

**May 8, 2012
Omak Park Board
Meeting Minutes**

Board Members and Staff Present

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

Connie Thomas, Deputy Clerk
Todd McDaniel, Public Works Director
Cindy Gagné, Mayor
Lew Goebel, Councilmember

Call to Order

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

Approval of Minutes

Member Cariker moved, seconded by Member Grooms, to approve the April 10, 2012 meeting minutes as written. Motion carried.

Eastside Park Redevelopment Plan

Public Works Director, Todd McDaniel presented the revised site plan prepared by NW Land Surveying. He stated the plan did not show a restroom on the west side of the tennis courts as discussed in previous meetings. There was clarification about the Skate Park being moved and constructed as a cement slab rather than a sunken bowl. The Carnival area will be converted to a grass area to allow multi purpose use and reduce the need for dust abatement during Stampede. Mr. McDaniel explained to the group that he has two tasks. The first is to determine the desired location for the dog park and the other is the placement of Founder Square. Councilmember Goebel has been working the last couple of years to find funds to build a dog park. After he retires in June, he plans to devote his time to raising funds to construct a dog park and to move the Veterans Memorial from the current location to the entrance of the park. He wanted to express his concern regarding the dog park. He said the location of the dog park has been moved several times. He would like the board to recommend a permanent placement so he can move forward with drafting plans and obtaining funds. After much discussion, the best location was thought to be near the Robbins Little League Field. Mr. McDaniel will meet with Councilmember Goebel in the morning to measure the location.

Mr. McDaniel displayed the design concepts received from the Landscape Architecture students at Washington State University. Using post it notes, he asked that everyone make notes on each design. After the exercise was done, he focused the group on the information needed to complete the site plan. There was a lot of discussion about the aesthetics but this was something that would be determined later. At this time he asked the Commissioner's to choose the site for Founders Square and the direction the pathway would flow to encampment. The

consensus was that Founders Square should be located at gate two near the ticket office with a pathway toward encampment flowing near the Horseshoe Picnic Shelter.

With no other business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Thomas