

**CITY OF SOUTH EL MONTE  
PATRIOTIC COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 27, 2019 6:00 PM  
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
1415 N. SANTA ANITA AVENUE  
SOUTH EL MONTE, CA 91733**

**1. ROLL CALL**

Chairperson Del Rio (Yolanda) called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

PRESENT: Commissioners: Del Rio (David), Del Rio (Yolanda), Figueroa, Lopez (Naomi), and Lopez (Rudy).

Also Present: (Deputy City Manager) Rachel Barbosa, (Recreation Coordinator) Jayson Perez, and (Senior Recreation Leader) Noelia Saucedo.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Naomi Lopez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. PRESENTATION None.**

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A motion was made by Figueroa, seconded by Lopez (Rudy) and carried (5-0) to approve the agenda.

AYES: Commissioners: Del Rio (David), Del Rio (Yolanda), Figueroa, Lopez (Naomi), and Lopez (Rudy).

NAYS: None.

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT None.**

**6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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A motion was made by Figueroa, seconded by Lopez (Naomi) and carried (5-0) to approve to approve the above referenced minutes.

AYES: Commissioners: Del Rio (David), Del Rio (Yolanda), Figueroa, Lopez (Naomi), and Lopez (Rudy).

NAYS: None.

**7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS None.**

**8. GENERAL BUSINESS**

**a. UPDATE ON MILITARY MONUMENT WALL**

Mr. Perez presented an update on the Military Monument Wall to the Patriotic Commission. He mentioned that the names on the wall will be converted from vinyl to an engraved name plaque. Mr. Perez mentioned that the fiscal impact would be \$211.75 including installation which is scheduled to begin on April 8, 2019 if weather permits.

In response to Commissioner Figueroa's questions, Mr. Perez stated that amount of \$211.75 would cover all 35 names that are currently on the Monument Wall and future applicants that wish to put their names on the Monument Wall will be installed in the form of a name plaque.

Commissioner Lopez (Rudy) asked if the name plaques will be in bronze. Mr. Perez stated in a previous meeting that the commission agreed that the name plates be in the form of metal plaques.

A motion was made by Commissioner Figueroa to remove former Mayor Aguinaga's name from the list of Councilmembers on the Monument Wall.

Commissioner Del Rio (David) seconded the motion for discussion. Seeing there was no discussion, Chairperson called for a vote failed (1-4) to remove former Mayor Aguinaga's name from the Monument Wall.

AYES: Commissioner: Figueroa

NAYS: Commissioners: Del Rio (David), Del Rio (Yolanda), Lopez (Naomi), and Lopez (Rudy).

## **9. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS**

Commissioner Figueroa thanked staff for installing the names from applicants that recently applied to go on the Military Monument Wall.

## **10. COMMISSIONERS' AGENDA**

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

#### **1. Design a South El Monte Veteran's Lapel Pin**

Commissioner Figueroa introduced an idea to host a contest at South El Monte High School featuring students from the art department to design the lapel pin, and have the Patriotic Commissioner choose the winner.

Chairperson Del Rio (Yolanda) stated she is not opposed to the idea of a South El Monte lapel pin as long as they are not sold to any veteran or soldier.

Commissioner Lopez (Rudy) stated that students from the high schools showed little interest in projects from the Commission in the past.

Commissioner Figueroa stated she had students design work from Mountain View School District when she was the president at the South El Monte Library.

Deputy City Manager Barbosa asked if there are specific criteria for a veteran to receive a military lapel pin.

Commissioner Del Rio (David) stated there are no criteria at this time.

Deputy City Manager Barbosa asked Mr. Perez to gather quotes and designs for the lapel pin.

A motion was made by Commissioner Figueroa, seconded by Lopez Rudy and carried (5-0) to give the lapel pins to South El Monte veterans and active members at no cost.

AYES: Commissioners: Del Rio (David), Del Rio (Yolanda), Figueroa, Lopez (Naomi), and Lopez (Rudy).

NAYS: None.

## 2. **HONOR OUR HERO GALA**

Commissioner Figueroa reported she spoke to a gentleman that would donate the DJ and the photo booth. She also stated the cost would be \$25.00 person, but the honorees would not need to pay. She also mentioned that she spoke to Mr. Soto, chef at the Senior Center, and he mentioned that he would have to get a quote from Huntington Culinary.

Chairperson Del Rio (Yolanda) stated she cannot commit to the time and effort to organize such a large event as a Gala at this time.

Commissioner Del Rio (David) asked if this event will only be open to South El Monte veterans or are non -residents welcomed.

Commissioner Figueroa stated that the event would be only for South El Monte resident veterans.

Commissioner Lopez (Naomi) stated she cannot commit to the time and effort to organize such a large event as a Gala at this time.

No motion was made to proceed with the Honor Hero Gala.

## 11. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before this body, Chairperson Del Rio (Yolanda) adjourned the meeting at 6:37 PM to April 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM.