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

December 12, 2023

1. CALL TO ORDER:
The Regular Board Meeting of the Shafter Recreation & Park District (SRPD) was called to order at 6:04 pm by Co-Chair Salinas.
2. FLAG SALUTE AND INVOCATION:
Co-Chair Salinas led the flag salute and Mr. Jimenez gave the invocation.
3. ROLL CALL:

<u>BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT</u> Amando Chávez Fortino Valdivia Nelson Salinas	<u>BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT</u> Gary Rodríguez
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4. POSTING OF THE AGENDA:
The posting of the agenda was declared on Friday, December 8th, 2023, at 6:00 pm.
5. PUBLIC COMMENTS: Refugio (no last name given) noted that even though the meeting was being translated into Spanish, for meetings to be more efficient, a translation system would be helpful. .
6. CONSENT AGENDA:
Co-Chair Salinas **MOVED** to approve the Consent Agenda except for item B, October 24, 2023, Special Meeting Minutes. Director Valdivia **SECONDED**.
AYES 3 (Chávez, Valdivia, Salinas)
NAYS 0
ABSENT 1
ABSTAIN 0
MOTION CARRIED
7. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS
PROGRAMS: Has not met.
PERSONNEL: Scheduled to meet on Thursday, December 14th at 12:00 noon.
FACILITY ACQUISITION AND DEVELOPMENT: Has not met.
BUDGET AND FINANCE: Scheduled to meet on Thursday, December 14th at 1:00 pm.

SAFETY: Has not met.

AD-HOC: Groundbreaking Ceremony – Scheduled to meet on Thursday, December 14th at 11:00 am.

AD-HOC: Wonderful Company Fund – Met with Wonderful Company representatives and community members on December 7th.

AD-HOC: Naming Rights – Has not met.

8. STAFF AND CONSULTANT PRESENTATIONS:

Mr. Jimenez reported on WCW activities and noted that both the Kern County feeding program and Senior Adult Activities will be on hiatus from December 22nd through January 1st. He reminded the board of SRPD’s holiday celebration with staff, volunteers and board members on December 15th and noted that the office would be closed on December 25th -26th and 29th and on January 1st. He also reminded the board of Congressman Valadao’s visit to the Walker Senior Center on January 5th.

Mr. Jimenez noted that Skylar Garcia was conducting Jr. NBA evaluations and encouraged Board members to review his report.

Mr. Jimenez reported on the 746 Foundation, noting that a meeting is scheduled for December 6th and that the Foundation has received a grant for \$40,000 for the Summer Camp program.

Mr. Gilbert Garcia noted that a grant for summer programming was received from the Wonderful Company and updated the Board on the preparation of SPP Grant status reports and reimbursements. He noted that SRPD has currently been awarded approximately \$9.6 million toward the construction of the park.

9. OLD BUSINESS

A. DISTRICT VOTING – **INFORMATION/ACTION ITEM** Mr. Jimenez introduced Steven Ochoa of Q2 Data & Research who gave a presentation on the issues, terminology and process of creating voting districts and answered board and community member questions. **NO ACTION TAKEN**

B. CDBG FUNDING RESOLUTION – **INFORMATION/ACTION ITEM**(Mr. Jimenez recommended that the Board approve Resolution CDBG Shafter Community Park Project to authorize the use of Community Development Block Grant funds for the Shafter Community Park Project (CSC) for \$665,273. Director Valdivia **MOVED** to approve the resolution and Co-Chair Salinas **SECONDED**.

AYES 3 (Chávez, Valdivia, Salinas)

NAYS 0

ABSENT 1

ABSTAIN 0

MOTION CARRIED

- C. STRATEGIC PLAN – **INFORMATION/ACTION ITEM** Martin Rauch joined the meeting virtually to present the final SRPD Strategic Plan and the Work Plan for staff implementation to the Board for approval. **NO ACTION TAKEN**

- D. DISTRICT SPECIAL TAX – **INFORMATION/ACTION ITEM** Co-Chair Salinas reported that he and Director Valdivia had attended a meeting with representatives of the Wonderful Company and other community organizations. He commented that the feedback received was eye-opening and how impressed he was with the hard work that had already been done and the passion to improve the Shafter community and noted that he looked forward to working together to collaborate to benefit all Shafter citizens. He extended an open invitation to SRPD Board meetings and events and to contact Board members with their concerns and noted that we all love Shafter and want the best for our community. Refugio commented that although they had concerns when they started this process with Wonderful, they could now see that their organization and SRPD were walking down the same path. He noted again the importance of translation since many people in our community cannot speak English and sometimes cannot see the point in getting involved if they will not be able to understand the meetings that take place. He added that with translation, he and others would be able to help and to offer information that the Board may need. He noted that the Wonderful Company had married the Committee for a Better Shafter and SRPD and so they were tied together for better or worse and would need to learn to work together. Director Fortino added that it was not a question of us or you, but really it is all of us together, we can make a difference. **NO ACTION TAKEN**

- E. CSC SIGNAGE – **INFORMATION/ACTION ITEM** The Board again reviewed three signage options for the CSC. Co-Chair Salinas **MOVED** to approve option 3 (white background). Director Valdivia **SECONDED** the motion.
 AYES 3 (Chávez, Valdivia, Salinas)
 NAYS 0
 ABSENT 1
 ABSTAIN 0
MOTION CARRIED

- F. TRACK & FIELD – **INFORMATION/ACTION ITEM** Discussion of strategies to restore the Track & Field Program was tabled for discussion at a future meeting.

- G. DISTRICT MANAGER ANNUAL EVALUATION – **INFORMATION/ACTION ITEM** Tabled for discussion in Executive Session.

10. NEW BUSINESS

- A. ELECTION OF BOARD CHAIR, CO-CHAIR FOR 2024– **INFORMATION/ACTION ITEM** The Board took nominations for 2024 Chair. Director Valdivia **MOVED** to nominate Co-Chair Salinas and Director Chavez **SECONDED** the nomination.
 AYES 3 (Chávez, Valdivia, Salinas)

NAYS 0

ABSENT 1

ABSTAIN 0

MOTION CARRIED

The Board also took nominations for 2024 Co-Chair. Chair Salinas **MOVED** to nominate Director Valdivia and Director Chavez **SECONDED** the nomination.

AYES 3 (Chávez, Valdivia, Salinas)

NAYS 0

ABSENT 1

ABSTAIN 0

MOTION CARRIED

B. BOARD COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS – **INFORMATION/ACTION ITEM** Chair Salinas elected to table committee assignments until the next Board meeting.

C. 2024 JR. NBA PROPOSED BUDGET– **INFORMATION/ACTION ITEM** The Board reviewed the 2024 Jr. NBA Basketball budget. Mr. Jimenez explained that most of the deficit represented the replacement of equipment lost in the pool shed fire and should be reimbursable under our insurance once the purchases are made. **NO ACTION TAKEN**

11. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS: No Board member reports.

12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: SRPD Mascot, Fundraisers Rental Policy, Driver Safety Policy, Naming Rights Brochure, Board Committee Assignments, District Special Tax

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Board went into closed session at 8:45 pm and returned to open session at 9:07 pm. They announced that the District Manager would receive a 4% raise retroactive to April 11, 2023, and that the Board would continue to work on a contract.

14. ADJOURNMENT: Chair Salinas adjourned the meeting at 9:08 pm.

APPROVED ON THIS DAY: January 30, 2024

SIGNATURE: _____

TITLE: Board Chair

ATTEST: _____