

**CITY OF SOUTH EL MONTE
REGULAR PATRIOTIC COMMISSION MEETING - MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 2022 – 6:00 PM**

1. ROLL CALL

Chair Figueroa called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM

PRESENT: (Via Zoom Webinar) Commissioner(s): Chair Figueroa, Vice Chair Lopez (Naomi), and Lopez (Rudy)

ABSENT: Commissioner(s): Miramontes De Anda and Sanchez

STAFF 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.

Commissioner(s): Montes De Anda and Sanchez joined the meeting via Zoom Webinar at 6:04 p.m.

3. PRESENTATIONS

3a. Commission received a presentation from Mrs. De La Cruz and discussed the grant the City of South El Monte was awarded to Establish a New City Commission for the Advancement of Woman and Girls.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Lopez (Rudy), seconded by Commissioner Miramontes De Anda to approve the agenda. Motion carried, 5-0, by the following vote:

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

NAYS: Commissioner(s): None

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Figueroa opened public comment

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

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

A motion was made by Chair Lopez (Naomi), seconded by Commissioner Miramontes De Anda to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion carried 5-0, by the following vote:

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

NAYS: Commissioner(s): None

6.a. Approved Minutes for the Regular Patriotic Commission Meeting held March 23, 2022.

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

7a. Update on Veteran's Statue Project Idea and Veteran's Day Parade Idea.

Mrs. De La Cruz provided the Commission with an update of the research conducted by staff.

A Motion was made by Chair Figueroa, seconded by Commissioner Lopez (Rudy) to receive and file the information provided. Motion carried 5-0 by the following vote:

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

NAYS: Commissioner(s): None

8. COMMISSIONER REPORTS, INCLUDING AB 1234 REPORTS

Chair Figueroa announced her attendance at the Senior Center's St. Patrick's Drive-Thru.

Vice Chair Lopez, nothing to report.

Commissioner Lopez, nothing to report.

Commissioner Miramontes de Anda, nothing to report.

Commissioner Sanchez, nothing to report.

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 Hotline PTSD, Housing for Veteran's, food banks, local VFW's American Legions, etc. on the City of South El Monte's Facebook.

Chair Figueroa asked if the City could create a Facebook or webpage to help Veteran's, Soldiers, and family members with information that can help them with various issues they might have.

A motion was made by Chair Figueroa, seconded by Commissioner Lopez (Rudy) to request City Manager's approval to simplify the Military Recognition Webpage in the City's website. Motion carried 5-0 by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioner(s): Chair Figueroa, Vice Chair Lopez (Naomi), Lopez (Rudy), Miramontes De Anda, and Sanchez
NAYS: Commissioner(s): None

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.

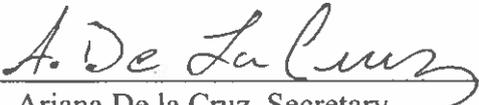
Chair Figueroa asked if it was possible to create a chat room for veterans, soldier, and or family members to share their stories.

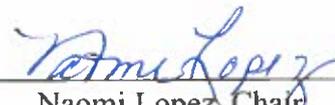
A motion was made by Chair Figueroa, seconded by Commissioner Lopez (Rudy) to request City Manager's approval to create a Facebook group (social chat room). Motion carried 5-0 by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioner(s): Chair Figueroa, Vice Chair Lopez (Naomi), Lopez (Rudy), Miramontes De Anda, and Sanchez
NAYS: Commissioner(s): None

10. ADJOURN COMMISSION MEETING

There being no further business coming before this body, at 7:05 p.m. Chair Figueroa adjourned the meeting to a regular meeting on Wednesday, April 27, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.


Ariana De la Cruz, Secretary


Naomi Lopez, Chair