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

**AGENDA**

March 22, 2023 6:00 PM  
1415 Santa Anita Avenue, South El Monte, CA 91733

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

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**AGENDA BEGINS ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE**

**1. ROLL CALL**

Commissioners: Lopez (Naomi), Lopez (Rudy), Miramontes De Anda, Vice Chair Figueroa, and Chair Bechtold

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Alejandro Miramontes De Anda

**3. PRESENTATIONS Commissioner Introductions**

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

By motion of the Patriotic 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 Patriotic Commission, including items on the agenda. Each speaker may speak up to five minutes. Unless a majority of the Patriotic 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 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. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF PATRIOTIC COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 22, 2023**

Staff is requesting approval of Minutes for the February 22, 2023, Regular Patriotic Commission Meeting.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Staff recommends the Commission approve the Minutes for the Regular Commission Meeting of February 22, 2023.

**7. GENERAL BUSINESS**

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

The Patriotic Commission will approve the appointment of Chair and Vice Chair as part of the two-month rotation among its members.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Staff recommends the Commission approve the Chair and Vice Chair as part of the two-month rotation among its members.

**7b. ACTIVE MILITARY BANNER APPLICATION**

The Patriotic Commission will review and approve the Active Military Banner Application for James Diego Velazquez.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Staff recommends the Commission approve the Active Military Banner Application for James Diego Velazquez.

**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. COMMISSIONER BLANCA FIGUEROA**

1. Consideration to recognize and honor 5 members of the United States Military Branches to appear in our South El Monte City newspaper, reader boards, and recognized by Mayor and City Council. One from each of the U.S. Army, U.S. Airforce, U.S. Navy, U.S. Coast Guard and U.S. Marines from South El Monte.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

Wednesday, April 25, 2023, 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 16<sup>th</sup> day of March 2023.

  
Ariana De La Cruz, Secretary



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

**DATE:** March 22, 2023

**TO:** Honorable Chair and Members of the Patriotic Commission

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

**SUBJECT:** CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR  
PATRIOTIC COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES FOR  
FEBRUARY 22, 2023

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**SUMMARY:** Staff is requesting approval of Minutes for the February 22, 2023 Regular Patriotic Commission Meeting.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Staff recommends Patriotic Commission approve the Minutes of the Regular Patriotic Commission Meeting of February 22, 2023.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** None.

**DISCUSSION:** None.

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

A. February 22, 2023 Minutes



**CITY OF SOUTH EL MONTE  
REGULAR PATRIOTIC COMMISSION MEETING - MINUTES  
Wednesday, February 22, 2023 – 6:00 PM**

**1. ROLL CALL**

Chair Figueroa called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM

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

ABSENT: Commissioner(s): Miramontes De Anda

STAFF PRESENT: (Via Zoom Webinar): Jayson Perez, Recreation Coordinator and Noelia Saucedo, Senior Recreation Leader

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Commissioner Mirna Ivette Sanchez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. PRESENTATIONS** None.

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A motion was made by Commissioner Lopez (Rudy) seconded by Commissioner Sanchez to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried, 4-0, by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioner(s): Lopez (Rudy) Sanchez, Vice Chair Lopez (Naomi),  
Chair Figueroa.

NAYS: Commissioner(s): None

ABSENT: Commissioner(s): Miramontes De Anda

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chair Figueroa opened public comment.

1. Mr. Larry Rodriguez presented and an idea to the commission of a new program called Flag Valor. The program consists of 3x5 flags to be displayed at the Dean L. Shively front lawn across from City Hall. He said the cost of each flag would be \$25 to \$30. He is hoping that Valle Lindo School District, American Legion, VFW, and the City collaborate with this program.

There being no further comment, Chair Figueroa closed public comment.

## **6. CONSENT CALENDAR**

A motion was made by Vice Chair Lopez (Naomi) seconded by Commissioner Lopez (Rudy) to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion carried 4-0, by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioner(s): Lopez (Rudy), Sanchez, Vice Chair Lopez (Naomi),  
Chair Figueroa

NAYS: Commissioner(s): None

ABSENT: Commissioner(s): Miramontes De Anda

**6.a.** Approved Minutes for the Regular Patriotic Commission Meeting held January 25, 2023.

## **7. GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **7a. Rotation of Chair and Vice Chair**

A motion was made by Commissioner Lopez (Rudy) seconded by Commissioner Sanchez to receive and file the current rotation of Chair and Vice Chair. Motion carried 4-0, by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioner(s): Lopez (Rudy), Sanchez. Vice Chair Lopez (Naomi),  
Chair Figueroa.

NAYS: Commissioner(s): None

ABSENT: Commissioner(s): Miramontes De Anda

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

Vice Chair Lopez (Naomi) nothing to report.

Commissioner Lopez (Rudy) nothing to report.

Commissioner Sanchez nothing to report.

Chair Figueroa nothing to report.

## **9. COMMISSIONERS' AGENDA**

### **9a. COMMISSIONER BLANCA FIGUEROA**

1. Consideration to have a Community Bike Ride for all Veterans and Soldiers in South El Monte.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lopez (Rudy) second Vice Chair Lopez (Naomi) to host a Veterans Bike Ride in May. Motion carried 4-0, by the following votes:

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

**10. ADJOURN COMMISSION MEETING**

There being no further business coming before this body, at 6:42 p.m. Chair Figueroa adjourned the meeting to a regular meeting on Wednesday, March 22, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

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Ariana De la Cruz, Secretary

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Blanca Figueroa, Chair



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

**DATE:** March 22, 2023

**TO:** Honorable Chair and Members of the Patriotic Commission

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

**SUBJECT:** ROTATION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

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

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Staff recommends the Commission approve the Chair and Vice Chair as part of the two-month term among its members.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** None.

**DISCUSSION:** A term has begun for the new elected Commissioners. The two-month rotation among its members will begin in March by alphabetical order of Commissioners last names. Valerie Bechtold will serve as Chair for the month of March and April and Blanca Figueroa will serve as Vice Chair for the month of March and April.

**ATTACHMENT(S):** None.



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

**DATE:** March 22, 2023

**TO:** Honorable Chair and Members of the Patriotic Commission

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

**SUBJECT:** ACTIVE MILITARY BANNER APPLICATION

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**SUMMARY:** The City of South El Monte Active Military Banner Program was created for the community to honor and recognize those brave individuals that are serving in active duty in the United States Armed Forces. Each banner will have the name and branch of the serviceperson currently serving in the military.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Staff recommends the Commission approve the application received from James Diego Velazquez.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** The approximate cost per street banner is \$150. Families are responsible for paying \$50 and the balance of \$100 is allocated from the Patriotic Commission budget for FY 2022/23.

**DISCUSSION:** Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis. The banners will be installed annually January through October. All banners will be given back to the families at the Veteran's Day Ceremony. The banners are displayed along the major streets in South El Monte.

**ATTACHMENT(S):** None.