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

July 9, 2024

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Regular Board Meeting of the Shafter Recreation & Park District (SRPD) was called to order at 6:00 pm by Chair Salinas.

2. FLAG SALUTE AND INVOCATION:

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

3. ROLL CALL:

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Gary Rodríguez  
Amando Chávez  
Cristina Camacho  
Fortino Valdivia  
Nelson Salinas

4. POSTING OF THE AGENDA:

The posting of the agenda was declared on Friday, July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 6:00 pm.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS: No public comments.

6. CONSENT AGENDA:

Director Rodriguez **MOVED** to approve the Consent Agenda and Director Camacho **SECONDED**.

AYES 5 (Rodríguez, Chávez, Camacho, Valdivia, Salinas)

NAYS 0

ABSENT 0

ABSTAIN 0

**MOTION CARRIED**

7. STAFF AND CONSULTANT PRESENTATIONS

**District Manager Jimenez** reported that he has been off on parental leave from June 12<sup>th</sup> to July 8<sup>th</sup> because of the birth of Luca Daniel Jimenez, who was born on June 13<sup>th</sup> and weighed 5 pounds and 3 ounces. He noted that he was invited to the June 24<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting to talk about the CSC, but had it rescheduled for the meeting on August 6<sup>th</sup>. He noted a YouTube video in which the City Council discussed the possibility of refurbishing the old jail as an indoor sports center. He informed the board that several members of staff would be attending social media training on July 11<sup>th</sup> and that later that night he would be

receiving a donation check from the Shafter Lions Club. He added that SRPD would staff an information booth at the openings of both the skatepark on July 12<sup>th</sup> and Stringhams' Park on July 15<sup>th</sup>. On July 17<sup>th</sup>, he will be meeting with our CAPRI insurance representative for our annual review. Shafter Rec will be represented by a team at the PONY World Series Softball Tournament in Hemet, California, from July 21-27.

**Program Coordinator Garcia** recapped the Spring PONY Baseball/Softball season and recognized the winning teams/coaches for each division. He noted that the All-Star games would take place on Wednesday, July 10<sup>th</sup>, for the 11u Divisions and Thursday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, for the 14u Divisions. He noted an adult softball tournament was held on Saturday, July 6<sup>th</sup>, to benefit the softball team going to Hemet. Baskets were also raffled off to benefit the team.

Mr. Garcia noted that the Tennis Camp is going great, and participants are awarded pins for mastering specific skills. Volleyball will begin games on Monday, July 15<sup>th</sup>. All games are planned for weeknights except for the end-of-season tournaments. The Cross-Country Striders will continue registration through August 3<sup>rd</sup> and will begin practice the next week to be ready for their first meet on September 7<sup>th</sup>. Soccer registrations are already strong and will continue through August 9<sup>th</sup>.

**746 Foundation:** Mr. Jimenez noted that the Foundation had not met.

**Grant Writer Garcia** reported that he has been communicating with Melinda from the State Parks Department and that we continue to work to align the budget for current higher costs. He noted that the State is aware of cost increases in both materials and labor, so they will work with us if we need to reduce the scope of the project (i.e., cut features to stay within budget constraints). The State only requires that we include at least one of each feature included in the original grant. He said we are already saving money through choosing to use a Construction Manager and reminded the Board of design changes in the lights that will conserve funds. He also noted that Musco is very willing to work with our budget. He added that we also have some increase in available funds, including an increased commitment from the Wonderful Company, \$635K from CARES and the LWCF \$900K grant that will be matched by Wonderful funds.

When asked about the Naming Rights Brochure, Mr. Garcia said that we need to hold a meeting just to verify the size of the signage and to determine if any of the naming rights will be term limited.

He talked about the LWCF matching grant for Phase 2 of the project, noting that we have already satisfied historical and environmental demands for the grant. He added that this grant was created during and after the COVID era, so the dollar amounts are more actualized for current prices. He also mentioned the \$235K in funding for redoing the parking lot and adding solar energy to the Walker Center. He noted that we are currently applying for another \$40K grant from Wonderful for next year and that an additional donation of \$1000 had come in for the Park Takeovers. Mr. Garcia noted that he is working on the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the CSC's Construction Manager.

8. OLD BUSINESS

- A. **FY24-25 PROPOSED BUDGET – INFORMATION/ACTION ITEM** Director Salinas opened the Budget Hearing at 6:55 pm. Mr. Jimenez presented the FY24-25 Budget for Board approval. Director Rodriguez asked if Track & Field was included in the budget. Mr. Jimenez noted that the budget does not specify amounts for any specific sport, so the inclusion or exclusion of Track & Field as a program can be considered later. He also mentioned that the amount budgeted for the Office Manager had not been increased since the previous year. The Board agreed to increase the budgeted amount by \$10,000. Chair Salinas closed the Budget Hearing at 7:07 pm. Director Camacho **MOVED** to accept the budget with the one change noted and Co-Chair Valdivia **SECONDED** the motion.

AYES 5 (Rodríguez, Chávez, Camacho, Valdivia, Salinas)

NAYS 0

ABSENT 0

ABSTAIN 0

**MOTION CARRIED**

Director Rodriguez asked that the record note that he was disappointed that SRPD was not considering the addition of a Track & Field Program.

- B. **CSC NAME CONTRACT AGREEMENT – INFORMATION/ACTION ITEM** Me. Jimenez presented the Contract Agreement with The Wonderful Company for CSC naming rights with input from SRPD legal counsel for Board review/approval. After discussion, Director Camacho **MOVED** to approve the contract pending verification of the attorney's recommendations and their inclusion in the contract. Co-Chair Valdivia **SECONDED**.

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ABSTAIN 0

**MOTION CARRIED**

- C. **WCW DOOR REPLACEMENT – INFORMATION/ACTION ITEM** Mr. Jimenez requested that the item be tabled for discussion at the next meeting when additional bids will be available. **NO ACTION TAKEN.**

- D. **SRPD MASCOT– INFORMATION/ ACTION ITEM** Mr. Jimenez had Angel Serrano present further research on mascot options. He noted that prices vary but can run between \$2000-\$5000 and asked for additional input from the Board. **NO ACTION TAKEN.**

- E. **DISTRICT MANAGER CONTRACT – INFORMATION/ACTION ITEM** Tabled for a future meeting.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **ROMTEC CONTRACT – INFORMATION/ACTION ITEM** Mr. Jimenez presented the Romtec Contract for Board review/approval along with notes from legal

counsel's review. Co-Chair Valdivia **MOVED** to approve the contract pending the inclusion of legal counsel's recommendations. Director Rodriguez **SECONDED** the motion.

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ABSENT 0

ABSTAIN 0

MOTION CARRIED

Director Rodriguez left the meeting at 8:09 pm.

B. OFFICE COMPUTER PURCHASES – **INFORMATION/ACTION ITEM** Mr. Jimenez asked Angel Serrano to present the bids for computer purchases. George Lopez was also present as one of the bidders and answered technical questions for the Board. The Board requested a revised bid including more powerful computers for the Office Manager's desktop and the Marketing Coordinator's laptop. Item tabled for review with new bids at a future meeting. **NO ACTION TAKEN.** .

C. BOARD MEMBER DISPLAY – **INFORMATION/ACTION ITEM** Mr. Jimenez presented photo frames selected for the office display of current Board members. It was decided to locate a professional photographer to take headshots of the Board at the earliest opportunity. Director Camacho **MOVED** to approve the frame selection and Co-Chair Valdivia **SECONDED**.

#### 10. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

PROGRAMS: Need to meet re: Fall Sports

PERSONNEL: Need to meet re: Cyber Policy, other matters

FACILITY ACQUISITION AND DEVELOPMENT: No report

BUDGET AND FINANCE: Met multiple times with budget preparation.

SAFETY: Need to meet re: Safety tour with Consultant

AD-HOC: Groundbreaking Ceremony – Directors Rodríguez and Salinas

AD-HOC: Wonderful Company Fund – Jed Hwang wants to meet with the committee.

AD-HOC: Naming Rights – Need to meet on Naming Rights Brochure

#### 11. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Chair Salinas commented that Tennis Camp has been a blast, noting that Skylar helped him add additional staff, so each small group has their own instructor. He added that because of the extreme heat conditions they have moved back the time of training and are trying to keep kids on the most shaded courts. The numbers have been increasing as some kids who were playing baseball showed up after the season ended.

No other Board Member reports.

12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: Mascot, Naming Rights (need to program a special meeting), Office Computer Purchase, Park Takeover Report, CSC Update, CSC Groundbreaking

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION: No executive session held.

14. ADJOURNMENT: Chair Salinas adjourned the meeting at 8:44 pm.

APPROVED ON THIS DAY: August 20, 2024

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE: Board Chair

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

