

**CITY OF SOUTH EL MONTE
PATRIOTIC COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
MAY 16, 2018
SOUTH EL MONTE SENIOR CENTER
DINING ROOM, 1556 CENTRAL AVENUE
SOUTH EL MONTE, CA 91733**

1. ROLL CALL

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

PRESENT: Commissioner: Del Rio, (Yolanda), Del Rio (David), Figueroa Lopez, (Naomi), Lopez (Rudy), and Honorary Patriotic Member Jose Huante

ALSO PRESENT: (City Manager) Jennifer Vasquez, (Public Works Director) Rene Salas, and (Recreation Senior Leader) Noelia Saucedo

2. PLEDGE OF THE FLAG

Commissioner Lopez (Naomi) Led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. PRESENTATIONS None.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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

NAYS: None

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairperson (Yolanda) Del Rio Opened and closed public comments after determining there was no one wishing to speak.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

April 25, 2018

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

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

NAYS: None

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

QUOTES FOR BRASS WALL FOR MONUMENT

Mr. Salas shared information regarding the monument wall. He mentioned that the plate that is on the monument wall was replaced from foam to a metal plate in September 2017. The names that are on the wall are stickers and can be removed if needed. The plan is to change the names to a small individual plate. Staff is searching for quotes to add the small name plates on the monument wall. The first quote received is the least expensive and the name plates would be durable plastic and utilize adhesive to install. The second quote received is more expensive. Staff would also need to look into the cost for drilling the plates. Mr. Salas stated that he will request samples from the companies who provided quotes. Commissioner Figueroa asked if lights can be placed on the overhead. City Manager stated that currently there is a light already installed. Mr. Salas stated that once the samples become available staff will share with the commission. Mr. Huante asked how this project would be funded. City Manager stated that two options were going to be presented to the City Council and staff will follow the direction whether the City will be funding the project or staff will seek for donations.

8. STAFF REPORT

a. MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY UPDATE

Miss Saucedo stated that everything is in place for the ceremony. Miss Saucedo stated that Chairperson (Yolanda) Del Rio was going to be Master of Ceremony. Chairperson stated that Michael Felix is no longer commander at the VFW post. The new commander is Mark Tavera. Staff reached out to Mr. Tavera and asked him if would present the colors and read the MIA Table poem at the ceremony. She also mentioned that Pastor Corum will be conducting the invocation. Miss Saucedo stated that Shively Band will be performing. She also mentioned that staff will be serving hot dogs after the ceremony.

b. BANNER PROGRAM UPDATE

Miss Saucedo stated that staff is working on getting the military banners that came down are reinstalled as soon as possible. Miss Saucedo stated that the banner that were taken down were Rudy Alexander Lopez and Isaak Chavez to repair the brackets that were holding the banners up due to truck hitting the poles. A resident found Randy's banner on the floor. Mr. Perdue's banner was ordered and will be install by staff. Miss Saucedo stated that the total number of banners that need to be install are four.

9. COMMISSIONERS' AGENDA

CHAIRPERSON DEL RIO

1. REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION OF THE ROLE OF A PATRIOTIC COMMISSIONER

City Manager stated that the purpose of the Patriotic Commission is to act in an advisory capacity to the City Council in matters pertaining to the patriotism and the civic recognition to both Active and Veteran military personnel. She stated that the City Council adopted an ordinance to have the Patriotic Committee into a Commission on June 23, 2009.

2. REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION IF COMMISSION IS ALLOWED TO FUNDRAISE AT EVENTS

City Manager stated the City Council asked what the purpose of the commission was to fundraise. She also mentioned that the City Council does not have an issue if the commission sells at the Memorial and Veteran's Day Celebration as long as the items sold symbolize patriotism. Chairperson (Yolanda) Del Rio stated that the commission had fundraisers all summer at the concerts at the park. She also stated that the commission feels they need to fundraise because the commission has never had financial help from the City. City Manager stated that the City is hiring personnel that will assist with commissions and this will improve the communication with City Council. She mentioned that as far as fundraising, the City Council will either direct staff to help find donations and they might ask the commission to help find sponsorships. City Manager also mentioned that the City Council might also sponsor if needed. Miss Vasquez stated that the City Council would like the commission to promote the military banner and the monument wall program whether it be setting up a booth at the concerts or walking around the City events.

COMMISSIONER FIGUEROA

1. REPORTING TO COMMISSION ON RESEARCH OF POSSIBLE FUNDRAISER GALA

City Manager Vasquez stated that in order to host a Gala, the planning of it would be a process. She mentioned that if the commission wants to move forward in having this event she would direct staff to get to gather information on how this event can be possible. Chairperson (Yolanda) Del Rio asked to Commissioner Figueroa to come with a potential plan of how this event should look like to help staff gather information. Staff will then present a report to the City Manager's office. Chairperson directed Miss Saucedo to place this item back in September's agenda.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business coming before this body, Chairperson Del Rio (Yolanda) adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.