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

July 25, 2023

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Special Board Meeting of the Shafter Recreation & Park District (SRPD) was called to order at 5:01 pm by Chair Rodríguez.

2. FLAG SALUTE AND INVOCATION:

Chair Rodríguez led the flag salute and Mr. Jimenez gave the invocation.

3. ROLL CALL:

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Gary Rodríguez  
Kevin Keillor  
Nelson Salinas

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Lorena Ayón  
Fortino Valdivia

4. POSTING OF THE AGENDA:

The posting of the agenda was declared on Friday, July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023, at 5:00 pm.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS: No public comments.

6. CONSENT AGENDA:

Director Keillor **MOVED** to approve Consent Agenda except for items B and C, minutes from the June 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> Special Board Meetings and with the proviso that the agenda be altered as follows: Item 9F of Old Business be addressed before item 9A and the Executive Session take place after the completion of 9E. Director Salinas **SECONDED**.  
AYES 3 (Salinas, Keillor, Rodríguez)

NAYS 0

ABSENT 2

ABSTAIN 0

**MOTION CARRIED**

7. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

PROGRAMS: Planning to meet about Fall Baseball/Softball and potential travel team

PERSONNEL: Did not meet.

FACILITY ACQUISITION AND DEVELOPMENT: Did not meet.

BUDGET AND FINANCE: Held a teleconference to verify that no further changes to the FY23-24 budget are required.

SAFETY: Did not meet.

AD-HOC: Groundbreaking Ceremony – Did not meet.

8. STAFF AND CONSULTANT PRESENTATIONS:

DISTRICT MANAGER: Mr. Jimenez gave his report noting the addition of Tai Chi to the WCW Senior exercise programs and a meeting with Kern County Aging and Adult Services representatives that will result in a donation of an interactive meeting device (the “Owl”), new tables, chairs and a television for the Senior Center. He also mentioned promotion of the CSC at the July 3<sup>rd</sup> celebration, a demonstration of Tiny Robots (an automated field painting system), a meeting with the City of Shafter regarding water for the CSC and the LWCF grant site visit.

Director Valdivia arrived during the District Manager’s report at 5:18 pm.

PROGRAM COORDINATOR: Mr. Skylar Garcia gave his report noting the Wasco Baseball tournament and the PONY Allstars games. He also noted the start of Volleyball games and the beginning of the Tennis Camp, the donation of tennis equipment from KCTA and his excitement over the potential for tennis scholarships for Shafter youth.

CONSULTANT: Mr. Gilbert Garcia updated the board noting that we have now cleared the Conditional Use Permit for the CSC lights with the City. He noted that we are working with the City and have found several options to resolve water issues for the CSC. He noted that the next status report on the SPP grant is coming up soon and reported on the LWCF grant site visit. He also noted that we are working on the report for the 2023 Wonderful grant for summer kids programming and will be applying for a 2024 grant by October 31<sup>st</sup>.

746 SPORTS FOUNDATION: Mr. Jimenez reported that the 746 Foundation Board met earlier this month and was scheduled to meet on Wednesday, July 26<sup>th</sup>.

9. OLD BUSINESS

F. CREATION OF VOTING DISTRICTS – **INFORMATION/ACTION ITEM** –

Karin MacDonald and Steven Ochoa of Q2 Data & Research, LLC gave a presentation on the creation of voting districts and answered board and attendee questions about the process. Chair Rodriguez noted that additional presentations/bids will be explored in the next Board meeting. **NO ACTION TAKEN.**

At 6:25 pm Director Salinas left the meeting.

A. SRPD CSC SCHEDULE UPDATE – **INFORMATION/ACTION ITEM**

Mr. Jimenez gave an update on CSC plans. He mentioned the meeting with the City regarding water and noted that he has touched base with someone connected with Sills Ranch. **NO ACTION TAKEN.**

- B. SRPD CSC GROUNDBREAKING – **INFORMATION/ACTION ITEM** Mr. Jimenez noted that we currently have no updates on the groundbreaking ceremony. **NO ACTION TAKEN.**
- C. STRATEGIC PLANNING – **INFORMATION/ACTION ITEM** Mr. Jimenez noted Mr. Rauch cancelled their scheduled meeting that day because of a family emergency but would be presenting the final report at the September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Regular Board Meeting. **NO ACTION TAKEN.**
- D. WONDERFUL COMMUNITY FUND PROPOSAL – **INFORMATION/ACTION ITEM** Mr. Jimenez reported that he is continuing to meet with SRPD attorneys, Wonderful representatives and other community organizations to move forward on this issue. **NO ACTION TAKEN.**
- E. FY2023-24 BUDGET– **INFORMATION/ACTION ITEM** Mr. Jimenez presented the Proposed FY2023-24 Budget for final approval. After discussion and responses to questions for attendees regarding budget items for the Shafter Aquatic Center and PONY Tournaments, Director Valdivia moved to approve the FY2023-24 Budget. Director Keillor **SECONDED**.  
 AYES 3 (Valdivia, Keillor, Rodríguez)  
 NAYS 0  
 ABSENT 2  
 ABSTAIN 0  
**MOTION CARRIED**

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Board went into Executive Session at 6:41 to discuss District Manager’s Annual Evaluation (Gov. Code 54957 (b) (1)) They came out of closed session at 7:13. **NO ACTION TAKEN**

9. Old Business (cont.)

- G. NEW ADP PROPOSAL – **INFORMATION/ACTION ITEM** Ms. Chambers presented the ADP proposal for Workforce Now. Director Valdivia moved to approve the proposal with an annual cost not to exceed \$6000. Director Keillor **SECONDED** the motion.  
 AYES 3 (Valdivia, Keillor, Rodríguez)  
 NAYS 0  
 ABSENT 2  
 ABSTAIN 0  
**MOTION CARRIED**

- H. SRPD CSC NAMING RIGHTS – **INFORMATION/ACTION ITEM** Mr. Jimenez recommended that this item be tabled for discussion in a single-topic Board meeting in August. **TABLED FOR FUTURE BOARD MEETING.**

- I. SRPD MASCOT – **INFORMATION/ACTION ITEM** (Mr. Jimenez) Consideration of establishing a SRPD mascot. **TABLED FOR FUTURE BOARD MEETING**
- J. DISTRICT MANAGER ANNUAL EVALUATION – **INFORMATION/ACTION ITEM** (Chair Rodriguez) Discussed in Executive Session earlier in the meeting. **NO ACTION TAKEN**

10. NEW BUSINESS

- A. CSC SOLAR CONDUITS – **INFORMATION/ACTION ITEM** (Mr. Jimenez) Discussion of inclusion of conduits for future solar power use in CSC plans. **TABLED FOR FUTURE BOARD MEETING.**
- B. RESOLUTION TO MOVE TO BY-DISTRICT ELECTIONS – **INFORMATION/ACTION ITEM** (Mr. Jimenez) Presentation of a Resolution for Board approval to move from At Large/From District Elections to By-District Elections. **TABLED FOR FUTURE BOARD MEETING.**
- C. FY2022-2023 BUDGET VS.ACTUALS– **INFORMATION/ACTION ITEM** Mr. Jimenez noted that the Budget vs. Actuals report showed nothing unusual. **NO ACTION TAKEN.**

11. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Mr. Salinas left a message for inclusion in Board Member Reports which noted that the City of Shafter had approved \$80K in funds for the creation of The Shafter Story. Chair Rodriguez noted that dissemination of information about the CSC is still limited and suggested that we create printed materials about the complex to be placed in area businesses.

12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: Creation of Voting Districts/Board Resolution, CSC Schedule, CSC Groundbreaking, Strategic Planning, Wonderful Fund Efforts, CSC Naming Rights, SRPD Mascot, CSC Solar Conduits

14. ADJOURNMENT Chairman Rodriguez adjourned the meeting at 7:32 pm.