

# Route 66 Station Village

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## VILLAGE COUNCIL SITE COMMITTEE REPORT

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By Roy Heim

### **Opening Comments:**

The Village Site Committee has recognized that the second major pieces of the Village (the Frisco 4500, Murray Hill Passenger Car and Frisco Drover Caboose) are being restored and there are still things to be resolved before they can be moved to the site. With that understanding, the site committee is moving ahead with other parts of the Village that can be accomplished while waiting for the move.

### **Council Oak Tree: SAPLING READY FOR PLANTING**

City of Tulsa Urban Forester Mike Perkins located a sapling from the tree at the Tulsa Garden Center and transported it to the Surface Drainage and Vegetation Management facility in Garden City. We will have this accomplished in November 2009. David Breed has visited the Council Oak Tree site on South Cheyenne Avenue and took photos of the new plaza with sculpture.

### **Directional Tree: NO NEW PROGRESS TO REPORT**

The Creek Council Oak Tree at 18<sup>th</sup> and Cheyenne Ave shares a heritage with another type of tree called a Directional Tree. This tree of no particular variety was used by the Indians to give them guidance toward the Council Oak.

### **Fencing: PROGRESS REPORT BY RICHARD RYAN**

Chamber President Richard Ryan has expressed to the Village Council the importance of getting the front of the site fenced with an iron fence. The site committee will be working with President Ryan to explore the fencing further and take action as needed.

**Recommendation to explore alternative fencing of 4' chain link or boulders during construction phases.**

### **Site Clearing and Grading: NO PROGRESS TO REPORT**

### **Damage to Sod in Entrance: THERE IS EVIDENCE THAT THE PARKING LOT HAS BECOME A REGULAR TURN AROUND POINT FOR LOST SEMI-TRUCKS.**

The entrance to the parking lot was designed to allow bus access. It is not wide enough for semi-trucks with trailers to turn around without cutting short with the trailer tires and rutting the ground. Dennis Whitaker of the city has contacted their sign maker about putting up signs for "No Semi-Traffic" and reports that they will be able to install them. We are also exploring the possibility of having the city install large sandstone boulders

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around the parking lot to deter semi-traffic from entering. These boulders are stockpiled at various city locations. Dennis will assist us with this problem.

## **Site Security: NO PROGRESS TO REPORT**

While we were discussing the fencing issue, possible thefts and the damage to the property, Katy Davis-Spetter of Red Fork Main Street offered her husband's assistance with advice about a security camera that is often used by deer hunters for surveillance. The device costs about \$400 and operates without electrical power. This may prove to be a temporary fix to some of our security problems. The advanced version cameras can also provide photos of movement on the site to a remote location up to 2 miles away (Red Fork Main Street Office?). The photos are date/time stamped.

## **Site Electricity: DAVID BREED WILL REPORT ON THIS SEGMENT**

David Breed reported that he has been working on getting an electrical pole and connections brought to the site by Lawson Electric of Berryhill. He will continue with getting the electric installed so we can have access to electricity for lighting the derrick with holiday lights.

## **Derrick Signs: BIDS FOR SIGNS FROM U.S. SIGN COMPANY REQUESTED**

David Breed reported on the progress of signs on the derrick. There are three levels and sizes of signs to be installed on the derrick. The top signs are 7' square, middle signs are 12' and the lower signs are 17'. The top tier of signs is reserved for Historic Route 66 and Oklahoma Centennial.

Roy Heim requested a bid for the top tier signs (Centennial and Route 66) from U.S. Sign Co. Aluminum, with white finish and logos. No response yet.

## **Village Gas Station: PROGRESS MADE**

The original Village plans call for a historic style gas station. Two examples of the building are shown on the right. The first is in Tulsa, Oklahoma. The second building thought to be under construction at Chandler, Oklahoma is actually derelict. Sherry and I visited the building and found it to be in poor shape. We are attempting to get building plans for the Phillips 66 Type "B" Cottage style station from Phillips or other sources.

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## **Red Fork Station House: NO PROGRESS TO REPORT**

The original plans call for a replica of the old Red Fork train station that once served the community less than a mile from the Village site. We have a photo of the original station that was given to the Southwest Tulsa Historical Society by August Schumacher in 1992.

## **Oil Tanks and Pump Jack: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION FROM MATT MEYERS OF RIVER PARKS SENT, NO REPLY YET.**

The River Parks Authority has a set of tanks and pump jack at 5800 South Riverside Drive that were restored and donated to the Authority for a historical display by the Rotary Club of South Tulsa. Chamber President Richard Ryan indicated this display may be available to move to the Village if it fits in with our plans.

## **Village Information System: KIM JONES HAS INFORMATION TO PRESENT ON THE SYSTEM**

Village Councilor Kim Jones provided the most exciting news of the meeting during his discussion of a system that was just installed at the Tulsa Air and Space Center. This system costs \$2,500 per year. It operates by phone and number system. A visitor to the Village would call the number on a sign to hear a welcome message. Then, they could enter a number for the display or feature and hear a recorded message about it. The visitor could then go to another display, or select another option for more in-depth information about the topic. He says this system has been used by real estate companies for a while. It could be a very exciting feature for the Route 66 Station Village. We may be able to convince Village Council Advisory Member Michael Wallis to do the recordings! What an excellent way to move forward with our progress. This could be done now as we are developing the Village.

## **Construction Schedule: NO FIRM DATES SET YET ON PROJECTS**

The site committee has no dates set on the construction schedule except as noted in the report above. We will continue to work on each of the Village pieces as individual parts of the whole village.

## **Safety Bollards at Derrick base: RECOMMENDATIONS BY KENNY ROWLEY**

Kenny Rowley has suggested that we look into placing bollards (safety posts) around the base of the derrick to keep someone from running into it. To keep the theme of the park he recommends that we consider some type of creative style bollard instead of a straight pipe style (\$1,000 to \$2,000).

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## **Geocaching of Site: RECOMMENDATION**

There is a large number of local and international travelers who spend their time searching for objects using the *GPS* systems. We should consider working with one of the local geocachers to develop a location on the Village site. See [www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com) for further details about the sport. Check out the comments on the blogspot related to the Frisco 4500 engine... <http://crustygasmguy.blogspot.com/2009/01/my-world-frisco-4500.html>