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

September 26, 2022

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Special Board Meeting of the Shafter Recreation & Park District (SRPD) was called to order at 5:03 pm by Director Rodríguez.

2. FLAG SALUTE AND INVOCATION:

Director Rodríguez led the flag salute and District Manager Jimenez led the invocation and asked for a moment of silence in honor of Board Member Antoinette Johnston who passed away on Sunday, September 11, 2022.

3. ROLL CALL:

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Gary Rodríguez
Lorena Ayón
Nelson Salinas

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

None

4. POSTING OF THE AGENDA:

The posting of the agenda was declared on Friday, September 23rd, 2022, at 5:00 pm

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS: No public comments.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Director Salinas **MOVED** to approve the Consent Agenda. Director Ayón **SECONDED**.

AYES 3 (Ayón, Salinas, Rodríguez)

NAYS 0

ABSENT 0

ABSTAIN 0

MOTION CARRIED

7. STAFF AND CONSULTANT PRESENTATIONS:

DISTRICT MANAGER: Mr. Jimenez gave his monthly report.

INTERIM PROGRAM COORDINATOR: Samantha Cabrera gave her monthly report.

746 SPORTS FOUNDATION: Mr. Jimenez reported that the Foundation is still in need of additional board members, especially a board secretary.

CONSULTANT: Grant Writer/Administrator Gilbert Garcia's report was deferred until his arrival.

8. OLD BUSINESS

A. BOARD VACANCY – **INFORMATION/ACTION ITEM** (Mr. Jimenez) Mr.

Jimenez presented Mr. Fortino Valdivia, who applied for SRPD's vacant board

position. Mr. Valdivia shared his professional and youth-sports related experience. (California Government Code Section 1780) **NO ACTION TAKEN.**

- B. **BOARD VACANCY APPOINTMENT -- INFORMATION/ACTION ITEM** (Mr. Jimenez) Mr. Jimenez recommended the appointment of Mr. Fortino Valdivia as a Director of the SRPD board. (California Government Code Section 1780) Director Salinas **MOVED** to appoint Mr. Valdivia as an SRPD Director. Director Ayón **SECONDED** the motion.

AYES 3 (Ayón, Salinas, Rodríguez)

NAYS 0

ABSENT 0

ABSTAIN 0

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Valdivia took the oath of office as an SRPD Director.

- C. **BOARD RETREAT/SRPD MASTER PLAN – INFORMATION/ACTION ITEM** (Mr. Jimenez) – Mr. Jimenez presented Mr. Rauch’s request for dates in October or November for sessions to take place over two consecutive days. Board members agreed that November 11-12 were possible meeting dates and should be submitted to Mr. Rauch for his consideration. **NO ACTION TAKEN.**

Director Ayon left the meeting at 5:57 pm.

- D. **PROGRAM COORDINATOR POSITION – INFORMATION/ACTION ITEM** (Mr. Jimenez) Mr. Jimenez gave an update on the vacant Program Coordinator position. After some discussion, the matter was referred to the Personnel committee. **NO ACTION TAKEN.**
- E. **SRPD CSC UPDATE – INFORMATION/ACTION ITEM** (Mr. Jimenez) Jeanie Bertolaccini of Ordiz & Melby gave an update on timeline for the completion of the CSC. **NO ACTION TAKEN.**
- F. **SRPD CSC GROUNDBREAKING – INFORMATION/ACTION ITEM** (Mr. Jimenez) Mr. Jimenez noted that the groundbreaking will is scheduled for February of 2023. Chairman Rodriguez suggested involving youth sports participants and adding a bike parade to the festivities. It was also suggested that sponsors be involved. **NO ACTION TAKEN.**

Consultant: At this time, Gilbert Garcia gave his report including an update on the SPP grant and noting the submission of grants with Dignity Health and The Wonderful Company. He also commented on the importance of community buy-in through personal involvement of the CSC beginning with the construction phase in conjunction with the California Conservation Corps’ installation of the irrigation system.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **SPONSOR FORM UPDATE – INFORMATION/ACTION ITEM** (Mr. Jimenez) Mr. Jimenez presented updates to the Sponsor Form to be implemented in 2023

including new sponsor prices. Board members suggested additional forms of sponsor recognition. Item tabled for next board meeting. **NO ACTION TAKEN.**

B. SPONSOR LIST REVIEW – INFORMATION/ACTION ITEM (Mr. Jimenez)

Review of current youth sport program sponsors. Director Salinas suggested using video testimonials from current sponsors to market to potential sponsors. Thank-you videos to sponsors from players to be posted on social media were also suggested. Item tabled for next board meeting. **NO ACTION TAKEN.**

C. BOARD COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS – INFORMATION/ACTION ITEM

Chairman Rodriguez reviewed the duties of each of the standing board committees. He added Director Valdivia to the Budget Committee.

10. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PROGRAMS: Did not meet.

PERSONNEL: Did not meet.

FACILITY ACQUISITION AND DEVELOPMENT: Did not meet.

BUDGET AND FINANCE: Did not meet.

SAFETY: Did not meet.

AD-HOC Groundbreaking Ceremony: Did not meet.

AD-HOC RSD MOU Committee: Directors Ayon and Salinas are preparing for an upcoming joint meeting with RSD representatives.

11. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

Chairman Rodriguez reported that he attended the Shafter Striders Cross Country meet in Wasco. He was impressed with the team and parent participation. He asked about the possibility of organizing or providing snacks to the team, especially the older kids who race last.

Director Salinas reported on the CSDA conference he attended. He noted that it was a good introduction to his responsibilities as a Board Member and he enjoyed the times of dialogue with other attendees.

Director Valdivia noted that in his work with the Shafter Commanders, his leadership responsibilities have sometimes limited his interaction with the kids in the program. He said that he wants to be careful to keep a balance and not lose the enjoyment of seeing young people grow through youth sports.

12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

SRPD CSC Update

Board Retreat/SRPD Master Plan

CSC Groundbreaking

Sponsor Form Update

Sponsor List Update

Report on Board Member required training – Brown Act, Ethics Training, Sexual Harassment Prevention

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION: No executive session.

14. ADJOURNMENT: Chairman Rodriguez adjourned the meeting at 7:47 pm.