

CITY OF SOUTH EL MONTE

**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
OF THE SOUTH EL MONTE
PATRIOTIC COMMISSION**

**SEPTEMBER 27, 2017, 6:00 P.M.
SENIOR CENTER DINING ROOM
1556 CENTRAL AVENUE
SOUTH EL MONTE, CA 91733**



**DORRIS HENNINGS, CHAIRPERSON
YOLANDA DEL RIO, VICE-CHAIRPERSON
DAVID DEL RIO, PATRIOTIC COMMISSIONER
BLANCA FIGUEROA PATRIOTIC COMMISSIONER
DAVID GARCIA, PATRIOTIC COMMISSIONER
RUDY LOPEZ, PATRIOTIC COMMISSIONER**

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

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1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:

Patriotic Commissioners: (David) Del Rio (Yolanda) Del Rio, Figueroa, Garcia, Hennings and Lopez

Honorary Patriotic Members: Felix, Gil, Huante

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND WAIVER OF FULL WAIVER:

This is the time for the committee to remove any items from the agenda for individual consideration, table, continue, or add items, or make a motion to rearrange the order of this agenda.

3. PRESENTATIONS: None

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

May 24, 2017 – Regular Meeting

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

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

7. STAFF REPORT:

a. Monument Wall Application

Approval of Application for Ricardo Carrera

8. COMMISSION AGENDA:

Chairperson Hennings

a. Monument Wall Meeting

Chairperson will provide an update on a meeting she attended regarding the Monument Wall.

b. Commission Shirts

Chairperson would like to know what the Commission would like to do with the shirts.

c. Sponsor for Banners

Chairperson would like to give an update on a company that is willing to sponsor the Military Banner Program.

9. ADJOURNMENT: October 25, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

**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

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.



Commission Agenda Report

DATE: September 27, 2017
TO: Patriotic Commission
From: Ariana Yanez, Recreation Coordinator
Subject: Approval of Monument Wall Application

SUMMARY: The City of South El Monte City Council along with the Patriotic Committee established the Veteran's Monument to honor residents that have served in all the branches of the armed forces. All of the names engraved on the monument are reviewed by the Patriotic Committee. The Veteran's wall was erected to accommodate the newest South El Monte Veterans that have served the Country honorably and have showed they are South El Monte residents at the time of enlistment or currently reside in the City.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: STAFF RECOMMENDS that the Commission approves the monument wall application.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

DISCUSSION: To submit names for the monument, veterans are to fill out a form and return it to the Patriotic Committee. After review from the Patriotic Commission, selected names are added to the monument and recognized during the Veterans Day Ceremony.

ATTACHMENTS: Ricardo Carrera Monument Wall Application