

**CITY OF SCAPPOOSE  
COMMUNITY FORUM  
AUGUST 2, 2010 AT 6:30 P.M.  
SCAPPOOSE, OREGON**

**Call to Order**

Mayor Burge called the Community Forum to order at 6:30 p.m.

**Flag Salute**

**Attendance:**

**City Council Members:**

Scott Burge	Mayor
Donna Gedlich	Councilor
Judie Ingham	Councilor
Larry P. Meres	Councilor
Art Heerwagen	Councilor
Jeff Erickson	Councilor

**Staff:**

Jon Hanken	City Manager
Norm Miller	Police Lieutenant
Susan Reeves	City Recorder

**Press:** Stover Harger Spotlight  
Amber Nobe Chronicle

**Excused:** Council President Bernhard and Legal Counsel

Mayor Burge explained tonight we are just going to have a town hall forum on the Pow Wow proposal. There are representatives from the Scappoose Boosters here this evening to answer any questions.

City Manager Hanken explained at the last Council meeting there was a proposal by two representatives of the Scappoose Boosters Club, Mr. Klobes and Mr. Melton, to talk about wanting to reestablish the Pow Wow. He explained the Pow Wow was a big festival that the community had that ended over 20 years ago. He stated it was a big community festival. He stated there has always been some discussion about bringing it back but this is the first time that an organization has actually come forward and said we really want to explore developing this community's festival again. The discussion came in terms of location related to the Boosters wanting to look at holding the Pow Wow in Veterans Park. He explained those were the ideas that were discussed and as part of the discussion one of the things that Council thought would be appropriate would be to have an open forum to allow people to come in and provide input in terms of pro's and cons, issues that needs to be considered as this process moves forward. He explained this proposed festival is proposed to be 3 days so it does have the potential to have a relatively big impact on the community and the people who live in the general area of Veterans Park.

Councilor Ingham stated this event is sponsored by the Boosters.

Michael Klobes replied and the proceeds go right back in to the school. He explained the three day festival will not be Friday through Sunday; it will actually be Thursday night through Saturday. Thursday morning will be set up day and Sunday will be a clean up day.

Michael Klobes explained one of the major concerns is the integrity of the park. He stated they do have an answer from the person who built the park about taking measures to fix any possible damage. He explained there could be damage but basically what he would like to do, and he has financial proposals, is basically fertilize the grass, get it growing very nicely. Then after the fact there may possibly be some areas that need reseeding.

Michael Klobes explained another couple of questions were other possible sites. He explained the former Petersen School was a site that was discussed. He explained that site will not be ready until the spring of 2012 so it could possibly be a proposed future site. He explained he spoke with Paul Peterson, Scappoose School District Superintendent, and he is in support of the Pow Wow but he wanted to reiterate that alcohol will not be allowed to be served on any school grounds. He explained that is one of the main reasons why they didn't look at school property.

Michael Klobes explained the other site that was looked at was the Cinnamon Tree property. As far as this group is concerned that is actually in the County and also private property which is another reason why they didn't previously look at that site.

Michael Klobes explained as far as Heritage Park a couple of the main reasons why they didn't look at that site was old literature suggested that in years past they out grew that area. There has been development in that area since the Pow Wow was there last and that is why they steered away from that area. Also there is going to be a new water feature going in Heritage Park as well.

Michael Klobes explained they kind of feel the proposal that they have, there may be questions still, is the best scenario that they have come up with so far.

Councilor Ingham stated what is the difference of Paul Peterson mentioning that there is absolutely no alcohol served on school property and having alcohol in the park, because they are both publicly owned.

City Manager Hanken replied the difference is the organization that establishes the rules. He explained Council could change the rules in terms of alcohol in the City parks.

Larry Horn, Scappoose, explained he is a long time member of the Wieners and he wanted to address the volume of the band. He explained back in the days of the Pow Wow they used to rent extra speaker cabinets and he can assure you any band you get now days doesn't use those kinds of speakers. He spoke on behalf of the alcohol at the Pow Wow and how back when they played the legal limit was .15. He stated lots of things have changed since then; people have toned down and have designated drivers. He stated more than likely the alcohol wouldn't be the issue that it was back then.

Pat Anderson, Scappoose, explained their property backs up to the park and she feels Veterans Park is the best place to have the event that would benefit the community and the schools. She stated she is all for the event.

Councilor Ingham asked Pat Anderson as a neighbor of the park the Boosters are requesting that the noise ordinance be extended to 11:00 p.m. on Saturday does that worry her?

Pat Anderson replied she doesn't have a problem for it. She feels the benefits would outweigh the inconvenience.

Josette Hugo, Scappoose Community Club, explained she is very supportive of this idea and thinks it is wonderful. She stated as far as the use of Veterans Park the parking is kind of an issue there. She explained if by chance they ended up using the Cinnamon Tree the Community Club has used the Cinnamon Tree property several times when the Scappoose Community Club sponsored a circus. She explained the owner on the Cinnamon Tree, Ron Still, is very cooperative and he mowed the fields so cars could park there with no problems. She stated she wouldn't hesitate for the Boosters to ask Ron Still to use his property if for some reason they needed to.

Henry Heimuller, St. Helens, stated even though he lives in St. Helens he is a Scappoosian at heart. He explained having been born and raised here he is a child of the Pow Wow. He explained his dad was one of the original Jaycee's that helped put that together way back then. He stated as a current Fair Board Member he does have to say Michael and Kyle, if they put the proposal together them selves, did a great job, this is very impressive. He explained often times the community festivals are what actually binds communities together. He asked about the bridge on JP West and it being fixed before next summer.

Mark Reed, Scappoose, explained he has lived here for 55 years and he fondly remembers the Pow Wow from way back when. He explained he doesn't know Michael very well but he does know Kyle very well and he think both of them will do a good job of organizing the event from what he sees in the proposal. He supports the idea of bringing back the Pow Wow.

Glenn Pedro, Scappoose, read a letter that he submitted to the Scappoose Booster Club.

Scappoose Boosters,

I would like to begin this letter by expressing my gratitude for the many hours of hard work your boosters dedicate to the students of Scappoose High School. It is clear that you have a wonderful heart for the students and athletes of our community. We share your commitment, we support your efforts and we share your dedication. Our family often volunteers when a need arises.

I am writing this letter to ask you to reconsider your name choice for the proposed Scappoose Pow Wow. A Pow Wow is the Native American people's way of gathering together to join in dancing, singing, visiting, renewing old friendships and making new ones. This is a time to renew the culture and preserve the rich heritage of American Indians. Pow Wows are drug and alcohol free. The Native American communities have worked diligently for many years to reverse the stereotype of being

a culture that uses alcohol to socialize. Many tribes use these events to share their cultural and religious ways. After reading the Scappoose Pow Wow proposal it is clear that the proposed event is not a Pow Wow.

Please understand we are not opposed to the event and understand its history in the community. We are simply asking for a name change. It is our hope that the event is successful and raises much needed funds for the community.

Thank You,

Glenn Pedro

Scappoose

Cheyenne and Arapahoe Tribes of Oklahoma

Glenn Pedro explained he loves the idea of the festival but he is just asking the Boosters to rethink the name.

Councilor Heerwagen asked Glenn Pedro if he has any thoughts to an alternative name.

Glenn Pedro replied he doesn't have an alternative name. He likes the idea of the festival and he is not sure if any of the Boosters have gone to any of the Native American communities around here to get their input.

Councilor Gedlich asked Glenn Pedro if he could may be work with the Boosters in coming up with a name.

Councilor Meres stated to Glenn Pedro that he is glad he showed up and maybe by renaming the festival it will take away the bad visions that people had before with the Pow Wow. He would be in support of coming up with another name.

Councilor Ingham stated she agrees. She understands wanting to revive the Pow Wow but with these more contemporary issues that have come along these last years. She feels we should respect the wishes of there not being any alcohol at any festival called a Pow Wow.

Rita Bernhard stated the County will be working on the bridge, it maybe a temporary fix, but they will be working on it.

Joe Backus, Church Road, representing Scappoose Little League, explained he wanted to give their feedback. He explained Little League is definitely in support of this event. He explained during the ball tournaments they didn't really have any problems with the bridge. He feels this event is very doable. He explained Little League has faith that the fields will be restored.

Tim Holmason, City of Scappoose, addressed the issue regarding the problem with the overflow parking and the mud. He explained the dirt from the concession stand was place in the overflow parking and then removed two or three days prior to the softball event and there was rain during that time.

Councilor Ingham addressed her concern with the field being in good shape for the soccer players to have as nice of field to play on as the baseball had.

Tim Holmason explained he spoke with Gary Willis regarding maintaining the grass. He explained Mr. Willis mentioned a program where you come in and fertilize it before everything starts and then you come back with some seed and it won't take that long to bring it back up.

Lisa Smith, Scappoose, explained she has been involved in big events and one of the issues has been electricity and there is never enough. She mentioned having enough water could be an issue also.

Councilor Ingham asked if there is anyone who is an opponent of having the event in Veterans Park.

No one responded.

Michael Klobes explained he thinks the name of the event can definitely be addressed and they are more than willing to look at possible new names for it.

Councilor Erickson arrived at 7:13 p.m.

Mayor Burge explained he knows someone who is a Chinook Indian who lives in St. Helens and he will speak with her about some ideas on a different name.

Councilor Ingham explained the City is sponsoring a dedication and grand opening of Veterans Park on August 14, 2010 from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and everyone is invited.

Councilor Gedlich thanked everyone for their input and their support of this event.

Mayor Burge thanked everyone for coming. He stated it is great to see when community members turn out to put input in on an event on a proposal that the Boosters are putting forward, it is good to see that support.

### **Adjournment**

Mayor Burge adjourned the meeting at 7:17 p.m.

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Scott Burge, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Susan M Reeves, CMC, City Recorder