

# CITY OF SOUTH EL MONTE

## REGULAR COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION MEETING

### AGENDA

**April 5, 2022, 6:00 P.M.**

(Via Zoom Webinar Only; Due to Covid-19 Pandemic and AB 361)



Ingrid Aguilar, Chair  
Israel Alacio, Vice Chair  
Gerardo Diaz, Commissioner  
Cesiah Romo, Commissioner  
Hortencia Vasquez, Commissioner

### **\*\*\*SPECIAL NOTICE REGARDING COVID-19\*\*\***

On September 16, 2021, Governor Newsom signed AB 361, which modified the Brown Act to allow for teleconferencing participation at local legislative body public meetings during a proclaimed state of emergency. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e) as amended by AB 361, City Council is authorized to hold public meetings via teleconferencing and to make public meetings accessible telephonically or otherwise electronically available to all members of the public seeking to observe and to address the local legislative body. Public participation will be allowed via the information below.

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**1. ROLL CALL**

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

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Cesiah Romo

**3. PRESENTATIONS**

- 3a. Raymond Almonte, Representative of Child360, is Providing a Presentation on Community Engagement by Best Start South El Monte/El Monte

**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, remove items from consent calendar for individual consideration and/or rearrange the order of the agenda.

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Speakers may provide public comments on any matter within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Community Services Commission, including items on the agenda. Each speaker may speak up to five minutes. Unless a majority of the Community Services Commission objects, the Chair may provide speakers more or less time to speak. All comments or queries shall be addressed to the Commission as a body and not to any specific member thereof. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2(a)(2), the Ralph M. Brown Act, no action or discussion by the Commission shall be undertaken on any item not appearing on the posted agenda, except to briefly provide information, ask for clarification, provide direction to staff, or schedule a matter for a future meeting.

**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. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES FOR MARCH 1, 2022**

Staff is requesting approval of Minutes for the March 1, 2022, Regular Community Services Commission Meeting.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Staff recommends the Commission approve the Minutes for the Regular Commission Meeting of March 1, 2022.

**7. GENERAL BUSINESS**

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

Staff will provide an update of Recreation Programing.

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

**7b. ROTATION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**

The Community Services Commission will consider appointment of Chair and Vice Chair as part of the two-month rotation among its members.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Staff recommends the Commission select a Chair and Vice Chair among its members for a two-month term.

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

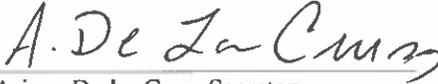
AB 1234 requires that commission members must briefly report, orally or in writing, on meetings/events attended at City expense (for example, luncheons, city special events, conferences, etc.) at the Community Services Commission meeting following the meeting/event.

**9. COMMISSIONERS' AGENDA - None**

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

Tuesday, May 3, 2022, 6:00 p.m.

I Ariana De La Cruz, hereby certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing agenda was posted not less than 72 hours at the following locations: City of South El Monte City Hall, Senior Center and Community Center and made available at [www.cityofsouthelmonte.org](http://www.cityofsouthelmonte.org) on this 31<sup>st</sup> day of March 2022.

  
Ariana De La Cruz, Secretary



## Commission Agenda Report Agenda Item No. 6.a.

**DATE:** April 5, 2022

**TO:** Community Services Commissioners

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

**SUBJECT:** CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR  
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
FOR MARCH 1, 2022

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**SUMMARY:** Staff is requesting approval of Minutes for the March 1, 2022 Regular Community Services Commission Meeting.

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

**FISCAL IMPACT:** None.

**DISCUSSION:** None.

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

A. March 1, 2022 Minutes

**CITY OF SOUTH EL MONTE  
REGULAR COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION MEETING - MINUTES  
TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 2022 – 6:00 PM**

**1. ROLL CALL**

Chair Aguilar called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

PRESENT (Via Zoom Webinar): Commissioner(s): Diaz and Chair Aguilar

ABSENT: Commissioner (s): Alacio, Romo, and Vasquez

Staff Present (Via Zoom Webinar): Ariana De La Cruz, Recreation

Supervisor/Commission Liaison and Noelia Saucedo, Senior Recreation Leader

**2. ADJOURN COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION MEETING**

Chair Aguilar cancelled the Community Services Commission meeting at 6:15 p.m. due to lack of quorum.

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Ariana De la Cruz, Secretary

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Ingrid Aguilar, Chair



# Commission Agenda Report

Agenda Item No. 7.a.

**DATE:** April 5, 2022  
**TO:** Community Services Commission  
**From:** Ariana De La Cruz, Recreation Supervisor and Andrés González, Senior Services Supervisor  
**Subject:** Monthly Report for March 2022

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## RECREATION

**SUMMARY:** The health and safety of our community continues to be the highest priority for the City of South El Monte. As COVID-19 restrictions continue to be lifted, the Recreation Division is resuming normal youth programs, sport leagues, and hosting traditional in person community special events.

### **After School Programs Offered:**

#### **Community Center**

The After-School Program is geared towards children in sixth to eighth grade offering homework assistance, arts and crafts, movie day, sports, stem projects and cooking classes Monday – Friday from 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

#### **New Temple Park**

The after school program at New Temple is geared towards children in grades kindergarten to fifth grade. Each day the students do a variety of activities, but their priority is to focus on completing their homework.

#### **Mini Center**

The Mini Center After School Program is geared towards children in grades kindergarten to eighth grade. Participants utilize the City's transportation program to transport them from surrounding schools to the Mini Center. The program offers homework assistance and enrichment activities during their program stay.

### **Youth & Adult Sports:**

#### **T-Ball**

T-Ball kicked off the season with an Opening Day Ceremony on Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at Mary Van Dyke Park. Practices will be held during the week and games will be played on Saturdays until the beginning of June.

### **Adult Basketball League**

The adult basketball league is scheduled to begin on Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at the Community Center. Games will be played every Wednesday evening from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Community Center Gymnasium. The league will offer 10 games plus playoffs.

### **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, recreation programs, and sports leagues.

### **Recreation Services Webpage & Instagram**

The City's Recreation webpage continues to be updated regularly with all the programming available and upcoming community events. The Recreation Instagram showcases any contests and winners, sport clinics, program highlights and any special events hosted by the department.

### **Aquatic Center**

The Aquatic Center opened on Monday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, two months earlier than usual start date to offer an extended summer program to the community. The early programming will consist of the Senior Aerobic class and Lap Swim.

### **Upcoming Events:**

- Easter Breakfast
- Spring Camp
- Bike Rides

### **Facility Reservations**

Residents are now able to reserve any park or facility available for private use. Covid-19 restrictions no longer apply to events or reservations of less than 500 attendees.

## **SENIOR SERVICES**

**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 decrease in community transmission of COVID-19, the Senior Services Division started to offer in-person programming inside of the Senior Center. The following programs were offered in March: Zumba, Friendly Bingo, Arthritis Exercise, Senior Cross Stitching, Rio Hondo College's Exercise for Older Adults, and Crafts.

**St. Patrick's Day Drive-Thru Event:** On Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup> the Senior Services Division hosted a St. Patrick's Day Drive-thru. Over 110 seniors participated in the drive-thru that took place in the Senior Center's parking lot. Attendees were greeted by the Mayor, City Council and Senior Services Staff. Seniors received a hot lunch with dessert along with a St. Patrick's Day theme goodie bag.

**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 March newsletter included tips on how to alleviate allergies.

**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 March 5,238 meals were delivered to over 170 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.

### Transportation Monthly Report

March 2022						
Trip Purpose	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Total
Excursion	0	0	0	0		0
Medical	27	51	32	34	10	154
Personal	3	2	2	6		13
School	56	70	69	69	12	276
Senior Center	0	20	16	16	8	60
Shopping	2	9	4	11	4	30
<b>Total for period</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>136</b>		<b>533</b>

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

- Nutritional Q&A Meeting with CNS Dietician on March 8<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:**

A - Easter Breakfast Flyer

B - Spring Camp Flyer

C - Bike Ride Flyer

# ATTACHMENT A

City of South El Monte Community Services Department

# Easter Breakfast

**Saturday, April 16, 2022**

**10:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

**South El Monte City Hall  
Front Lawn  
1415 Santa Anita Ave.**

**Free Breakfast will be  
served until 11:30 AM**

Games

Petting Zoo

Peter Cottontail

Egg Hunts for Ages 1-10



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

For more information, please call 626-579-2043.

# ATTACHMENT B

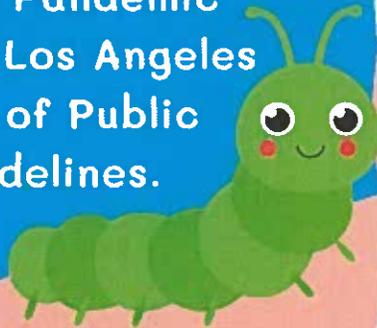
CITY OF SOUTH EL MONTE COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

# SPRING BREAK DAY CAMP 2022



APRIL 18TH - APRIL 22ND  
7:30 AM - 6:00 PM

Our Spring Camp provides a safe and enriching atmosphere for children in grades Kinder - 8th. This year the camp has been modified to operate during the Covid-19 Pandemic in accordance with Los Angeles County Department of Public Health and CDC guidelines.



## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

**Residents:** Beginning March 7, 2022  
\$30 per child (sibling discount available)

**Non-residents:** Beginning March 21, 2022  
\$100 per child

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

Monday - Friday from 1:00 PM - 8:30 PM

\*Must bring proof of child's grade and residency for fee.

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# ATTACHMENT C

CITY OF SOUTH EL MONTE COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT



# 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.**



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

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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## Commission Agenda Report Agenda Item No. 7.b.

**DATE:** April 5, 2022

**TO:** Community Services Commissioners

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

**SUBJECT:** APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

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**SUMMARY:** The Community Services Commission will consider appointment of Chair and Vice Chair as part of the two-month rotation among its members.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Staff recommends Community Services Commission select a Chair and Vice Chair among its members for a two month term.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** None.

**DISCUSSION:** None.

**ATTACHMENT(S):** None.