

METROPOLITAN BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING March 2, 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. Mr. Haynes moved for approval, Ms. Scott-Barnes seconded, and the board approved without objection.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 2, 2021 APPROVED

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

IV. METRO COUNCIL REFERRALS

Councilmember Nancy VanReece representing the 8th Council District was in attendance. Councilmember VanReece thanked the board members for their service to the city and asked everyone to stay safe. Councilmember Hurt was in attendance and stated she will speak during the agenda discussion.

Dr. Steele thanked the Councilmembers for being present.

V. OLD BUSINESS - None

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

03-21-01

BOARD APPROVES MARCH 2021 CONSENT AGENDA

Upon motion of Mr. Haynes, seconded by Ms. Hughes, the Board approved the March 2021 consent agenda as presented.

03-21-01

BOARD APPROVES MARCH 2021 CONSENT AGENDA

AMPLIFICATION APPROVAL

- Marvin Quarles-retirement celebration Centennial Park Event Shelter Sat., March 13, 2021
- Dimpal Patel-birthday party Parthenon/Plaza Fri., April 23, 2021
- Bellevue Watermelon Festival Bellevue Park Sat., May 1, 2021
- Tarah Bradshaw-picnic Cane Ridge Park Sun., July 4, 2021
- Arlene Wolfe Cedar Hill Park Sat., July 31, 2021
- Conquer Chiari Walk Across America Watkins Park Sat., Sept.18, 2021
- The Rose Arbors Centennial Park Sat., Nov. 6, 2021

FUNDRAISING

- Second Harvest Food Bank Richland Park Thur., March. 11, 2021
- Project Grow Mill Ridge Park May 8-9, 2021
- Walk Bike Nashville Morgan Park Sat., May 15, 2021
- Diamondhead Logistics-cookoff Centennial Front Lawn Amphitheatre Sat., July 10, 2021
- Angelman Syndrome Foundation-walk Fannie Mae Dees Park Sat., May 15, 2021
- Nashville Ultra Marathon-walk Cornelia Fort Airpark Sat., Oct. 30, 2021

ALCOHOL

- Meredith Henderson-graduation event Percy Warner Golf Course Pavilion Sat., May 15, 2021

AMPLIFICATION AND FUNDRAISING

- Steps Against Melanoma Two Rivers Park Sat., Aug. 21, 2021
- Sista Strut-walk Hadley Park Sat., Sept. 25, 2021
- Golden Pheasant Triathlon Shelby Riverview Shelter Sat., Sept. 25, 2021
- Nashville Walk for 1 in 100 Centennial Park Event Shelter Sat., Oct. 30, 2021
- Full Belly Friends of Shelby 5K Shelby Park Event Field Sat., Nov. 27, 2021

AMPLIFICATION, ALCOHOL AND FUNDRAISING

- Highland Games Percy Warner/Vaughns Gap Sat, Sept. 11, 2021

AFTER HOURS

- Amateur Radio Club Lock Two Park June 26-27, 2021

VII. NEW BUSINESS

03-21-02

**BOARD DEFERRED RENAMING OF HADLEY PARK TO NAMING COMMITTEE
FOR APRIL MEETING**

Ms. Sharon W. Hurt, President of Metropolitan Minority Caucus requests the board to rename Hadley Park to “Kwame Leo Lillard Park.” Ms. Hurt did a presentation regarding Kwame Lillard and his contributions to the city and community. She has received an overwhelming number of requests to rename Hadley Park to Kwame Leo Lillard Park.

Dr. Gentry thanked Ms. Hurt for bringing this recommendation to the parks board. She stated that this would be a wonderful way to honor Kwame Lillard’s contributions to the city.

Ms. Hughes thanked Ms. Hurt for her presentation and thinks this is a great idea.

Dr. Steele deferred this item to the naming committee for an April meeting.

03-21-03

**BOARD APPROVED REQUEST FOR THE FRIENDS OF HADLEY TENNIS
PROGRAM TO RAISE FUNDS**

Correspondence received from Mr. Joe Goldthreate, Executive Director of the Friends of Hadley Tennis Program, requesting board approval to raise funds for the tennis program.

Upon motion of Ms. Hughes, and seconded by Ms. Scott-Barnes, the board approved the request to raise funds for the tennis program at Hadley Park.

03-21-04

**BOARD ACCEPTS IN-KIND GRANT VALUED AT \$57,000 FOR IMPROVEMENTS
FROM FRIENDS OF SHELBY PARK AND BOTTOMS**

Correspondence received from Ms. Rebecca Ratz, Executive Director of the Friends of Shelby Park and Bottoms, requesting board approval of an in-kind grant for improvements in 2021 with an estimated total value of \$57,000.

Upon motion of Ms. Scott-Barnes, and seconded by Ms. Hughes, the board accepted an in-kind grant valued at an estimated \$57,000 for improvements at Shelby Park and Bottoms. Please note that there is no match or other obligation from Metro Parks and/or Metropolitan Government related to this grant.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

03-21-05

BOARD APPROVES REQUEST TO ESTABLISH FRIENDS GROUP FOR FORT NASHBOROUGH PARK

Correspondence received from Ms. Ellen Taylor, President of Friends of Fort Nashborough, requests permission from the board to establish a friends group for Fort Nashborough.

Upon motion of Ms. Hughes, and seconded by Mr. Anderson, the board approved the request to establish a friends group for Fort Nashborough.

03-21-06

BOARD ACCEPTS DONATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100,000 TO SUPPORT FORT NEGLEY MASTER PLAN

Ms. Gretchen Pritchett, President of the Nashville Parks Foundation, requests the board to accept a donation of \$100,000 in support of the Ft. Negley Master Plan. The donation is granted through NPF on behalf of a partnership from Core Development and Hines.

Upon motion of Ms. Hughes, and seconded by Dr. Gentry, the board accepted a Donation in the amount of \$100,000 in support of the Fort Negley master plan. Please note that there is no match or other obligation from Metro Parks and/or Metropolitan Government related to this grant.

03-21-07

NOMINATION OF PARKS BOARD OFFICERS

Nomination of Park Board Officers as per section 1000.4 of the Metro Parks Policy Manual (election to be held in April)

Chairperson
Vice Chairperson
Secretary

Board members were nominated for office and will be held as record of nominations until the April Parks Board meeting when voting will occur.

Dr. Michelle Steele was nominated for chairperson by Dr. Gentry and seconded by Ms. Hughes. The board approved the motion to close nomination. Dr. Steele accepted the nomination for chairperson.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Susannah Scott-Barnes was nominated by Dr. Gentry and seconded by Mr. Anderson for vice-chairperson. Upon motion of Ms. Hughes and seconded by Dr. Gentry the board approved the motion to close nomination. Ms. Scott-Barnes accepted the nomination for vice-chairperson.

Ms. Monique Horton Odom was nominated by Dr. Steele. Upon motion of Ms. Hughes and seconded by Dr. Gentry. The board approved the motion to close the nomination. Ms. Odom accepted the nomination for secretary.

VIII. CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE – Tim Netsch

Aaittifama 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)

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IX. UPCOMING SPECIAL ACTIVITIES/EVENTS – Jackie Jones

- Weed Wrangle at Cumberland Park March 6th at 8 am
- Richland Farmers Market at Richland Park March 6th at 9am
- Music City Disc Golf Tournament at Cane Ridge March 7th at 9am
- Shop Black Nashville at Hadley Park March 21st at 2 pm
- Southeast Nashville Easter Egg Hunt at Southeast March 27th at 7am

X. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

Ms. Odom announced:

- The staff worked diligently to submit the FY22 budget late last month. Our request totaled \$2.3 million and after a 2% departmental reduction, the net was \$1.8 million for improvements. A meeting is scheduled for later this month with the administration and finance department to walk through investment request. They have been supportive of our department. The capital spending plan is on the council agenda tonight. \$24 million dollars has been appropriated, most of which is for deferred maintenance department wide.
- Our community center staff is meeting with the Tennessee Department of Health to discuss how we can use select community centers as COVID vaccination locations. In addition, the community center division is hosting a kickoff of the first youth soccer league. It is going to take place at Madison Community center this coming Saturday. The division is evaluating how we will implement the summer youth programs with regards to COVID guidelines.
- Special thanks to the consolidated maintenance division for the cleanup of Brookmeade Park and greenway. We are working with several other organizations to keep the efforts ongoing.
- The Sportsplex and golf courses are in close communication with Metro Health Department to make sure we are moving towards opening with COVID and staffing guidelines.
- Janet Frazier who has been my assistant for the last several years recently retired. Per her request, I did not announce her retirement. I appreciate her service and she will be missed. Mary Peoples, whom I have previously announced, has been training with Janet for several months will assume Janet's role going forward.

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

Ms. Scott-Barnes inquired about an update regarding the submission of paperwork to the state for the Centennial Park monument relocation.

Macy Amos, Metro Attorney, stated that we have requested a petition from the city of Memphis for a similar situation. Hopefully, this will help us with our process.

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

Dr. Gentry announced that the naming committee will meet next month. The next meeting will start that process.

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

Monique Horton Odom, Director

Dr. Michelle Steele, Chairperson