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

February 27, 2024

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Regular Board Meeting of the Shafter Recreation & Park District (SRPD) was called to order at 6:04 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

Cristina Camacho
Gary Rodríguez
Nelson Salinas

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Amando Chávez
Fortino Valdivia

4. POSTING OF THE AGENDA:

The posting of the agenda was declared on Friday, February 23rd, 2024, at 6:00 pm.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No public comments.

6. CONSENT AGENDA:

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

AYES 3 (Camacho, Rodríguez, Salinas)

NAYS 0

ABSENT 2

ABSTAIN 0

MOTION CARRIED

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. VOTING DISTRICTS – **INFORMATION/ACTION ITEM**

Mr. Jimenez recommended adoption of mapping for SRPD voting districts. Director Rodríguez **MOVED** to approve the SRPD Voting District Maps and Director Camacho **SECONDED**.

AYES 3 (Camacho, Rodríguez, Salinas)

NAYS 0

ABSENT 2
ABSTAIN 0
MOTION CARRIED

B. VOTING DISTRICTS ELECTION SCHEDULE – INFORMATION/ACTION ITEM

Chair Salinas opened the second public hearing on the proposed election schedule for SRPD voting districts at 6:12 pm. He clarified that Districts 1, 3 and 5 would be up for election in 2024 and Districts 2 and 4 would be up for election in 2026 and then would continue in that pattern every four years in future elections.

An unidentified community member asked if the final district maps were the same as the ones presented as draft plan B in previous meetings and the Board confirmed this as correct. Mr. Rafael Zamudio asked what happens if no one runs in a district. SRPD Legal Counsel, Mr. Jacob Thomasy, said in that case the Board could then appoint a Board Member, but only someone who lives and is registered in the unrepresented district. Director Camacho asked what would happen if in the appointment process, no one from that district applied. Mr. Thomasy replied that the Board would need to actively recruit a resident of that district.

There were no further comments or questions. The public hearing was closed at 6:16 pm. Director Camacho **MOVED** to approve the SRPD District Election Schedule and Chair Salinas **SECONDED**.

AYES 3 (Camacho, Rodríguez, Salinas)

NAYS 0

ABSENT 2

ABSTAIN 0

MOTION CARRIED

C. CSC UPDATE – INFORMATION/ACTION ITEM

Joey Zasoski of Ordiz & Melby (O&M) gave an update on the CSC plans and schedule. He noted that the water issues were resolved, and that O&M had the plans for pumping the water to the CSC drawn, even though the final agreement with Sills Farm was in progress. He noted that progress with City approval was hampered because the employee assigned to check the CSC plans was no longer with the City of Shafter. The City informed us of this in December and assigned a new plan checker. The new checker had requested a parking study with concern for times when there were overlapping events in the various sports venues. He noted that this issue should be resolved in March. He also noted that the City was allowing us to work with deferred approval on the buildings in the plans. When asked about groundbreaking dates, he noted that July was possible, but that he could not commit to a date until the plans received final approval from the City of Shafter. **NO ACTION TAKEN.**

D. DISTRICT MANAGER EVALUATION/CONTRACT – INFORMATION/ACTION ITEM

Discussion of details for District Manager's upcoming evaluation/contract (Gov. Code 54957(b)(1)) Tabled for discussion in Executive Session.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. GROUNDBREAKING ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT –
INFORMATION/ACTION ITEM

Mr. Jimenez noted that staff member Mrs. Rosie Villagomez was available to assist with administrative support for the CSC groundbreaking. **NO ACTION TAKEN.**

9. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

Before beginning Board reports, Mr. Jimenez informed the board that SRPD had nominated staff member Maria “Maru” Martinez for the Chamber of Commerce Health Award, and she was selected to receive the award. He noted that SRPD has a table reserved for the awards dinner on March 14th at the Ford Theater so it was important for board members to let staff know if they will attend.

Director Rodriguez commented that he and Directors Camacho and Chavez attended the SDLA Conference, which allowed great networking opportunities. He added that as a returning attendee, he focused on financial issues for districts and was looking forward to updating some of SRPD’s policies.

Director Camacho had nothing to report.

Chair Salinas noted that he had recently met with the Programs Committee along with Director Chavez and Skylar Garcia. He gave kudos to Skylar for doing a great job and said he hoped that Skylar would be at Board meetings whenever possible.

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

SRPD Mascot, Driver Safety Policy, Walker Center Door Replacement, ADP update, FY23-24 2nd Quarter Budget vs. Actuals, Board Retreat, Naming Rights Brochure, CSC Groundbreaking Date

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Discuss District Manager’s Annual Evaluation/Contract (Gov. Code 54957(b)(1)) The Board went into Executive Session at 6:31 pm and came out at 7:38 pm with nothing to report.

12. ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Salinas adjourned the meeting at 7:39 pm