CITY OF OKANOGAN
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
August 10, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

The Meeting of the Okanogan Planning Commission was called to order by Chairman O'Connor at 6:59 p.m.

The following were:
Present: Chairman Dennis O'Connor, Vice Chairman Bryan Smith, Members Jim Martin, Angie Morgan-Chilmonik, and Tony Yusi
Staff: Clerk 1 Kaylee Beetchenow, Building Official Bryan Forbus, and Planner Chris Johnson

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman O'Connor asked if there were any alterations to the Agenda. Hearing no alteration, Martin moved to approve the agenda as presented. Smith seconded. No objection, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman O'Connor asked if there were any changes, additions, or corrections to the minutes of June 8, 2026, there were no changes suggested. Yusi moved to approve minutes. Martin seconded. No objections, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Legion Park Kayak Launch: Rotary would like to match up to $65,000.00 for this launch. Planner is aware and will discuss further under the Public Hearing tonight for the Parks and Recreation Plan.

Brief Discussion

NEW BUSINESS

Tree City USA:

Chairman O'Connor is wondering if this is something the City still participates in.

Planner: The City applies every year. Applied for grant for new planting, however we did not receive that this year.

North Cascades Dental Façade:

Building Official Forbus goes over brief history of the project. Brought this to Planning Commission previously, however, a photograph of the exterior has been provided for approval. PC has been acting as the Historical Preservation Commission for the city. Photography has been provided to all.

Brief Discussion

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Smith moved to accept staff report as presented by Forbus and approve as presented the rendering of North Cascade Dental Façade. Martin seconded the motion. No objection, motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

Chairman O'Connor opened the public hearing at 7:20 pm.

Chairman opened the hearing by stating:

The purpose of this open record hearing is to take relevant testimony and review the application in order for the Planning Commission to make a recommendation to the City Council to approve, conditionally approve or return with direction proposed text amendments to the City of Okanogan's Parks and Recreation Element of the Comprehensive Plan. These amendments will generally provide goals and objectives for the maintenance and improvements of the various parks and places throughout the city.

Chairman asked if there were any challenges for Planning Commission's Jurisdiction over this matter. There were none.

Chairman provided members of the Commission to excuse themselves for conflicts of interest or appearance of fairness issues or to disclose any pertinent facts. There were none.

Chairman provided the opportunity for members to disclose of any ex-parte communication. There was none.

Chairman asked if there was anyone present who wished to challenge any of the Planning Commission membership, or the Chairman, for conflicts of interest or appearance of fairness issues in conducting this hearing. There were none.

Chairman opened the testimony portion of the hearing by stating:
It is now open for the testimony portion the hearing with the presentation of the Staff Report, then have those who signed in the opportunity to present testimony and then anyone present to give testimony. Please state your name and address clearly. The chairman opens the floor to Planner Chris Johnson for his staff report. Chairman noted there were no members of the public present.

Chairman provided an opportunity for the Commission to ask direct questions.

Chairman provided the opportunity for the Applicant and Staff the opportunity to rebut. Staff stated no rebuttal necessary.

Chairman provided for discussion amongst the Commission. Planning Commission felt no further discussion necessary.

Chairman called for a decision on the recommendation on the application: Yusi moved to approve the City of Okanogan's Parks and Recreation Plan as submitted and forward to the City Council for their approval, conditional approval or return with direction. Chilmonik-Morgan seconded. No objection. Motion carried.

Public Hearing portion of Agenda concluded at 8:00 pm.

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STAFF UPDATE

Building Official : Building department has been spending majority of time on the School District projects.

Planner: Been spending some time on the School District Project as well. Also working on finalizing Shoreline Master Plan and Critical Areas Ordinance.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Minutes taken and prepared by Clerk I, Kaylee Beetchenow

APPROVED:

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Dennis O'Connor, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Kaylee Beetchenow, Clerk I

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