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W.C. Walker Senior Center
505 Sunset Avenue, Shafter, CA 93263
September 8, 2026

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Salinas called the Regular Board Meeting of the Shafter Recreation & Park District (SRPD) to order at 6:08 pm.

2. FLAG SALUTE AND INVOCATION:

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

3. ROLL CALL:

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Jorge López
Gary Rodríguez
Cristina Camacho
Nelson Salinas

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Amando Chávez

4. POSTING OF THE AGENDA:

The agenda was posted on Friday, September 4th, 2026, at 6:00 pm.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS: No public comments.

6. CONSENT AGENDA:

Director López **MOVED** to approve the Consent Agenda except for Item C. Co-Chair Camacho **SECONDED**.

AYES 4 (Rodríguez, López, Camacho, Salinas)

NAYS 0

ABSENT 1

ABSTAIN 0

MOTION CARRIED

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. MIOCAR CONTRACT – **INFORMATION/ACTION ITEM**

Mr. Jimenez presented the finalized Miocar Contract for Board Approval. After discussion, the Board decided to table this item to allow for more detailed review of the contract. **NO ACTION TAKEN.**

B. NOR PROPOSAL NEGOTIATION UPDATE – **INFORMATION/ACTION ITEM**

The item was tabled for discussion at a future meeting. (Gov. Code 54956.8)

C. DISTRICT MANAGER CONTRACT – **INFORMATION/ACTION ITEM**

Item tabled for discussion in closed session. (Gov. Code 54957(b)(1))

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. WCW TREE REMOVAL BIDS – **INFORMATION/ACTION ITEM**

Mr. Jimenez requested that Mr. Cardenas present the bids for removal of a tree on the W.C. Walker Senior Center property, which has become unstable after a water leak in the area. After questions and discussion, Co-Chair Camacho moved to accept the bid from Alspaw Tree Service for \$2375 including trimming and shaping of the other four trees on the property and the removal of the tree on the southwest corner of the property along with its stump. Director Rodríguez **SECONDED.**

AYES 4 (Rodríguez, López, Camacho, Salinas)

NAYS 0

ABSENT 1

ABSTAIN 0

MOTION CARRIED

B. WCW ROOF REPAIR BIDS – **INFORMATION/ACTION ITEM**

Mr. Cardenas noted that because of predicted heavy rains, the roof repair was authorized on an emergency basis to prevent increased damage and a more expensive repair. Chair Salinas recommended that staff seek bids for a more comprehensive treatment of any current or future roof issues to avoid a series of small repairs that could potentially cost more. **NO ACTION TAKEN.**

C. WCW FRONT DOOR REPLACEMENT BIDS – **INFORMATION/ACTION ITEM**

Mr. Cardenas presented bids to replace the front doors at the W.C. Walker Senior Center noting that one company highlighted the need for an ADA-related button, which automatically opened the door, on the inside of the building as well as the outside and included this item in their bid. The Board recommended that staff seek bids that include this feature from the other bidders to create an apples-to-apples comparison. Chair Salinas also recommended looking into lighter-weight doors that open both ways to avoid the necessity of either button for automatic entry. **NO ACTION TAKEN.**

9. STAFF REPORTS

DISTRICT MANAGER: Mr. Jimenez reported on meetings he attended including Caltrans District 6, Shafter Community Collaborative, HundredX Fundraising, CPRS District 15 & 7, Valley Strong Building Bridges Financial Resource Summit, and the RSD CCSPP CAC meetings. He noted that Volleyball finished a successful season with a tournament, 14u and 11u All-Star games and a Staff vs. Coach challenge. He added that both Cross Country and Soccer practices are now underway with meets and games to begin on September 12th. The activities team hosted a Movie in the Park at the Gossamer Grove Market Night on August 21st and participated in the September First Friday event downtown. He reminded everyone that Jr NBA Basketball registrations will begin on October 5th and continue through the month of November.

PROGRAM COORDINATOR: Mr. Ballengee was absent due to illness.

SCHOOL PROGRAMS & COMMUNITY LIAISON: Ms. Root shared videos and a report of the Summer Park Takeovers and Movie Nights. She noted that the Kern Healthy Family grant for adult fitness has been renewed and highlighted strong attendance gains after a year of classes. For example, KFH classes had a total of 220 participants in August of 2025 and 830 participants in August of 2026. She noted that the KFH-sponsored program will also include health and nutrition sessions beginning this year. She also highlighted exciting training

events her staff attended, including an opportunity to meet and learn from Beto Perez, the CEO of Zumba.

MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR: Mr. Cardenas reviewed his efforts to survey current maintenance needs and begin to address immediate issues at the Senior Center, the Office and with SRPD vehicles. He has also been working to reduce costs for janitorial supplies and seeking bids for repair and safety projects for the Senior Center as well as cleaning and streamlining storage at the office garage.

FUNDRAISING/MARKETING COORDINATOR: Mr. Trujillo reported on meetings with potential donors, networking at the Valley Strong event and work on creating parameters for the creation of a Fundraising Advisory Committee. He also met with a representative from Congressman Valadao's office learning about best practices for future federal funds requests. He has also been preparing for the upcoming Town Hall meeting to be held on September 17th.

746 SPORTS FOUNDATION: No report.

CONSULTANT: Mr. Garcia noted that a meeting is scheduled for 11:00 tomorrow with Eleanor, who is Alondra's right-hand support at TWC, with the hope that she will be able to connect us with other corporate donors. In response to Board questions, he noted that the completion of the park should take about four months once the funds are in place to do so. He added that we are still waiting on the final grant LWCF grant contract but that the amount has been increased from \$908K to \$1.7 million. He is also awaiting final bids for solar, a back-up generator and parking-lot paving from at least three bidders in connection with the WCW HUD grant. He has submitted a \$50K grant proposal to TWC for the coming year and continues to work on SPP Prop 68 grant funding opportunities for Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the complex.

10. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

PROGRAMS: Directors Chavez and Rodríguez

PERSONNEL: Directors Camacho and Chavez

FACILITY ACQUISITION AND DEVELOPMENT: Directors Lopez and Rodríguez

BUDGET AND FINANCE: Directors Camacho and Lopez

SAFETY: Directors Chavez and Rodríguez

746 Sports Foundation: Directors Camacho and Lopez

AD-HOC: Wonderful Company Fund – Directors Camacho and Lopez

AD-HOC: Ordiz-Melby Contract Addendum – Directors Camacho and Rodríguez

11. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Chair Salinas spoke about his visit to the adult fitness and senior adult programs at the WCW and asked about additional field trips and the possibility of making more room for fitness classes using the parking lot.

Co-Chair Camacho suggested an adopt-a-senior program to fund additional field trips. She also requested that Board Members receive packets at least a week in advance.

Director Rodriguez requested that Budget reports be included as an agenda item in Regular Board Meetings.

12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: Complex Business Plan, Miocar Contract, Updated bids on roof replacement and solar.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Board went into Executive Session at 9:00 pm. They returned at 10:39 pm with nothing to report.
14. ADJOURNMENT: Chair Salinas adjourned the meeting at 10:40 pm.