

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

**AGENDA**

**NOVEMBER 28, 2018, 6:00 P.M.**

**SENIOR CENTER DINING ROOM  
1556 CENTRAL AVENUE  
SOUTH EL MONTE, CA 91733**



**YOLANDA DEL RIO, CHAIRPERSON  
RUDY LOPEZ, VICE-CHAIRPERSON  
DAVID DEL RIO, PATRIOTIC COMMISSIONER  
BLANCA FIGUEROA, PATRIOTIC COMMISSIONER  
NAOMI LOPEZ, PATRIOTIC COMMISSIONER**

**HONORARY PATRIOTIC MEMBER MICHAEL FELIX  
HONORARY PATRIOTIC MEMBER WILLIAM GIL  
HONORARY PATRIOTIC MEMBER JOSE HUANTE**

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1. **ROLL CALL**
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **PRESENTATIONS None.**
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
5. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Persons wishing to address the Patriotic Commission on any item on the agenda, or any other matter, are invited to do so at this time. Pursuant to the Brown Act, the Patriotic Commission cannot discuss or take action on items not on the agenda. Matters brought before the Patriotic Commission items that are not on the agenda may, at the Commission's discretion, be referred to staff or placed on the next agenda.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

October 24, 2018

RECOMMENDATION: STAFF RECOMMENDS that the Patriotic Commission approves the above referenced minutes.

7. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS None.**

8. **STAFF REPORT**

- a. PATRIOTIC COMMISSION REQUEST TO PLACE A BOX AT ALL CITY FACILITIES TO COLLECT CLOTHING AND ITEMS FOR HOMELESS VETERANS

The Patriotic Commission is requesting to place a box at all City facilities to collect clothing and items for homeless veterans. The Patriotic Commission would like the City to offer and maintain the collection boxes at each City facility.

RECOMMENDATION: STAFF RECOMMENDS that the Commission work with local agencies who already provide this service in the City.

9. **COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS**

10. **COMMISSIONERS' AGENDA**

- a. **CHAIRPERSON YOLANDA DEL RIO**

1. Request clarification on who is responsible for the \$100 for the military banners.

**b. VICE-CHAIRPERSON RUDY LOPEZ**

1. Update on the name plate for the monument wall.

**c. PATRIOTIC COMMISSIONER BLANCA FIGUEROA**

1. Request to have seniors write letters to the soldiers that are out at sea for the Angel Soldier.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

**CITY OF SOUTH EL MONTE  
PATRIOTIC COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 24, 2018 6:00 P.M.  
SOUTH EL MONTE SENIOR CENTER  
DINING ROOM, 1556 CENTRAL AVENUE  
SOUTH EL MONTE, CA 91733**

**A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Chairperson Del Rio (Yolanda) called the meeting to order at 5:58 p.m.

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

Also Present: Ariana Yanez (Recreation Supervisor) and Noelia Saucedo (Senior Recreation Leader)

**B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chairperson George led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**C. PRESENTATIONS None.**

**D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

AYES: Commissioners: Del (David), Del Rio (Yolanda), Figueroa, Lopez (Naomi), and Lopez (Rudy)  
NAYS: None.

**E. PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

**F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

September 26, 2018

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

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

NAYS: None.

**G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS None.**

**H. STAFF REPORT**

a. VETERANS DAY CEREMONY

Veterans Day Ceremony scheduled for Sunday, November 11, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. at City Hall Front Lawn. Performers, speakers, and participants are confirmed to attend the ceremony. Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the ceremony.

**I. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS**

Chairperson stated that she met with Recreation Coordinator in regards to the Veterans Day Ceremony. Mr. Tavera will be speaking about Armistice Day during the ceremony.

Chairperson Del Rio (Yolanda) stated that the MIA table will be displayed at the ceremony and a candle will be added to the display.

Chairperson Del Rio (Yolanda) stated that Pastor Garrett would be doing the invocation for the ceremony.

**J. COMMISSIONERS' AGENDA None.**

**K. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business coming before this body, Chairperson Del Rio (Yolanda) adjourned the meeting at 6:20 p.m.



# Patriotic Commission Agenda Report

**DATE:** November 28, 2018

**TO:** Patriotic Commissioners

**APROVED BY:** Rachel Barbosa, Deputy City Manager

**PREPARED BY:** Ariana Yanez, Recreation Supervisor

**SUBJECT:** Patriotic Commission Request to Place A Box At All City Facilities to Collect Clothing and Items for Homeless Veterans.

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**SUMMARY:** The Patriotic Commission is requesting to place a box at all City facilities to collect clothing and items for homeless veterans. The Patriotic Commission would like the City to offer and maintain the collection boxes at each City facility.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** STAFF RECOMMENDS that the Commission work with local agencies that already provide collection and distribution of items for homeless veterans in the City.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Based on the staff recommendation there is no anticipated fiscal impact to the City's General Fund.

**DISCUSSION:** At the Patriotic Commission meeting on September 26, 2018, commissioners requested to place a box at all City facilities to collect clothing and items for homeless veterans.

A similar request was made at the Community Services Commission meeting on January 2, 2018 where commissioners requested to have staff gather information regarding possible non-profit organizations who can install collection bins in City facilities. Staff gathered information from the following three agencies and presented the information to the Community Services Commission:

- Planet Aid is a nonprofit organization that collects and recycles used textiles to protect the environment and support sustainable development in impoverished communities around the world. South El Monte High School was hosting a bin, however Planet Aid no longer services the California Area.
- USAgain is a company that collects unwanted textiles and resells them in the U.S. and abroad, effectively diverting millions of pounds of clothing from landfills, generating new

revenue streams for U.S. businesses and non-profits, and fueling local economies in emerging countries.

- Vietnam Veterans of America is a respected charity that gives aid to all of America's veterans, not just those of a particular age group or war. They utilize Pickup Please, which is a charity organization who can pick up your donation within 24 hours in many areas. They accept clothing, household goods, books, shoes, small appliances, and electronics.

In addition, Community Services Commissioners considered the fiscal impact to the City's General Fund that included purchasing the collection bins and staff time required to operate, maintain, monitor, sort items and coordinate the distribution of the items that is not included in the scope of work of a Recreation Leader.

The following are local agencies who partner with the City to assist those in need:

- Faith Tabernacle Church has a Kingdom Closet Ministry who distributes clothing to anyone in need. They collect clothing at any time and distribute from their church every last Saturday of the month. Their location is 2144 Tyler Avenue, South El Monte, CA 91733 and their contact number is (626)442-4019.
- El Monte/South El Monte Emergency Resource Association is a partner agency with the City and they also collect donations and distribute items to needy families. Their address is 10900 Mullhall St. El Monte, CA 91731 and their phone number is (626)444-7269.

Based upon research results, it is recommended that the Patriotic Commission discuss the options provided by staff.

ATTACHMENTS: None.