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W.C. Walker Senior Center
505 Sunset Avenue, Shafter, CA 93263

January 9, 2023

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Special Board Meeting of the Shafter Recreation & Park District (SRPD) was called to order at 6:04 pm by Chairman Rodríguez.

2. FLAG SALUTE AND INVOCATION:

Chairman Rodríguez led the flag salute and Ms. Chambers led the invocation.

3. ROLL CALL:

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Gary Rodríguez
Lorena Ayón
Fortino Valdivia

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Nelson Salinas

4. POSTING OF THE AGENDA:

The posting of the agenda was declared on Friday, January 6th, 2023, at 6:00 pm

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS: No public comments.

6. CONSENT AGENDA:

Director Valdivia **MOVED** to approve Consent Agenda except for Item 6B, Approval of Minutes, and Director Ayón **SECONDED**.

AYES 3 (Valdivia, Ayón, Rodríguez)

NAYS 0

ABSENT 1

ABSTAIN 0

MOTION CARRIED

Director Nelson Salinas arrived at 6:11 pm

Director Valdivia **MOVED** to approve Item 6B Approval of Minutes from the Consent Agenda. Chairman Rodríguez **SECONDED** the motion.

AYES 3 (Valdivia, Salinas, Rodríguez)

NAYS 0

ABSENT 0

ABSTAIN 1 (Ayón)

MOTION CARRIED

7. STAFF AND CONSULTANT PRESENTATIONS:

The District Manager presented his monthly report and the report on Programs
Mr. Garcia provided an update on the SPP grant paperwork process and upcoming grant projects.

Mr. Jimenez reported that the 746 Foundation was still in need of a Board Secretary.

8. OLD BUSINESS

A. BOARD RETREAT/SRPD MASTER PLAN – **INFORMATION/ACTION ITEM**

Mr. Jimenez reminded the board of the workshop with Rauch Communications Consultants scheduled for Saturday, January 14th, asked for input on meal options and noted that it would be helpful for everyone to wear their SRPD shirts so photos can be taken at the event. **NO ACTION TAKEN.**

B. STAFF PAY SCALES/ORGANIZATIONAL FLOW CHART – **INFORMATION/ACTION ITEM**

Mr. Jimenez reviewed the latest staff pay scales/organization chart. Director Ayon noted that we should begin preparing for major changes in our organization flow chart upon completion of the new complex with the demand it will create for additional staff and/or program changes. Chairman Rodríguez asked about Board review of staff evaluations. **NO ACTION TAKEN.**

C. BOARD TRAINING UPDATE – **INFORMATION/ACTION ITEM**

Chairman Rodríguez reminded Board Members to complete required training courses. Board Members asked for clarification on required courses and mentioned difficulties connecting to the CSDA training site. Contact information to appropriate CSDA training personnel will be provided to all Board Members. **NO ACTION TAKEN.**

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. OATH OF OFFICE – **INFORMATION/ACTION ITEM** – The oath of office was administered to Chairman Rodríguez in recognition of his recent reelection.

B. BOARD RESIGNATION – **INFORMATION/ACTION ITEM** Mr. Jimenez shared the resignation of recently elected Board Member David Piuser. Mr. Piuser was recently appointed to the City of Shafter Planning Commission and participation on our board would be a conflict of interest. (California Government Code Section 1780). Chairman Rodríguez **MOVED** to accept Mr. Piuser’s resignation and Director Ayon **SECONDED** the motion.

AYES 4 (Valdivia, Ayón, Salinas, Rodríguez)

NAYS 0

ABSENT 0

ABSTAIN 0

MOTION CARRIED

C. BOARD VACANCY APPOINTMENT – **INFORMATION/ACTION ITEM** Mr.

Jimenez noted that considering the January 9, 2023, resignation of Mr. David Piuser, the vacant seat must be filled by March 10th, 2023. The notice will be posted for 15 days from January 10th to January 24th, 2023. The deadline to apply will be January 24th, 2023.

D. POSITIONS WITHIN THE BOARD – **INFORMATION/ACTION ITEM** Mr.

Jimenez recommended that the Board nominate and vote for the 2023 Board Chair and Co-chair positions. Director Ayon nominated Director Rodriguez as Board Chair. There were no other nominations.

AYES 4 (Valdivia, Ayón, Salinas, Rodríguez)
NAYS 0
ABSENT 0
ABSTAIN 0
MOTION CARRIED

Director Valdivia **NOMINATED** Director Ayon as Board Co-Chair and Chairman Rodriguez **SECONDED**. There were no other nominations.

AYES 4 (Valdivia, Ayón, Salinas, Rodríguez)
NAYS 0
ABSENT 0
ABSTAIN 0
MOTION CARRIED

- E. ASSIGN COMMITTEES – **INFORMATION/ACTION ITEM** Chairman Rodriguez made Committee assignments as follows:

Program: Chairman Rodríguez, Director Salinas

Personnel: Director Ayón, Director Salinas

Facility Acquisition and Development: Director Ayón, Director Valdivia

Budget and Finance: Director Salinas, Director Valdivia

Safety: Director Ayón, Open Position

Ad Hoc—Groundbreaking Committee: Director Ayón, Chairman Rodríguez

- D. JR. NBA BASKETBALL BUDGET – **INFORMATION/ACTION ITEM** Mr. Jimenez presented the 2023 Jr. NBA Basketball Budget for Board review. He mentioned the possibility of charging admission to spectators to offset increasing facility use costs. It was noted that if we charge admission for one sport, we should do so for all other major sports. Director Salinas mentioned that raffle ticket sales for prizes donated from area businesses might be another way to increase income. The discussion was tabled for future consideration. **NO ACTION TAKEN.**

- F. LAND BANKING -- **INFORMATION/ACTION ITEM** Chairman Rodriguez recommended that the Board consider strategic land purchases around the SRPD CSC to allow for future growth. **NO ACTION TAKEN.**

- G. MEETING DATES 2023 – **INFORMATION/ACTION ITEM** Mr. Jimenez recommended that Board meetings be moved to Tuesdays during 2023 to facilitate Board member participation. Director Ayón **MOVED** that the SRPD Board hold its Regular Meeting on the second Tuesday of each month with a Special Meeting focused on the CSC scheduled for the fourth Tuesday with both meetings scheduled for 6:00 pm. Director Valdivia **SECONDED** the motion.

AYES 4 (Valdivia, Ayón, Salinas, Rodríguez)
NAYS 0
ABSENT 0
ABSTAIN 0
MOTION CARRIED

H. DISTRICT MANAGER EVALUATION – **INFORMATION/ACTION ITEM**
Chairman Rodriguez tabled the discussion until the Executive Session later in the meeting.

10. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

PROGRAMS: No report

PERSONNEL: Director Ayón noted that she had requested and received and would be studying organization flow charts from other area Recreation Districts to prepare for SRPD's expansion once the CSC is completed.

FACILITY ACQUISITION AND DEVELOPMENT: No report

BUDGET AND FINANCE: No report

SAFETY: No report

AD-HOC – Groundbreaking Ceremony: No report

11. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Director Salinas wished everyone a Happy New Year and expressed his thanks for the wonderful experience of his first months on the SRPD Board in 2022.

Director Ayon wished the Board a Happy New Year and a belated Happy Birthday to Director Salinas.

Director Valdivia had no report.

Chairman Rodriguez noted that the SRPD holiday party was a success and he enjoyed it. He asked if this year the coaches for each sport could vote for a Coach of the Season and this could determine our honorees for the end-of-year event in 2023.

12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: FY2021-2022 Audit, Payroll Services, CSC Updates

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION: In accordance with Gov. Code 54957 (b) (1), the Board went into closed session at 8:00 pm to discuss the District Manager's upcoming annual evaluation. The Board came out of closed session at 8:54 pm. **NO ACTION TAKEN.**

14. ADJOURNMENT: Chairman Rodriguez adjourned the meeting at 8:55 pm.