

**February 22, 2012
Omak Park Board
Special Meeting Minutes**

Board Members and Staff Present

Billie Holden, Chair - absent

Nattalie Cariker

Joe Lagrou – absent

Orlando Gonzales

Sarah Grooms

Theresa Best, Encampment - absent

Connie Thomas, Deputy Clerk

Cindy Gagné, Mayor

Ralph Malone, City Administrator

Todd McDaniel, Public Works Director

Ken Mears, Asst. Public Works Director

Call to Order

Chairwoman Grooms called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. with a quorum of the Board present.

Approval of Minutes

Member Gonzales moved, seconded by Member Cariker, to approve the January 10, 2012 minutes as written. Motion carried.

Park Use Scheduling Meeting

Public Works Director, Todd McDaniel thanked everyone for coming. He said the parks will be operated as they have been in years past. He feels the sport groups can work out conflicts will field use amongst them. If there is no resolution to a conflict, he would step in to mediate. His department is currently constructing locking storage and a new counter for the concession stand located near the Ross McCormick Field. This will allow multiple groups to use the stand and be assured their inventory is safe. Assistant Public Works Director, Ken Mears asked if the groups could provide a game schedule when available. This will allow his department to mow fields prior to game days.

Public Workshop - Discuss changes in the February 1, 2010 Comprehensive Park & Recreation Plan

Contract Planner Kurt Danison presented the existing and the proposed park plan. He also suggested the audience review drawings that were received from students at Washington State University. Most of the drawings are specific to creating a Founders Square and connecting the Stampede Arena to the Encampment Area and Dance Pavilion. Mr. Danison said the Comprehensive Plan should reflect what you will be seeking funding for.

Mayor Gagné said she the proposed concept keeps the spirit of the quadraplex and she likes that. She suggested an access road around the perimeter to allow traffic to go in and out of the park. She has talked with members of the Colville Tribe and they support this idea. She also mentioned that we can't do without the Fitness Trail. The trail was constructed with volunteer time and money. If the Park Board recommends the proposed plan,

she suggested they consider contingencies. She would like the Fitness Trail to remain usable during construction.

Ralph commented on the drawings from the WSU students. He said the focus of the design charette was the link between the arena and encampment and how to bring those two attractions together.

Commissioner Cariker moved, seconded by Commissioner Grooms to recommend that City Council accept the revised plan with the contingency that the Fitness Trail remains usable during all phases of construction, the soccer fields will be adjusted to create an access road that will connect to Second Street and include ideas presented by the Washington State University Students. Motion carried.

Citizen Lisa True wanted to ensure Tribal Council was involved and Kurt Danison assured her this and all plans are sent to the Colville Tribe for comment. Deputy Clerk, Connie Thomas stated that Theresa Best, Encampment President was a representative that is an advisory to the Park Board. Mrs. True liked the idea of an access road that would eliminate the many roads currently in the park.

Citizen, Rick Duck talked about his thoughts on funding the proposed plan. As soon as the plan is approved he will begin seeking funding and volunteer labor. He will evaluate the phases as some phases will be more costly than others.

Civic League Park Bandshell

Commissioner Cariker talked with Jody Olson from Apple Hill Art Camp. They are going to meet and discuss if it's feasible to keep the pre-existing mural in the Bandshell. She will report their findings to the board at the March meeting.

Dalton Klessig Park

Public Works Director, Todd McDaniel is still researching the lighting for Dalton Klessig Park. He will get pricing and submit two proposals to the board in March.

Other Business

The Park Board has been discussing with the Public Works Department minor items they would like to have completed in the parks. Assistant Public Works Director, Ken Mears updated the board on these items. He will be replacing one swing belt seat on each swing set with a toddler half bucket seat with chain to accommodate the toddlers. As he mentioned, the locking storage and counter tops will be installed in the Ross McCormick Concession Stand before the sport season begins. He researched a Dog Pickup Station for Civic League Park. The cost for one station is \$100 and includes a case of bags. There was discussion about the cost of bags and if it made sense to install the station at that park and take the risk of passersby stealing bags. Mr. Mears will find out the actual cost and quantity for the replacement bags and report to the Park Board in March. He is also working on the placement of landscape boulders near the alley in Civic League Park. Commissioner Cariker has been trying to get some type of barrier in this area for several years. The landscape boulders will prevent vehicles from pulling up to the swings where children are playing.

Todd McDaniel met with the Tree Board and this year they are celebrating fifteen years as a board. They would like to commemorate this anniversary by planting fifteen trees on Arbor Day. They would like to plant Ponderosa Pines along the vendor area near the Stampede Arena. This location has an existing water line so care of the new trees will be minimal. These trees will provide shade in the future. Mr. Mears said Wal-Mart has offered to donate four to five trees for this event.

With no other business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Thomas