

METROPOLITAN BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

April 6, 2021

A meeting of the Board of Parks and Recreation of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee was held on Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at 12:00 pm via teleconference and was broadcast through the Metro Nashville Network, (MNN) <http://stream.nashville.gov> and select MNN, live on Nashville's Comcast Channel 3, AT&T UVerse Channel 99, Google Fiber channel 3 and streamed live on the MNN Roku app. Board members present were: Dr. Michelle Steele, Ms. Susannah Scott-Barnes, Ms. Tari Hughes, Mr. George Anderson, Mr. Crews Johnston, *Dr. Sharon Gentry and Mr. Jeff Haynes. Ms. Macy Amos, representing the Metro Legal Department was also in attendance.

Dr. Michelle Steele, chair, called the meeting to order and stated that the first order of business will be a motion to determine under the Governor's Executive Order #16 that the meeting agenda constitutes essential business of this board and meeting electronically is necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of Tennesseans in light of the COVID-19 outbreak. Ms. Scott-Barnes moved for approval, Mr. Haynes seconded, and the board approved without objection.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD MARCH 2, 2021 APPROVED

Upon motion of Ms. Scott-Barnes, seconded by Mr. Anderson, the Board approved the minutes of the board meeting held Tuesday, March 2, 2021 as presented.

IV. METRO COUNCIL REFERRALS

None present

V. OLD BUSINESS

03-21-07

Election of Park Board Officers as per section 1000.4 of the Metro Parks Policy Manual:

Upon motion of Mr. Scott-Barnes, seconded by Ms. Haynes; the Board elected:
Dr. Michelle Steele as Chairperson for a term to expire March 30, 2026

Upon motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Johnston; the Board elected:
Ms. Susannah Scott-Barnes as Vice-chairperson for one year

Upon motion of Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Anderson; the Board elected:
Ms. Monique Odom as Secretary for one year

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

04-21-01

BOARD APPROVES APRIL 2021 CONSENT AGENDA

Upon motion of Ms. Hughes, seconded by Ms. Scott-Barnes, the Board approved the April 2021 consent agenda as presented.

04-21-02

AMPLIFICATION APPROVAL

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| • Nashville On the Move/Keller Williams | Sevier Park | Sat., April 10, 2021 |
| • Music City Half Marathon | Shelby Park | Sat., April 28, 2021 |
| • The Akilah DaSilva Foundation | Southeast Park | Sat., April 22, 2021 |
| • Community Options | Centennial Park event shelter | Tue., April 27, 2021 |
| • Victor Chatman Productions | Cumberland Park-Jazz on the Cumberland | Sun, May 9,
June 20, July 18,
Aug. 15, Sept. 19,
Oct. 17 |
| • Sherry Smith-picnic | Cedar Hill Park shelter 7 | Sat., May. 15, 2021 |
| • Cruel Shoes Band | Centennial Park event shelter | Sun., May 16, 2021 |
| • Nashville Fine Arts/Suzuki Academy | Centennial Park event shelter | Fri., May 21, 2021 |
| • Angie McKinnie-picnic | Cane Ridge Park shelter 1 | Sat., May 22, 2021 |
| • Linda Johnson-vow renewal | Centennial Park Sunken Garden | Fri., July 9, 2021 |
| • REIN-volunteer appreciation day | Centennial Park event shelter | Fri., July 16, 2021 |
| • Dorian Williams-family reunion | Centennial Park event shelter | Sun., July 18, 2021 |
| • Team Magic/Music City Triathlon | East Bank Landing | Sat., July 24, 2021 |
| • Nashville Peacemakers | Centennial Park event shelter | Sun., July 25, 2021 |
| • Hailey Donovan-wedding | Edwin Warner Park shelter 10 | Sat., Oct. 2, 2021 |
| • Donald Fish, Jr.- lunch reception | Centennial Art Center courtyard | June 12, 2021 |
| • Elopement-wedding | Centennial Park Sunken Garden | Fri., Oct. 22, 2021 |

ALCOHOL

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| • Chop Black City Tour | Hadley Park Bandshell | Sun., May 23, Sat., Aug. 21, Sat.
Oct 2, 2021 |
| • Neal/Bekka-rehearsal dinner | Percy Warner golf pavilion | Fri. June 11, 2021 |
| • NTMA Bocce Tournament | Walk of Fame Park | Fri. July 16, 2021 |

AMPLIFICATION AND FUNDRAISING

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| • Know Your Upcoming Business Owners | Centennial Park event shelter | Sat., April. 10, 2021 |
| • Cure SMA Nashville/Walk-n-roll | Centennial Park event shelter | Sun., Oct. 17, 2021 |
| • Tennessee Kidney Foundation Walk | Centennial Park event shelter | Sat., Nov. 6, 2021 |

AMPLIFICATION AND ALCOHOL

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| • Sylvan Park Puppy Day | Richland Park | Sun. April 11, 2021 |
| • Nashville Adult Prom | Cumberland Park | Sat., May 15, 2021 |
| • Caroline Kelson-graduation celebration | Centennial Art Center Courtyard | Sat., May 15, 2021 |
| • Musicians Corner events | Centennial Art Center Courtyard | June 4,5,18 and 19 |
| • Kimberly Drake-wedding | Centennial Art Center Courtyard | Sat., June 26, 2021 |
| • Nashville Cocktail Festival | Centennial Park event shelter | Sept. 10 and 11, 2021 |

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

AMPLIFICATION, ALCOHOL AND FUNDRAISING

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| • Mario Mitchell-TSU fundraiser | Riverfront Park | Fri., Oct. 29, 2021 |
| • The Nashville Food Project | Centennial Park/Musicians Corner | Fri., Sept. 17, 2021 |
| • Green Hills Park Festival | Green Hills Park | Sat., Sept. 11, 2021 |
| • Music City Hot Chicken Festival | East Park | Sun., July 4, 2021 |

AMPLIFICATION AND OVERNIGHT

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| • Music City National/BMX | Hamilton Creek Park | May 28-30, 2021 |
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VII. NEW BUSINESS

04-21-03

BOARD DEFERRED AGREEMENT FOR GRANT EASEMENT TO CONSERVATION GREENWAY TO MAY ACQUISITION MEETING

Staff requesting approval in concept, of an Agreement for Grant of Easement for a Conservation Greenway between the Metro Sports Authority and Metro Government, on property owned by the Sports Authority located at First Horizon Park, 19 Junior Gilliam Way on Parcel # 08213040400, and the partial realignment and separation of the existing greenway by Portman Residential, LLC, the developer of the adjacent property located at 0 3rd Avenue North, such that the greenway will remain open daily to the public and a portion will be maintained permanently by the owners of the 0 3rd Avenue North property.

04-21-04

BOARD ACCEPTS GRANTS VALUED AT \$24,793.98 FOR THE FRIENDS OF TWO RIVERS PROGRAM TO COVER STAFFING SALARIES

Correspondence received from Mr. Phil Claiborne, Founder of Friends of Two Rivers, requesting that the board accept a grant package valued at \$24,793.98 to cover salaries for staffing.

Upon motion of Ms. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Anderson, the board accepted a grant in the amount of \$24,793.98 which covers the following:

- \$21,242.18 to cover 7/1/2021 thru 6/30/22 for Laura Carrillo (19 hours)
- \$3,042.96 to represent two docent salaries (12 hours each) to cover 6/1/2021 to 8/30/2021
- \$508.84 to represent two docent salaries (12 hours each) to cover 12/6/2021 to 12/12/2021.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

04-21-05

**BOARD ACCEPTS IN-KIND GRANT VALUED AT \$1,494 FOR TRAIL SIGNAGE
FROM FRIENDS OF BELLS BEND PARK**

Correspondence received from Ms. Sharon Work, Friends of Bells Bend Park, requesting that the board accept an in-kind grant in the amount of \$1,494 for trail signs at Bells Bend Park.

Upon motion of Ms. Hughes, and seconded by Ms. Scott-Barnes, the board accepted an in-kind grant valued at an estimated \$1,494 for trail signs to improve the park experience for visitors.

Please note that there is no match or other obligation from Metro Parks and/or Metropolitan Government related to this grant.

04-21-06

**BOARD ACCEPTS DONATION NOT TO EXCEED \$19,000 FOR PURCHASE AND
INSTALLATION OF TWO CANTILEVER SHADES AT RED CABOOSE PARK**

Correspondence received from Ms. Amy Fair, Vice President of Donor Services at Friends of Red Caboose Park Fund, requesting that the board accept a donation not to exceed \$19,000 for the purchase and installation of two cantilever shades at the Red Caboose Playground in Bellevue Park.

Upon motion of Ms. Hughes, and seconded by Mr. Anderson, the board accepted the donation not to exceed \$19,000 for purchase and installation of two cantilever shades at the Red Caboose Playground in Bellevue Park.

Please note, this gift requires no funding match or other obligation from Metro Parks.

04-21-07

**BOARD ACCEPTS IN KIND GRANT NOT TO EXCEED \$750,000 FROM FRIENDS
OF WARNER PARKS FOR RESTORATION WORK ALONG HIGHWAY 100**

Correspondence received from Ms. Jenny Hannon, President of Friends of Warner Parks, requesting the board to accept a grant from Friends of Warner Parks to be used for the grant period beginning May 1, 2021 for the following projects:

- Restoration of the 100 Historic Stone Columns along Highway 100
- Restoration of Historic Deep Well Entrance Gate
- Reestablishing Red Bud Alley along Highway 100
- Removal of Invasive plants along Highway 100

VII. NEW BUSINESS (con't)

Upon motion of Ms. Hughes, and seconded by Ms. Scott-Barnes, the board accepted In-kind grant for restoration work along Highway 100. This grant will not exceed \$750,000. Please note that there is no match or other obligation from Metro Parks and/or Metropolitan Government related to this grant. All projects will be paid for directly by Friends of Warner Parks.

04-21-08

BOARD ACCEPTS S.W.E.A.T. STAFFING GRANT FROM FRIENDS OF WARNER PARKS FOR SEASONAL STAFFING

Correspondence received from Ms. Jenny Hannon, President of Friends of Warner Parks, requesting the board to accept a S.W.E.A.T. staffing grant from Friends of Warner Parks for seasonal staff beginning May 1, 2021. The details are as follows:

- S.W.E.A.T. (Special Work Education and Trails) seasonal staff (step one) in the amount of \$26,352.72.
- S.W.E.A.T. (Special Work Education and Trails) seasonal staff (step two) in the amount of \$6,880.99.

Upon motion of Ms. Gentry, and seconded by Ms. Hughes, the board accepted the S.W.E.A.T. staffing grants for seasonal staff from Friends of Warner Parks.

Please note that quarterly grant reimbursements will reflect actual salaries and hours worked. These grants will be distributed via quarterly reimbursement to Metro Parks.

04-21-09

BOARD ACCEPTS IN KIND GRANT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,196,000 FROM FRIENDS OF WARNER PARKS FOR NEXT PHASE OF IMPROVEMENTS IN WARNER PARKS

Correspondence received from Ms. Jenny Hannon, President of Friends of Warner Parks, requesting the board to accept an in-kind grant not to exceed \$1,196,000 from Friends of Warner Parks to fund the next phase of improvements in the Warner Parks. The following is a list of proposed improvement projects:

• Nature Center maintenance	\$85,000
• Replace pipe gates in the parks	\$60,000
• Trail improvements	\$100,000
• Road improvements	\$75,000
• Deep Well entrance improvements	\$60,000
• Land management	\$75,000
• Gates to steps	\$200,000
• Invasive plant removal	\$200,000
• Stonework repairs	\$150,000
• Tree work	\$50,000
• Trail signage improvements	\$15,000
• Memorial Benches and gardens	\$25,000
• Mounted police equipment	\$1,000
• <u>Miscellaneous park improvements</u>	<u>\$100,000</u>
Total	\$1,196,000

VII. NEW BUSINESS (con't)

Upon motion of Ms. Hughes, and seconded by Mr. Anderson, the board accepted the in-kind grant not to exceed \$1,196,000 from Friends of Warner Parks for proposed improvements.

Please note, this gift requires no funding match or other obligation from Metro Parks.

VIII. CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE – Tim Netsch

Aattifama Archaeological -Phase One

- Design Complete
- Construction bidding underway

Centennial-Children’s Memory Garden

- Design complete
- Construction bidding underway

Centennial-Phase Two

- Great Lawn complete and open
- Construction underway in other areas
- Complete: Spring 2021

Elmington Tennis Courts Refurb

- In the queue for construction bidding

Fort Negley- Master Plan

- RFP proposals in review
- Funding unfrozen

Hadley- Pavilion

- Construction contract executed
- Construction funding frozen

Mill Ridge – Phase One

- Design complete
- Construction contract negotiations underway

Ravenwood- Phase One

- Design complete
- Construction contract negotiations underway

Sevier- Sunnyside Mansion Restoration

- Design re-launched
- Design complete: Fall 2021

Wharf-Master Plan

- Funding frozen

COMPLETED IN THE LAST TWELVE MONTHS

- Antioch -community center renovation
- Beaman- trails
- Kossie Gardner, Sr.- new park
- Madison- tennis courts reconstruction
- Orchard Bend- swings and pavilion
- Percy Warner- Allee restoration
- Watkins Park Pump Track*
(completed this month)

IX. UPCOMING SPECIAL ACTIVITIES/EVENTS – Jackie Jones

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| • Nashville Earth Day at Centennial Park | April 24 th at 11am |
| • Ballet on the Waterfront at Cumberland Park | May 1 st 2pm/6pm |
| • Kite Fest at Mill Ridge Park (April 2021) | Saturdays 10-3 |
| • El Hav-Fay 96.7 FM with Ms. Fi | April 14 |

X. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

Ms. Odom announced:

- The staff met with the mayor's office finance department to discuss the current state of the department and FY22 funding requests. We are in need of operating funds. We will know in the next few weeks what will be included in the mayor's recommended budget.
- The Hermitage Capitol Corridor has recommended to delay the reopening of Church Street Park until May or June. Ms. Odom stated that Civic Design is preparing a preliminary proposal and timeline. We will move forward with stakeholder input after that information is received. It should be parallel to the reopening of the park.
- We are preparing for seasonal activities. Currently we have been in reactive mode with cleanup efforts after the most recent storms. Special thanks to the consolidated maintenance division and other Park's teammates who responded to the call for cleanup efforts internally and with our peer departments.
- The electronic meeting order will expire on April 28, unless another one is issued the May board meeting will be in person.

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS/ REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/OPEN ITEMS

Rick Taylor gave updates on storm efforts and status of ongoing cleanup projects.

Ms. Scott-Barnes gave overview of the results of the naming committee meeting held earlier today. There will be four ways for the public to make comment during a 30-day period. In addition, we will have a public meeting in Hadley Park on May 4 at 6.

With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Monique Horton Odom, Director

Dr. Michelle Steele, Chairperson