISCUSSION:

ATTACHMENT(S):

A – Press Release – South El Monte Awarded Grant to Establish A New City Commission for the Advancement of Women and Girls



## *Press Release*

**For Immediate Release:**  
March 15, 2022

**Contact: Donna G. Schwartz**  
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### **South El Monte Awarded Grant to Establish A New City Commission for the Advancement of Women and Girls**

**South El Monte, CA-** Today, March 15, 2022, on Equal Pay Day, the California Commission on the Status of Women and Girls (CCSWG) announced that the City of South El Monte is a recipient of a \$25,000 grant established by a new \$5 million grant program to assist organizations serving women and girls who have been disproportionately affected economically by the ongoing pandemic. Grants were awarded in five areas to direct service providers, local women's commissions, and government entities seeking to establish and expand local women's commissions and nonprofits serving primarily women and girls.

"The COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated these challenges for women across the state, and the world. That's why we are proud to administer the state's first-of-its-kind grant opportunity dedicated to Women's economy recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic," said CCSWG director Holly Martinez.

"This small city, that is located in the heart of the San Gabriel Valley, has shown tremendous initiative efforts in providing leadership and career opportunities for women and growth and development activities for girls," stated Senator Susan Rubio.

"The City of South El Monte is honored to be one of the few cities in California to be awarded with the Women's Recovery Response Grant," said one City Official. "Women and girls are valued members of the South El Monte community and having an elected female Mayor and Councilmember and an

appointed female city manager shows that women in leadership are embraced, trusted and have proven successful results.”

With the grant, the City of South El Monte intends to lead the efforts, including special meetings, events, and promotion, to create a new Commission for the Advancement of Women and Girls that will identify areas to improve the quality of life for all women and girls in the City by providing educational, health and wellness, justice and financial advancements and opportunities. The new commission will work in an open, collaborative, and culturally inclusive manner for the betterment of all women and girls who live, work or visit the City. In collaboration with local residents and agencies who support and assist women, the City will engage the community and facilitate the development of the mission, goals, structure and program and event planning.

Members of the new commission will be appointed in January 2023.

Visit our City website [cityofsouthelmonte.org](http://cityofsouthelmonte.org) for updates on this upcoming new commission.

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# Commission Agenda Report

**DATE:** March 23, 2022  
**TO:** Patriotic Commission  
**From:** Ariana De La Cruz, Recreation Supervisor  
**Subject:** UPDATE ON VETERAN'S STATUE PROJECT IDEA AND  
VETERAN'S DAY PARADE IDEA

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**SUMMARY:** Staff will provide with an update on the research conducted on the Veteran's Statue Project idea and the possibility to host a Veteran's Day Parade.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** STAFF RECOMMENDS that the Commission discuss the information provided regarding the Veteran's Statue and the Veteran's Day Parade.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** None.

**DISCUSSION:** Staff has conducted preliminary research on surrounding cities who have a Monument Wall to share ideas with the Commissioners. Staff also created a potential Veteran's Day Parade outline to review and discuss with the Commissioners.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

A – Monument Wall Examples

B – Veteran's Day Parade & Ceremony Outline



City of El Monte



## dedication pillars

*This veterans memorial places James T. Russell's stainless steel "eternal flame" public artwork as its centerpiece.*

*The five dedication pillars represent local Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, and Army veterans and the memorial was dedicated on November 12, 2012.*



City of Downey

matters not if they served overseas, in war or stateside. They were there when the chips were down and were ready to fight and die for freedom.” He called veterans “selfless servants” who understood freedom isn’t free.



City of San Dimas

**City of South El Monte**  
**Community Services Department**  
**Veteran's Day Parade and Ceremony**



### **Event Details**

Date: Friday, November 11, 2021

Time: Parade 10:00 am / Ceremony 11:00 am

Estimated Number of Participants: 300

### **Parade Participants**

- South El Monte Veteran's
- City Council Officials
- City Commissioners
- Local Government officials
- Local School Board Members
- SEMHS Band and Drill Teams
- SEMHS Cheer
- Dean L. Shively Dance Team

### **Estimated Budget Adjustment**

Over Time / Holiday Rate

Staff time

- Parks and Recreation
- Public Works
- Public Safety
- Sheriffs

Traffic Control Equipment

- Reader Boards
- Cones
- Barricades
- Trucks
- Not Parking Signs and Supplies

### **Possible Route**

Start: Epiphany School

Finish: City Hall Front Lawn

Route: Going down Santa Anita toward City Hall

Please find below the possible route for the potential event.

# Parade Route

