Dawson Park

An Introduction

Fall 2010
Dawson Park Location
Dawson Park - Existing Site Plan

- Acreage: 2.05
- Acquired in 1921
- Amenities Include:
  - Basketball court
  - Disabled access play area
  - Disabled access restroom
  - Paved paths
  - Picnic & game tables
  - Playground
  - Gazebo/Stage
  - Historical plaques
  - Flagpole

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Hill Block At The Corner Of Williams and Russell (Oregon Historical Society)
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THE HILL BUILDING DOME
A HISTORIC LANDMARK

The overhead dome and bricks used in this skating area were once part of the Hill Building previously located on the northwest corner of the E. Williams Avenue and N. Russell Street intersection. The structure was built in 1906 by Charles H. Hill, Albina's first mayor, and stood as a prominent landmark in the middle of the business district in the old city of Albina. Albina was incorporated as a city in 1897 and annexed to the city of Portland in 1907.

Ornate architecture was in vogue during that period, and the Hill Building was a fine example of that style. The dome itself was styled after the dome on the famed Taj Mahal in India. The building contained businesses on the first floor and apartments on the second.

This dome is preserved as a reminder of the Albina of yesterday and is placed here through the efforts of citizens of the Eliot neighborhood and the city of Portland.

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New basketball court surfacing from Nike 2002
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Dawson Park Gazebo Restoration
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Before...

...After!