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

May 14, 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

Amando Chávez  
Cristina Camacho  
Nelson Salinas

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Gary Rodríguez  
Fortino Valdivia

4. POSTING OF THE AGENDA:

The posting of the agenda was declared on Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 6:00 pm.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Guillermo Gonzales, from the office of Congressman David Valadao, presented certificates of recognition to Shafter Recreation & Park District for 40 years of youth baseball programs from the California Assembly, the U.S. Congress and the U.S. Senate and apologized for missing the PONY Opening Day ceremonies on May 11<sup>th</sup>. He noted that “as someone who played sports, I want you to know how much we appreciate what you do.”

6. CONSENT AGENDA:

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

AYES 3 (Chávez, Camacho, Salinas)

NAYS 0

ABSENT 2

ABSTAIN 0

**MOTION CARRIED**

7. STAFF AND CONSULTANT PRESENTATIONS:

**District Manager Jimenez** reported on recent Senior Adult Program special activities including being program headliners at the National Park Week Celebration at the Chavez National Monument on April 26th, winners of the 5 de Mayo parade First Place Trophy with a encore performance at Mannel Park and part of the program at the festival at St. Teresa's on April 7th. He also noted that they attended a classical concert in Bakersfield on April 28th and were scheduled to participate in the ADAKC Senior Prom on May 17th. A Mother's Day Celebration was held on May 8th, with food, desserts and gifts for the mothers.

In other program news, the Park Takeovers program begins on June 10th with activities in different City of Shafter parks on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays through mid-July. The program is working in partnership with the Shafter Learning Center, which will be promoting reading and other learning opportunities. Mr. Jimenez noted that presentations on the history of Baseball/Softball in Shafter were given to the Lions and Kiwanis Clubs. He informed the Board about design meetings for the CSC buildings and noted that the Facilities Committee will be meeting to review the detailed plans.

He added that SRPD's After-School Programs at RSD and Grow Academy continue to thrive and that he continues to build relationships with other area schools. He noted that we will be participating in RSD Resource Fair on May 17th and the next week he will be attending a meeting in the Mexican Colony. He also noted that the Cares grant team came out for a site visit of the CSC in connection with a grant that will assist with road development around the complex and that they are interested in SRPD submitting additional projects.

**Program Coordinator Garcia** noted that the NFL Flag Football season ended with an All-Star Game called the "Pro-Bowl" on March 30th and noted that the feedback on the program was great, but that parents and coaches are asking for us to extend the program by another week or two. He added that new Recreation Leader Johnny Balderas was at the game and with his collegiate football experience can be a great asset to the program.

He added that PONY held opening day ceremonies on May 11th and began games on Monday, May 13th, to great attendance. John Hill and Rosa Romero threw out the first pitches, representing our school partnerships in Shafter and activities like a Dunk Tank and a craft and food vendor fair were added. He mentioned that we have 533 kids enrolled and we look to top 600 in future years. Mr. Garcia informed the Board that the new MLB-licensed uniforms are great without increasing uniform costs. He noted that while the baseball uniforms are based on MLB, the softball uniforms reflect great collegiate programs. Additional caps and visors were ordered that will be on sale to parents as fan gear. The Pitch, Hit and Run competition will take place on Saturday, May 18th.

Mr. Garcia reminded the Board that Volleyball registrations are currently underway through June 7th, and we are looking to use collegiate teams for those uniforms as well. He added that he plans to use staff member Rosie Villagomez for a skills clinic. Tennis Camp registrations also began on May 6th and will run through June 14th. We are

working with Abraham Martinez Maldonado who taught in the program last summer to finalize dates.

Mr. Jimenez reported on the **746 Foundation's** first time participating in Give Big Kern, the Foundation Board's plan to meet on May 15th and that the Camacho's were handling the required tax reports for the Foundation and then turned the report over to Director Camacho who noted that the Foundation was looking into providing raffle prizes for upcoming sports to increase visibility. She also asked about SRPD's media list and how we generate publicity. Mr. Jimenez noted that we will now have a photo booth with 746 Sports Foundation and SRPD logos for use at all events. He added that the Foundation is still seeking an additional member representing the community.

**Grant Writer Garcia** attended the meeting virtually and noted the ongoing efforts to get the advance on the grant, but that finalizing contracts for the buildings and the lighting are the holdup. He noted that because of bid increases from Public Restrooms (almost doubled at \$2.5 million), they went back to other bidders. Romtec bid 1.9 million, but some needed design changes should make the bid about \$2 million. Public Works is also reworking their bid, so he expected to have a recommendation for the board soon. He noted continued meetings with Musco and changes to lower costs and improve the lighting for the CSC.

He mentioned the site visit for the \$900K LWCF (CARES) Grant and noted that they are very open to a second request for parking lots and remaining road additions. The Wonderful Company is drafting the contract for \$2.5 million, which should be the same as previous drafts except for the increase, which includes funds for the LWCF matching grant. He also spoke about the CDBG grant for roads surrounding the park, noting that SPP funds can't be used outside the physical boundaries of the park. He added that these are funds with no matching requirement, and they will do the bidding. Our request is for about \$600K. Mr. Garcia noted that he is working on the grant request for the Walker Center for the parking lot and solar panels and will be attending a workshop for the document requirements. He noted that this is also CDBG funding.

When asked about the groundbreaking timeline, he said that we are still projecting for July, but are still waiting for clearance from the City of Shafter. He added that the RFP for a Construction Contractor was in progress and noted that he would be discussing with the Facilities Committee the two options for completing the CSC, using a Construction Manager or a Contractor, and the advantages of each option.

He noted that Board members should already have received revised versions of the Naming Rights Brochure and that we need to develop marketing materials before the groundbreaking.

## 8. OLD BUSINESS

### A. SRPD MASCOT – **INFORMATION/ACTION ITEM**

Angel Serrano reported on the community survey for the mascot. The "Cadet" received the highest number of votes. The "Cadet" received the highest number of votes.

Director Camacho **MOVED** to accept the Cadet as the official SRPD mascot and Director Chavez **SECONDED**.

AYES 3 (Chávez, Camacho, Salinas)

NAYS 0

ABSENT 2

ABSTAIN 0

**MOTION CARRIED**

**B. ADP UPDATE – INFORMATION/ACTION ITEM**

Mr. Jimenez gave an update on ADP payroll services noting that the interface issues between ADP and our accounting software were now resolved. Director Camacho noted that she and her husband were now available to assist with moving from Quickbook Desktop to Quickbook Online and set up a meeting time with Ms. Chambers for Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup>. **NO ACTION TAKEN.**

**C. BOARD TRAINING/REPORTS – INFORMATION/ACTION ITEM**

Mr. Jimenez reminded Board members to complete required Board training and be sure Ms. Chambers has their 2024 700 Reports on file. **NO ACTION TAKEN.**

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

Item tabled for a future meeting with more Board Members present.

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. A3 PROGRAM REVIEW – INFORMATION/ACTION ITEM**

Kalli Beckwith of A3 Sports & Wellness reviewed the current program noting that morning sessions were added in May of 2023. She noted the current enrollment of around 60 participants. Chair Salinas asked how the program's influence could be increased. She mentioned a bilingual remote program developed by Coach Carlos for the A3 app and noted that all registered participants have access to the platform and this program. She also noted that digital ads could be helpful in reaching more of the community. A QR Code to make signing up for A3 easier was discussed. a reminding Board Members of and Review of A3 participation and potential for use with skill development. The Board referred the issues to the Program Committee. **NO ACTION TAKEN.**

**B. RESOLUTION LETTER -SJVAPCD GRANT– INFORMATION/ACTION ITEM**

Mr. Jimenez presented a Resolution Letter authorizing a SJVAPCD Grant for Utility Carts for Board approval. Director Camacho **MOVED** to approve the Resolution and Director Chavez **SECONDED**.

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C. FY24-25 PROPOSED BUDGET – **INFORMATION/ACTION ITEM**

Mr. Jimenez presented the FY24-25 Proposed Budget for review by the Board. **NO ACTION TAKEN.**

D. RECREATION LEADER LEVELS – **INFORMATION/ACTION ITEM**

Mr. Jimenez presented a plan to improve retention for Recreation Leaders with the addition of levels I, II and III and a new pay scale for Board approval. Director Camacho **MOVED** to accept the new job position levels and pay scale and Director Chavez **SECONDED**.

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E. 2024 JR NBA BVA– **INFORMATION/ACTION ITEM**

Mr. Jimenez reviewed the 2024 Jr NBA Budget vs. Actuals. There was discussion of rising staffing, uniforms and other costs and finding ways to cover these costs. **NO ACTION TAKEN.**

F. 2024 NFL FLAG FOOTBALL BVA – **INFORMATION/ACTION ITEM**

Mr. Jimenez reviewed the NFL Flag Football Budget vs. Actuals. **NO ACTION TAKEN.**

G. 2024 EGGSTRAVAGANZA BVA – **INFORMATION/ ACTION ITEM**

Mr. Jimenez reviewed the Eggstravaganza Budget vs. Actuals. **NO ACTION TAKEN.**

H. SPONSORSHIP UPDATE – **INFORMATION/ACTION ITEM**

Mr. Serrano reviewed new plans to track the sponsorship program. **NO ACTION TAKEN.**

10. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PROGRAMS: Needs to meet on A3

PERSONNEL: Met in April

FACILITY ACQUISITION AND DEVELOPMENT: Needs to meet on RFP and Buildings Contracts for CSC

BUDGET AND FINANCE: Has been meeting and is scheduled to meet on May 20 to finalize the FY24-25 Budget.

SAFETY: Has not met.

AD-HOC: Groundbreaking Ceremony – Need to meet re: Press Release for the Groundbreaking Ceremony

AD-HOC: Wonderful Company Fund – Planned to meet with Wonderful, need to finalize a time.

AD-HOC: Naming Rights – Need to meet on Naming Rights marketing materials.

AD-HOC: The Naming Rights Committee met to review the naming rights brochure and will meet again in the next few weeks at a time and date TBD. They will bring an update on the Naming Rights Brochure to the Board Retreat.

11. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

No Board Member reports.

12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

CSC Update, CSC Groundbreaking

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

No Executive Session held.

14. ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Salinas adjourned the meeting at 8:30 pm