

# **METROPOLITAN BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION**

## **MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING**

**May 4, 2021**

A meeting of the Board of Parks and Recreation of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee was held on Tuesday, May 4, 2020 at 12:00 pm in the Centennial Park Boardroom, 2565 Park Plaza, Nashville, TN. Board members present were: Dr. Michelle Steele, Ms. Susannah Scott-Barnes, Mr. Crews Johnston, Mr. Jeff Haynes and Ms. Tari Hughes. Dr. Sharon Gentry and Mr. George Anderson were not in attendance. Ms. Macy Amos was present to represent Metro Legal.

Dr. Michelle Steele, chair, called the meeting to order and recognized two former board members who were present, Ms. Joann Brannon and Mr. Arnett Bodenhamer.

### **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD APRIL 6, 2021 APPROVED**

Upon motion of Ms. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Haynes, the Board approved the minutes of the board meeting held Tuesday, April 6, 2021 as presented.

#### **IV. METRO COUNCIL REFERRALS**

CM Sharon Hurt, Representative for the Minority Caucus, was present to speak about the request to change the name of Hadley Park. CM Hurt modified her previous request and suggested to change the Park to Hadley-Lillard Park, instead of Kwame Leo Lillard Park.

#### **V. OLD BUSINESS**

**04-21-03**

### **STAFF REQUESTING APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT FOR GRANT OF EASEMENT BETWEEN METRO SPORTS AUTHORITY AND METRO GOVERNMENT AT FIRST HORIZON PARK**

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.

Upon the approval of the acquisition committee, Mr. Haynes motioned, and Ms. Scott-Barnes seconded, and the board approved the request of the staff to approve an agreement for grant of easement between Metro Sports Authority and Metro Government at First Horizon Park.

**VI. CONSENT AGENDA**

**05-21-01**

**BOARD APPROVES MAY 2021 CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**05-21-02**

**AMPLIFICATION APPROVAL**

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| • DJ's and Friends                         | Cumberland Park                | Sat., May 8, 2021     |
| • Summer Associate Catered Lunch           | Owen Bradley Park              | Tues., May 11, 2021   |
|  |                                | Tues., June 8, 2021   |
|  |                                | Thurs., July 22, 2021 |
| • Outside Cinema @ Mill Ridge Park         | Mill Ridge Park                | Fri., May 14, 2021    |
| • Triad                                    | Shelby Park Naval Hill 1 and 2 | Sat., May 15, 2021    |
| • N2020 in a Day                           | Centennial Park Front Lawn     | Sun., May 16, 2021    |
| • ACRP Movie Night                         | Fannie Mae Dees Park           | Fri., May 21, 2021    |
| • Topping Out Event                        | The Green at Riverfront        | Thur., May 27, 2021   |
| • TNCOC Church                             | Cane Ridge Park Shelter 1      | Sun., May 30, 2021    |
| • Creates-Collections                      | East Park                      | Sat., June 5, 2021    |
| • Lipton Summer Pool Pop Up                | East Bank Landing              | Sun., June 13, 2021   |
| • Kionna Dennis-wedding/reception          | Centennial Park Sunken Gardens | Sat., June 26, 2021   |
| • Kavia Jones-wedding/reception            | Centennial Park Sunken Gardens | Thur., July 22, 2021  |
| • Arlene Wolfe-picnic                      | Cedar Hill Park Shelter 7      | Sat., July 31, 2021   |
| • Zug Productions                          | Cumberland Park                | Sat., July 31, 2021   |
| • Nashville ½ Marathon and 5K              | Shelby Park                    | Sat., Nov. 13, 2021   |
| • Hot Chocolate 15K/5K                     | Centennial Park                | Sat., Feb. 12, 2022   |
| • Nashville St. Paddy's 5K & Half Marathon | Two Rivers Park                | Sat., Mar. 12, 2022   |
| • Southeast Nashville Egg Hunt/Festival    | Southeast Park                 | Sat., April 9, 2022   |
| • Watson Grove Church                      | Cumberland Park                | Sun., April 17, 2022  |

**FUNDRAISING APPROVAL**

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| • World Vision-US                    | Edwin Warner Park     | Sat., May 22, 2021 |
| • Soul First Sunday's at Hadley Park | Hadley Park Bandshell | Sun., July 4, 2021 |

**AMPLIFICATION AND FUNDRAISING**

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| • TAPP Picnic in the Park                 | Shelby Park Event Field | Sun., June.13, 2021 |
| • Girls on the Run 5K                     | Shelby Park Event Field | Sat., June 26, 2021 |
| • ELCAPITON 2021 Show Out at the Showcase | Hadley Park             | Sat., July 31, 2021 |
| • Stronger Than My Father                 | Southeast Park          | Sat., July 31, 2021 |
| • 2021 East Nashville Tomato 5K           | East Park               | Sat., Aug. 14, 2021 |
| • Fun Fit Flex                            | Shelby Park Event Field | Sat., Nov. 20, 2021 |

**AMPLIFICATION AND ALCOHOL**

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| • Black Lemonade Picnic                  | Cumberland Park                 | Sat., June 19, 2021  |
| • 2021 Let Freedom Sing/Music City July  | 4 <sup>th</sup> Riverfront Park | Sun., July 4, 2021   |
| • Kelly Ross-wedding/reception           | Centennial Art Center Courtyard | Sat., Sept. 11, 2021 |
| • Kylie Burns-wedding/reception          | Centennial Art Center Courtyard | Sat., Sept. 18, 2021 |
| • Sarah Shrewsbury-wedding/reception     | Centennial Art Center Courtyard | Sat., Sept. 25, 2021 |
| • Branden Bosler-wedding/reception       | Centennial Art Center Courtyard | Sat., Oct. 16, 2021  |
| • St. Patrick's Music City Half, 10K, 5K | East Bank Landing               | Sat., March 19, 2022 |

**VI. CONSENT AGENDA**

**AMPLIFICATION, ALCOHOL AND FUNDRAISING**

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| • All Star Benefit to Save Exit/In | East Park         | Sun., May 30, 2021   |
| • Dragon Boat Festival             | East Bank Landing | Sat., Sept. 11, 2021 |

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

**05-21-03**

**BOARD APPROVED REQUEST OF IN-KIND GRANT WITH AN ESTIMATED VALUE AT \$10,000 FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO SHELBY COMMUNITY CENTER BASKETBALL COURTS**

Correspondence received from Rebecca Ratz, Executive Director Friends of Shelby Bottoms, requesting that the board accept an in-kind grant for improvements to the basketball courts at Shelby Community Center with an estimated value at \$10,000.

Upon motion of Ms. Hughes, and seconded by Ms. Scott-Barnes, the board accepted an in-kind grant from the Friends of Shelby Park and Bottoms for improvements to the basketball courts at the Shelby Community Center. No money will be donated to Metro Parks. Projects will be paid for directly by Friends of Shelby with no match needed from Metro Parks.

**05-21-04**

**BOARD APPROVES AGREEMENT FOR PARKS POLICE TO PROVIDE LAW ENFORCEMENT PATROLS AT PERCY PRIEST LAKE RECREATION AREA ON AN EXTRA DUTY BASIS**

Upon motion of Ms. Haynes, seconded by Ms. Scott-Barnes, the board approved the agreement for Parks Police to provide law enforcement patrols on an extra duty basis.

The fees are our standard \$42 per hour for hiring officers off duty. Since we are using our vehicles in these patrols, we have added a surcharge of \$4.50 per hour to cover the expense of using the vehicles (mileage, gas, insurance, etc.). With that surcharge we will be invoicing a total amount of \$46.50 per hour. Upon approval, this agreement will be effective May 1, 2021.

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

05-21-05

**BOARD APPROVES AMENDMENT OF PARK POLICY 3000.13 II C.1. OPERATING HOURS FOR (RESTRICTIONS ON MODEL AIRCRAFT/BOATS)**

Upon motion of Ms. Hughes and seconded by Mr. Haynes, the board approved the amendment of Park Policy 3000.13 II C.1. (RESTRICTIONS ON MODEL AIRCRAFT/BOATS) operating hours from “8:00 am” to “Dawn”. Current policy states “Permittee may operate model aircraft/boats at the following sites during the designated scheduled hours:”

**3000.13 RESTRICTIONS ON MODEL AIRCRAFT/BOATS**

**1. Aircraft:**

Cane Ridge Park - 8:00 am to Dusk Daily

Peeler Park - 8:00 am to Dusk Daily

Edwin Warner Park

**MARCH THROUGH NOVEMBER**

Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**DECEMBER, JANUARY, AND FEBRUARY**

Monday through Saturday – 8:00 am until dusk

Sundays – 12:00 noon until dusk

**VIII. CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE – Tim Netsch**

Aaittifama Archeological – Phase One

- Design complete
- Construction bid review underway

Centennial – Children’s Memory Garden

- Design complete
- Construction contract negotiations this month

Centennial – Phase Two

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

Elmington Tennis Courts Refurb

- Construction contract negotiations to be scheduled

Fort Negley - Master Plan

- Planning contract negotiations underway

Hadley – Pavilion

- Construction start this month
- Construction complete: Fall 2021

Mill Ridge - Phase One

- Design complete
- Construction kick-off to be scheduled this month

Ravenwood – Phase One

- Design complete
- Construction kick-off to be scheduled this month

Sevier – Sunnyside Mansion Restoration

- Design underway
- Design complete: Fall 2021

Wharf – Master Plan

- Master plan underway
- Plan complete: Spring 2022

**COMPLETED IN THE LAST TWELVE MONTHS**

- Antioch – community center renovation
- Beaman – trails
- Kossie Gardner, Sr. – new park
- Madison - tennis courts reconstruction
- Mansker Creek – streambank stabilization\*
- Orchard Bend – swings and pavilion
- Percy Warner – Allee restoration

Watkins – pump track

\*Completed in the last month

**IX. UPCOMING SPECIAL ACTIVITIES/EVENTS – Jackie Jones**

- Tennessee Craft Fair May 7<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am -6:00 pm
- Farmers Markets at various locations throughout the city through October
- Jazz on the Cumberland May 9<sup>th</sup> 5:30 pm-8:00 p.m.
- Cornelia Fort Pickin' Party May 15<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm-10:00 p.m.
- Full Moon Pickin' Party May 21<sup>st</sup> 6:00 pm-11:00 pm
- Music City BMX Nationals May 25<sup>th</sup> 6:00 am-11:00 pm
- Newsletter coming out this afternoon

**X. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR**

Ms. Odom announced:

- Dr. Michelle Steele has been reappointed to the Parks Board with a term ending in 2026.
- The FY22 budget has been filed and includes improvements to several programs as well as reinstated positions. The next step in the process is the budget hearing on May 20 at 4pm.
- We have been receiving steady input on the renaming of Hadley Park. We have a community meeting on tomorrow at Hadley Park at 6 pm. The public input period ends on May 18 at 4:30 pm.
- Signups for the summer enrichment program were held last Saturday.
- Band Dance and summer concerts are returning in person with the change in COVID restrictions.
- The Centennial Youth Ballet presented Ballet on the Waterfront this past Saturday. The turnout was great, and people were excited about the performance being in person.
- Planning is underway for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Centennial Arts Center. The celebration will be next year and will include history and acknowledgement of the Art Center.
- Church Street Park will reopen on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Civic Design will work with us to facilitate input from stakeholders regarding improvements to that location.
- The consolidated maintenance division is still busy with projects, cleanup and preparing facilities for seasonal activities.
- DisAbilities program is operating in person with indoor and outdoor activities.
- Wave Country is preparing to open on Memorial Day weekend.
- Stan Fossick, former board member, will be in person soon to be honored for his service.

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

Ms. Hughes mentioned that she is working with staff members to bring recommendations regarding Friends groups and how they report to the board.

**XII. PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD REGARDING 03-21-02** Ms. Sharon W. Hurt, President of Metropolitan Minority Caucus requests the board to rename Hadley Park to “Kwame Leo Lillard Park.”

Constituents were given opportunity to speak regarding the renaming of Hadley Park. Each person was allowed 3 minutes speaking time.

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

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Monique Horton Odom, Director

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Dr. Michelle Steele, Chairperson