

**April 10, 2012
Omak Park Board
Meeting Minutes**

Board Members and Staff Present

Billie Holden, Chair
Nattalie Cariker
Joe Lagrou – absent
Orlando Gonzales
Sarah Grooms - absent
Theresa Best, Encampment – absent

Connie Thomas, Deputy Clerk
Ralph Malone, City Administrator
Kurt Danison, Contract Planner
Todd McDaniel, Public Works Director
Mike Foth, Council Park Committee Chair
Leanne Whitener, Council Park Committee
Steve Clark, Council Park Committee

Call to Order

Chairwoman Holden called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. with a quorum of the Board present.

Approval of Minutes

Member Cariker moved, seconded by Member Gonzalez, to approve the February 22, 2012 special meeting minutes as written. Motion carried.

Civic League Park Bandshell Mural Update

Commissioner Cariker explained that Zachary Van Brunt from the Omak Chronicle will photograph the existing mural to preserve the image. The City crew will then clean the surface of the bandshell attempting to provide a smooth surface. The Art Camp led by Jodi Olson will then use a projector to trace out the mural and repaint the surface. They also discussed enhancing the mural by painting the trees up toward the ceiling of the bandshell. After the mural is painted, the City will improve the lighting in and around the facility. Councilmember Whitener asked about applying a coating over the mural that would make it easier to clean in the future. Commissioner Cariker said that had been discussed and they intend on using some type of coating.

Dalton Klessig Lighting Update

Public Works Director, Todd McDaniel shared pictures of lighting fixtures from a local company out of Wenatchee. They are similar to the carriage lights the board had chosen. He would like to use a local company in case he needs maintenance or parts. There was discussion about vandalism and whether to use the ballard lighting versus the pole lighting. The board directed Mr. McDaniel to obtain costs for both the ballard and pole lighting based on the fixtures they offer and he will report back to the board in May.

Eastside Park Redevelopment Plan

Contract Planner, Kurt Danison presented the park plan that was recommended to City Council by the Park Board. He also had the existing park plan. He suggested the board look at the old plan to ensure the new plan contained all the desired elements. He also displayed the design concepts proposed by the WSU students and suggested pieces could be incorporated into the new park plan. He suggested the Park Board prioritize the projects and said the changes will also affect the text in the Comprehensive Park and Recreation Plan, the Capital Facilities Plan and the six year action plan.

Commissioner Holden asked Bob Goodwin to introduce himself to the board. Mr. Goodwin stated that he was a past president of Rotary. He explained that Rotary had designated forty thousand dollars to be used for the Stampede Redevelopment Project. After the Stampede Development plan was scaled back due to cost, Rotary still wanted to donate the money toward enhancing the concourse. This past year, the Colville Tribe proposed the construction of a restroom shower facility in Eastside Park. Rotary gave twenty five thousand dollars of the allocated money to the City to pay for the water and sewer installation at this facility. The remainder was given to ORNAC to use toward improvements of the concourse. Mr. Goodwin talked about the design charette discussing the three elements the students were tasked with. They were asked to incorporate founders square, a path linking the Stampede with the Indian Encampment and explore symbols that provide a unified element between the Stampede and Encampment. The WSU students created several outstanding design concepts.

The group began to compare the two plans ensuring the walking trail was ADA accessible. They wanted to ensure that with any project the removal and improvements would be concurrently done as not to leave something unfinished for several months or years. It was determined the skate park would be a slab with steel structures rather than a bowl. The bowl would be more expensive to construct and would fill with water with the rain and snow and have to be pumped prior to use. The group wanted to see another restroom constructed on the west side of the park and they tasked the Public Works Director with finding an adequate place for a new RV dumping station. The Veterans Memorial was moved toward the Visitor's Information Center. Mayor Gagné through an email, asked Kurt to remind the board about creating an emergency access around the perimeter of the park. Second Street would be extended east which would require moving the soccer fields that were built on Second Street. With the emergency access road, the dog park may have to be relocated. The group reviewed the concepts done by the WSU students. The consensus was that founders square should be located at gate 2. It seems to be the meeting place as it's central to the ticket office and restroom facilities. Councilmember Clark envisioned an area with seating, flowers and a place to rest and reflect. The best path for the trail linking the Stampede and the Encampment would be just south of the Horseshoe Picnic Shelter. Mr. Goodwin asked if the board would like to see a structure along the trail designed by Smoker Marchand and if so where it

would be placed. Mr. Malone would like to see a piece of his art work just south of the Horseshoe Picnic Area which would be the half way mark on the trail.

Mr. Danison will have Tim Pecha produce the changes and bring it to the meeting next month. He suggested the board review the text and provide comments for changes.

With no other business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Thomas