

**CITY OF SOUTH EL MONTE  
REGULAR PATRIOTIC COMMISSION MEETING – MINUES  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 26, 2023 – 6:00 PM**

**1. ROLLCALL**

Commissioner Blanca called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

PRESENT: Commissioner(s): Bechtold, Figueroa, Lopez (Naomi), Lopez (Rudy), and Miramontes De Anda

ALSO PRESENT: Andres Gonzalez, Transportation and Senior Services Manager and Noelia Saucedo, Senior Recreation Leader

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Commissioner Naomi Lopez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. PRESENTATIONS**

There was no presentation at this time.

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

AYES: Commissioner(s): Bechtold, Figueroa, Lopez (Nomi), Lopez (Rudy), and Miramontes De Anda

NAYS: None

**5. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Commissioner Figueroa opened public comments. Seeing that there was no one wishing to speak Commissioner Figueroa closed public comments.

**6. CONSENT CALENDAR**

A motion was made by Commissioner Lopez (Rudy) and seconded by Commissioner Bechtold to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion carried 5-0, by the following votes:

AYES: Commissioner(s): Bechtold, Figueroa, Lopez (Nomi), Lopez (Rudy), and Miramontes De Anda

NAYS: None

**7. GENERAL BUSINESS**

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

A motion was made by commissioner Miramontes De Anda and seconded by Commissioner Figueroa to nominate Commissioner Figueroa for Chair. Motion did not pass 3-2, by the following votes:

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

NAYS: Commissioner(s) Bechtold, Lopez (Nomi), and Lopez (Rudy)

A motion was made by Commissioner Lopez (Naomi) second by Commissioner Lopez (Rudy) to nominate Commissioner Bechtold for Chair. Motion carried 5-0, by the following votes:

AYES: Commissioner(s): Bechtold, Figueroa, Lopez (Nomi), Lopez (Rudy), and Miramontes De Anda

NAYS: None

A motion was made by commissioner Figueroa seconded by commission Lopez (Rudy) to nominate Commissioner Figueroa for Vice-Chair. Motion carried 5-0, by the following votes:

AYES: Commissioner(s): Bechtold, Figueroa, Lopez (Nomi), Lopez (Rudy), and Miramontes De Anda

NAYS: None

**7b. ACTIVE MILITARY BANNER PROGRAM APPLICATION**

Patriotic Commissioner Board approved Mr. Freddy Davalos Ochoa Military Banner application.

**7c. APPROVAL OF PROPOSED DARK PATRIOTIC COMMISSION MEETING FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2023**

A motion was made by Commissioner Lopez (Rudy) seconded by Commissioner Miramontes De Anda to go dark for the month of August. Motion carried 5-0, by the following votes:

AYES: Commissioner(s): Bechtold, Figueroa, Lopez (Nomi), Lopez (Rudy), and Miramontes De Anda

NAYS: None

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

Commissioner Miramontes De Anda had nothing to report.

Chair Bechtold reported that she attended the City's 4<sup>th</sup> of July event. She mentioned that it was a great event. She also stated that it was well organized by staff. Chair Bechtold suggested that for next year's 4<sup>th</sup> of July City event the Patriotic Commission booth should have giveaway to attract more people and place the booth next to a fun activity.

Commissioner Naomi Lopez reported that she attended the Senior Services' bingo and the City's 4<sup>th</sup> of July event at the New Temple Park. She also attended the Senior Services' 65<sup>th</sup> Birthday Luncheon.

Commissioner Rudy Lopez reported that he attended the City's 4<sup>th</sup> of July Bingo and event at New Temple Park. He also attended the Senior Services' 65<sup>th</sup> Birthday Luncheon.

Vice Chair Figueroa reported that she attended the 4<sup>th</sup> of July City event at New Temple Park. She also attended the El Monte /South El Monte Community Alliance Meeting and the Senior Services' 65<sup>th</sup> Birthday Luncheon.

## 9. CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

## 10. COMMISSIONERS' AGENDA

### 10a. VICE CHAIR BLANCA FIGUEROA

1. Discussion of the consideration to request a full page colorful patriotic ad in the City of South El Monte newsletter to display what's available for South El Monte Veterans, Soldiers, and family members of military members: Military Lapel Pinn (Blow up pin) Patriotic Monument Program, Active Military Banner Program, Military Bumper Sticker Program, Pictures of Military Parking Spaces at City Hall, Senior Community Centers, List program guideline to qualify for each program. Show all pictures of Memorial Day and Veterans Day, including pictures of a Patriotic Commissioners with names and titles so residents know who makes the commission.

Vice Chair Figueroa would like to see a colorful full-page ad in the City's newsletter informing residents, Veterans, Soldiers, and members of the military what programs the city is offering. Mr. Gonzalez stated that he will contact the City's Communications Coordinator regarding this request. He informed the commission that a full page may not be possible. He stated that he would provide an update on their request to place a full-page ad in the City's newsletter during the September Patriotic Commission meeting.

## 11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business coming before this body at 6:37 p.m. Chair Bechtold adjourned the meeting to a regular meeting on Wednesday, September 27, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

  
Andres Gonzalez, Secretary

  
Valerie Bechtold, Chair