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

March 28, 2022

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Special Board Meeting of the Shafter Recreation & Park District (SRPD) was called to order at 5:00 pm by Director Rodriguez.

2. FLAG SALUTE AND INVOCATION:

Director Rodriguez led the flag salute and District Manager Jimenez led the invocation.

3. ROLL CALL:

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Gary Rodríguez  
Brent Cummings  
Johnny Yanez  
Lorena Ayon

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Antoinette Johnston

4. POSTING OF THE AGENDA:

The posting of the agenda was declared on Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS: No public comments.

6. CONSENT OF THE AGENDA- **ACTION ITEM**

Director Cummings **MOVED** to approve the Consent Agenda and Director Yanez **SECONDED** the motion.

AYES 4 (Ayon, Yanez, Cummings, Rodríguez)

NAYS 0

ABSENT 1

ABSTAIN 0

**MOTION CARRIED**

7. OLD BUSINESS:

A. SRPD COMMUNITY SPORTS COMPLEX (CSC) Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) Update – **INFORMATION/ACTION ITEM** (Mr. Jimenez) Mr. Jimenez mentioned two action plans. Plan A, to update the traffic study done by Rutgers and Schultz, Civil Engineers, to include the settlement agreement between the High-Speed Rail Project and the City of Shafter at a cost of \$1700-\$2000. Plan B would be to pay the 15.64% or \$90,000 now to avoid further delays and continue discussions with the City. Mr. Garcia noted that according to the timeline that Ordiz & Melby will be presenting, even with the two to three weeks to revise the report and allowing up to eight weeks for the Planning Commission to sign off on the revised MND, there would be no cause for construction delays.

Director Ayon **MOVED** to go ahead with a revised traffic study with a cost not to exceed \$2000. Director Yanez **SECONDED** the motion.

AYES 4 (Ayon, Yanez, Cummings, Rodríguez)

NAYS 0

ABSENT 1

ABSTAIN 0

**MOTION CARRIED**

- B. **SRPD CSC REVISED TIMELINE – INFORMATION/ACTION ITEM** (Mr. Jimenez) Mr. Jimenez presented Joseph Zasoki and Jeanie Bertolaccini from Ordiz & Melby to present the revised construction timeline for the SRPD CSC with a park opening date scheduled for July of 2023.
- C. **SRPD CSC 3D Renderings – INFORMATION/ACTION ITEM** (Mr. Jimenez) Mr. Zasoki of Ordiz & Melby shared the “flyover” virtual tour of the Complex Chairman Rodriguez noted the importance of keeping all notation of the Complex consistent as the Shafter Recreation & Park District Community Sports Complex. He also expressed concern about the proximity of the batting cages to the spectator stands because of safety concerns. Director Yanez mentioned shade concerns since the trees shown in the renderings are mature trees and it will take years for the trees planted in the new park to render that level of shade. Mr. Garcia said that twenty-one types of shade structures for the park have been identified to take care of this problem and that this is one of the areas that we will be reaching out to major sponsors to help fund. Director Yanez encouraged the team to plan for these before foundations are poured, especially in playground areas. The Board requested that Mr. Jimenez forward them a copy of the virtual tour. **NO ACTION TAKEN**
- D. **RPD CSC PHASE I BUDGET – INFORMATION/ACTION ITEM** (Mr. Jimenez) Mr. Jimenez presented the Phase I budget for the CSC. Mr. Garcia noted that although the Phase I budget is slightly higher than the awarded \$8.5 million, SRPD has also received a Per Capita Grant of \$197,000. Chairman Rodriguez asked about soft costs or equipment expenses the use of the CSC’s amenities may incur for SRPD. Mr. Garcia noted that most amenities were negotiated with equipment included. He also noted that the one potential shortfall was on the budget for the Complex lighting, but that these costs could be potentially made up by savings from the MUGA, the design, potentially the general contractor and even cuts on the lighting plan, which is currently more extensive than is strictly necessary. He also noted the potential for sponsorships and donations totaling anywhere from \$1,000,000 to \$8,000,000. **NO ACTION TAKEN**
- E. **SRPD CSC SPONSORS – INFORMATION/ACTION ITEM** (Mr. Jimenez) Mr. Jimenez and Mr. Garcia shared an updated Sponsor Brochure with specific amenities and recommended amounts. Mr. Garcia asked that the Board review these numbers and recommend any changes needed. Chairman Rodriguez noted that money must be set aside for maintenance and that future budgets will have to have money saved and designated for specific areas of the park. Mr. Garcia spoke of an operational maintenance budget as well as support funding that extends at least two years ahead to cover for potential lean years. Director Ayon noted that it was better to ask for higher amounts initially. There was a discussion about the two kinds of funding: Naming Rights and Sponsorships and how each could bring in needed funds.

Chairman Rodriguez noted that decisions should be made about how monies brought in will be allocated between added amenities, maintenance and future support. Director Yanez noted that with signage for naming entities or sponsors, it was important to use materials/signs that would be both durable and easy/inexpensive to change out. Mr. Jimenez recommended that this detailed discussion continue with the Facility Acquisition and Development committee. Chairman Rodriguez noted that a dedicated person might be needed to focus on the fundraising campaign. He requested the preparation of a slide show for the Facility Acquisition and Development Committee meeting in the second week of April. **NO ACTION TAKEN**

**F. BUSINESS PLAN/SUSTAINABILITY – INFORMATION/ACTION ITEM**

(Mr. Jimenez) Mr. Jimenez presented the operations budget for the CSC. The board requested clarification on how future operations costs were derived. Chairman Rodriguez also noted that what he is looking for in a Business/Sustainability Plan is specifics including the number of given events and their potential revenues. Mr. Garcia noted that advertising might also positively impact sustainability. Chairman Rodriguez also requested that for the next Special meeting regarding the Complex, the rendering be updated with all details included. **NO ACTION TAKEN**

**G. DISTRICT MANAGER EVALUATION – INFORMATION/ACTION ITEM**

(Chairman Rodriguez) Information regarding the District Manager's annual evaluation. (Gov. Code 54957 (b) (1))

**8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Timeline-Keep in packets as addendum  
Sponsor Approval Form

**9. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Discuss District Manager's Annual Evaluation (Gov. Code 54957 (b) (1))**

Board went into Executive Session at 6:35 pm and came out of Executive Session at 6:57.  
**NO ACTION TAKEN**

**10. ADJOURNMENT: Director Rodriguez adjourned the meeting at 6:59 pm.**

