

**March 8, 2016
Omak Park Board
Meeting Minutes**

Board Members and Staff Present

Billie Holden, Chair
Michele Gaines
Orlando Gonzalez
Nick Popelier

Sarah Grooms-absent
Cindy Gagné, Mayor
Todd McDaniel, City Administrator
Connie Thomas, City Clerk

Call to Order

Chairwoman Holden called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. with a quorum of the Board present.

Approval of Minutes

Member Popelier moved, seconded by Member Gonzalez to approve the meeting minutes from September 15, 2015. Motion carried.

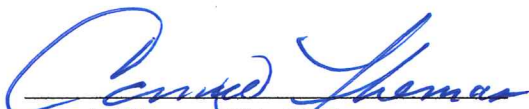
ORNAC (Omak Rodeo and Native American Center-Presentation

Mayor Cindy Gagné a member of ORNAC shared the Stampede Promenade Concept Design with the Park Board and members of the community. She explained that ORNAC has been working on this design for several years. ORNAC would like to generate new life and enthusiasm to be able to implement the design. Currently, ORNAC has an estimated \$16,000 earmarked for this project. The design includes a pathway that will connect the Stampede and the Encampment. Along the pathway will be interpretive signs and lighting. Midway will be a roundabout and within that roundabout a sculpture. The plan also includes restroom facilities

Eastside Park Softball Field Improvements

Member Popelier who is also the Athletic Director at the Omak High School told the board that both the Shirley Bowden and Stephie Softball fields are in need of work. He has met with the Omak School Board and they are willing to help with the improvements. Member Popelier said the infields need a lot of soil to bring the level of the infield up to the level of the outfield. If the City will allow, the Omak School Board would be willing to have soil brought in. He also mentioned that the fences are in bad shape and the School Board is willing to help with replacement or repairs. Mr. McDaniel said that the city would allow the topsoil and felt that the fencing could be stretched to provide a temporary fix. He encouraged Mr. Popelier to contact the other organizations that use those fields so they can participate with labor, donations and if needed, money. Mr. McDaniel told the board that Okanogan is implementing a park and recreation program and he will be watching how that program works for their community.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:33pm


Connie Thomas, City Clerk