

**CITY OF SOUTH EL MONTE  
PATRIOTIC COMMISSION  
MAY 24, 2017  
SOUTH EL MONTE SENIOR CENTER  
CRAFT ROOM, 1556 CENTRAL AVENUE  
SOUTH EL MONTE, CA 91733**

**1 CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:**

Chairperson Hennings called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

**Patriotic Commission & Honorary Member Present:**

(David) Del Rio, (Yolanda) Del Rio, Figueroa, Hennings, Garcia, Lopez, Honorary Member Gil

**Patriotic Commissioner & Honorary Member Absent:**

Duarte, Felix, and Huante

**Also Present:**

Noelia Saucedo (Senior Recreation Leader) and Ariana Yanez (Recreation Coordinator)

**2 APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND WAIVER OF FULL READING:**

A motion was made by Commissioner Figueroa, second by Commissioner (Yolanda) Del Rio and carried to approve as amended and waive full reading, motion was carried 6-0.

**3 Presentations: None**

**4 PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Vice-Chairperson (Yolanda) Del Rio mentioned that she received a phone call from Mr. Tavera and notified her that his grandson's military Banner was up, but his name was misspelled. Miss Yanez stated that staff would take action to correct the banner immediately. Vice-Chairperson (Yolanda) Del Rio stated that she asked Mr. Tavera if was okay to leave the banner up for Memorial Day and have it fixed after. Mr. Tavera agreed to leave his grandson's banner up until then.

Commissioner Lopez asked who was getting the brackets for the banners. Miss Yanez stated that Mr. Ramos from maintenance is getting quotes for the brackets.

Commissioner Figueroa asked what were the three names of new banners and did the family pay for the banners. Vice-Chairperson stated that banners are being paid with funds from the patriotic account. It was mention that the coast of the banners was \$150 each. Miss Saucedo stated that banners were order for the following residents: Isaak A. Chavez. Rudy Alexander Lopez, and Eloy Jimenez.

**5 APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**April 26, 2017**

A motion was made by Vice-Chairperson Yolanda Del Rio, seconded by Commissioner Garcia to approve the above referenced minutes, motion was carried 6-0.

**6 UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**a. Cinco De Mayo Fundraiser**

Chairperson Hennings mentioned that the sales of the agua frescas went well. The following was raised at the Cinco de Mayo Celebration

\$193 agua frescas  
\$ 31 bottled water  
\$ 30 opportunity drawing

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Total \$254

Chairperson Hennings turned in the money to Miss Saucedo on Monday, May 8, 2017. Miss Saucedo deposited the money in the Patriotic account. Chairperson Hennings made a motion to have staff draft a letter to Mrs. Colin thanking her for making the agua frescas, loaning her equipment, and helping serve the drinks; motion was seconded by Commissioner (David) Del Rio, motion carried 6-0. Staff will email the letter to Chairperson. Vice-Chairperson stated that Mrs. Colin spent \$44 for the items to make the aguas, which was reimbursed.

**b. Monument Wall**

Chairperson Hennings stated that she received phone call from Mr. Ramos stated that the new plaque was placed on the Monument Wall. She stated that it looks beautiful and its Oxidized, however it was not done the military way, which is adding each veterans name individually on a small plaque. Commissioner (David) Del Rio stated that there are five plaques for each of the services, but the middle plaque has the names of the City Council and dignitaries. He stated that it should not be this this way because it was meant for people who serve in the military. Commissioner (David) Del Rio stated that they should have their names on different plaque, and placed on the right side next to the person that donated the Monument Wall. Chairperson Hennings would like to know where the budget stands at this time. Commissioner Figueroa stated the Monument Wall is to honor the men and women who served our Country. She stated

that it was wrong of the City Council to approve the project without asking the Patriotic Commission. Chairperson asked Miss Yanez if she could ask if the Monument Wall can be redone in the correct military style. A motion was made by Commissioner Lopez to have a separate plaque made with the City Council's names and have the Monument Wall changed to military style, Commissioner Figueroa seconded for discussion. Commissioner Figueroa asked what did Aldo, Vacco Industries, In Memory of Larry Beard do? Commissioner Figueroa asked if there is record of how they contribute to the monument wall.

Commissioner Figueroa made a motion to have plaque made with all the names of the City Council that were in at the time and the dignitaries, but remove former Mayor Aguiñaga's name from the plaque due to what has transpired, Commissioner Lopez seconded for discussion. Commissioner Lopez asked if Mr. Aguiñaga's name is removed from the plaque does that mean that his name will be removed from all the signs of projects that were approved under his term. Vice-Chairperson (Yolanda) Del Rio is opposed to have former Mayor's removed from the plaque because he supported the Street Military Banner Program. A vote was taken to have former Mayor's name removed.

1 in favor to have former Mayor's name removed. Commissioner Figueroa  
4 against motion to have former Mayor's name removed. Commissioners (Yolanda) Del Rio (David) Del Rio, Garcia, and Lopez  
1 abstained from voting. Commissioner Hennings

**7 STAFF REPORT: None**

**8 COMMISSION AGENDA:**

**Memorial Day Ceremony**

Chairperson Hennings asked if we have found someone to play the Taps for the Memorial Day Ceremony. Miss Yanez stated that staff is in contact with South El Monte High School band director and he is looking for a student to play it at the ceremony. Miss Yanez stated that staff has downloaded the Taps on the iPod as an alternative. Miss Yanez past shared the Memorial Day Ceremony Program. Staff has received tentative attendance confirmation from dignitaries and is waiting for final confirmation to finalize the program. Miss Yanez stated that Mr. Michael Felix would be reciting the MIA poem. She stated that M.I.A. table would be displayed, and Pastor Ben Garrett will be giving the invocation. Commissioner Garcia asked if the Patriotic Commission would be selling military items at the ceremony, if so he has someone who is willing to help with the table. Miss Yanez stated that there would be a BBQ in addition to the light refreshments after the ceremony.

**Patriotic Commission Bylaws**

Chairperson stated that with the change of staff, the bylaws were misplaced. Mrs. Yanez stated that she had staff call surrounding cities to see if they could share their bylaws with us, and they did not have a Patriotic Commission they have a committee therefore they do not have bylaws. Chairperson to have bylaws. Mrs. Yanez stated that she will speak to the Interim City Manager regarding this matter and get back to the Commission at the next meeting. Chairperson Hennings asked Commission in the meantime to write down what the commission should be doing as far as bylaws. This matter will be brought back to the table at the meeting.

### **Recap City Council Meeting**

Chairperson Hennings and Vice-Chairperson (Yolanda) Del Rio went to the City Council meeting to ask the Council for guidance regarding Mr. Rivera application and his residency. They mention to the City Council that he is two houses from the City boundaries and his house is part of the County. Chairperson Hennings mention that Mr. Rivera worked at Superior Market for 26 years. City Council did not approve Mr. Rivera's application.

### **ADJOURNEMENT:**

There being no further business coming before this body, Chairperson Hennings adjourned meeting at 7:11 p.m.