

METROPOLITAN BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

April 2, 2013

A meeting of the Board of Parks and Recreation of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee was held on Tuesday, April 2, 2013 at 12:00 pm in the Centennial Park Boardroom, 2565 Park Plaza, Nashville, TN. Board members present were: Mr. George Anderson, Mr. Stan Fossick, Mr. Charles McTorry, Ms. Elizabeth Chase, Mr. Phil Ponder and Dr. Jo Ann Brannon. Ms. Ivanetta Davis-Samuels was not in attendance.

Staff present were: Assistant Directors: Mr. Mike Bays, Consolidated Maintenance; Mr. Paul Widman, Recreation; Special Projects Managers: Mr. Tim Netsch, Special Projects Manager-Planning/Facilities; Ms. Shain Dennison, Greenways; and Mr. Jim Hester, Special Events; Superintendents: Ms. Monique Odom, Administration and Finance and Ms. Jackie Jones, Public Information; and **Mr. Ted Morrisey, representing the Metro Legal Department.** Capt. Chris Taylor, Park Police, was not in attendance.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD MARCH 5, 2013 APPROVED

Upon motion of Ms. Chase, seconded by Mr. McTorry, the Board approved the minutes of the board meeting held Tuesday, March 5, 2013.

VI. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

VII. INTRODUCTION OF STAFF, NEW EMPLOYEES, VOLUNTEERS

Mr. Lynch introduced Dennis Morrow, Recreation Leader from Coleman Regional Center, to the board and informed them that on February 23 Mr. Morrow saved Mrs. Tiffany Sweeny's life. Below are Dennis' lifesaving actions on Saturday February 23rd via Mrs. Sweeny:

I wanted to write to recognize and thank Dennis Morrow for saving my life when I unexpectedly became unconscious while swimming on Saturday February 23. If he had not been paying as close attention I could have most definitely had lasting damage or even drowned. I am so very grateful for his actions and for him attending to me until the paramedics got there. There was also a female (who I believe worked there) who helped with my children but I did not get her name. I would like to get both of their email addresses to thank them personally.

When admitted to the hospital it was discovered I had an arrhythmia which they believed caused the sudden syncope episode. I have been scheduled to have a procedure to correct the issue with my heart, so I can resume my normal activities. It makes you stop and take a look at your life and realize just how quickly and unexpectedly everything can change. I am truly grateful to have the second chance after such a terrifying incident and it is definitely due to the attention and actions of Mr. Morrow.

The board expressed their utmost appreciation to Mr. Morrow.

VIII. METRO COUNCIL REFERRALS

COUNCILMEMBER CLAIBORNE IN ATTENDANCE TO VOICE HIS SUPPORT OF THE ACQUISITION OF BUCHANAN CEMETERY

Councilmember Phil Claiborne was present to voice his support of the acceptance of the donation of 1.46 acres, map and parcel 10600402000, located on Mill Creek at Massman Drive and will include the historic Buchanan Cemetery and access for the Mill Creek Greenway System. He stated that The Buchanan Cemetery Association and other interested constituents have taken care of the grounds and they are excited about this donation being received by Metro Parks.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

X. CONSENT AGENDA

04-13-01

BOARD APPROVES APRIL CONSENT AGENDA

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Mr. Ponder the board approved the consent agenda as presented.

AMPLIFICATION APPROVAL

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| • Bellevue Chamber | Bellevue Park/festival | Saturday, May 18, 2013 |
| • Penelope Uselton | Bells Bend/wedding | Saturday, July 13, 2013 |
| • Lee Stephen | Cane Ridge/picnic | Saturday, April 20, 2013 |
| • Bernard/Yamini | CAC/wedding | Sunday, June 16, 2013 |
| • Luke Marr | Centennial/festival | Saturday, April 6, 2013 |
| • Kayla Boys | Centennial/walk | Sunday, April 7, 2013 |
| • Victor Chatman | Centennial/concert | Thursdays-04/25-10/10 |
| • National Sales Network | Centennial/picnic | Saturday, June 22, 2013 |
| • Koffi Ziga | Centennial/picnic | Sunday, July 14, 2013 |
| • British Car Club | Centennial/car show | Saturday, Oct.12, 2013 |
| • Eli Gomez | Coleman/festival | Saturday, April 13, 2013 |
| • Kayla Boys | East Bank/walk | Saturday, Sept. 21, 2013 |
| • Lakisha Davis | Hartman #1/picnic | Saturday, May 25, 2013 |
| • Maplewood High School | McFerrin/Aids Day | Saturday, April 13, 2013 |
| • Margaret Penn | Tony Rose/walk | Wed., April 17, 2013 |
| • Cristina Young | Shelby/walk | Saturday, Nov. 2, 2013 |
| • Consuela Covington | Two Rivers #1/picnic | Saturday, April 6, 2013 |
| • Crystal Geiger | Warner #9/picnic | Saturday, June 8, 2013 |

AMPLIFICATION AND FUNDRAISING APPROVAL

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| • Season Kaminski | Centennial/benefit | Saturday, June 29, 2013 |
| • Corneliz Graves | Shelby Bottoms/walk | Saturday, April 20, 2013 |
| • Ashley Atkins | Walk of Fame/walk | Sat., October 12, 2013 |

X. CONSENT AGENDA

04-13-01 (con't.)

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Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Mr. Ponder the board approved the consent agenda as presented.

FUNDRAISING APPROVAL

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| • Laura Fitzgerald | Centennial/walk | Sat., October 26, 2013 |
| • Lana Pargh | Centennial/walk | Sat., November 9, 2013 |
| • Val Brooks | Elmington/recycle | Saturday, May 4, 2013 |

ALCOHOL APPROVAL

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| • David Spencer | Riverfront/Cumberland | Thursday, July 4, 2013 |
| • Patrick Williams | Riverfront/concert | Saturday, August 3, 2013 |
| • Brian Hamilton | Riverfront/festival | Aug. 23 - 24, 2013 (fri/sat) |

ALCOHOL AND AFTER HOURS APPROVAL

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| • Percy Priest Yacht Club | Hamilton Creek Marina | March-December 2013 |
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ALCOHOL AND AMPLIFICATION APPROVAL

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| • Dawn Long | CAC/wedding | Sunday, April 28, 2013 |
| • Larry Norton | CAC/art event | Saturday, June 1, 2013 |
| • Temika Taylor | CAC/wedding | Saturday, June 15, 2013 |
| • Leah Smith | Shelby/5K | Sat., December 7, 2013 |

ALCOHOL AND FUNDRAISING APPROVAL

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| • Christopher McCune | Riverfront/walk-5K | Sat., October 5, 2013 |
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ALCOHOL, AMPLIFICATION AND FUNDRAISING APPROVAL

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| • Suzanne Horne | Centennial/festival | Sat., September 14, 2013 |
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XI. NEW BUSINESS

04-13-02

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY
FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING A CAR SHOW TO BE HELD IN RHODES PARK
ON SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2013**

An application submitted by Ms. Calasia Williams, representing Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., requesting permission to host an event, Delta Week Car Show, with amplification, in Rhodes Park, 12:00 – 3:00 pm, on Saturday, April 20, 2013 was presented to the board for approval.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

04-13-02 (con't.)

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF DELTA SIGMA THETA SOROITY
FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING A CAR SHOW TO BE HELD IN RHODES PARK
ON SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2013**

Upon motion of Mr. Ponder, seconded by Ms. Chase, the Board approved amplification with the understanding that the sound not be disruptive to those in the surrounding area and subject to monitoring by park personnel.

04-13-03

BOARD APPROVES THE ESTABLISHMENT OF FRIENDS OF SEVIER PARK

Mr. Kenneth Winter and Mr. David Thompson representing Friends of Sevier Park, Inc., were present to request consideration of the board to establish Friends of Sevier Park as an official volunteer support group to Metro Parks. Mr. Winter stated that he is an original member of the 12South Neighbors and currently has approximately 200 constituents interested in this group. He also said that all funds raised will enhance what Metro Parks has provided.

Mr. Lynch reported that the Master Plan process has been implemented for this 20 acre park. Dr. Brannon asked what improvements have been made and Tim Netsch responded the following:

- Fitness trail loops
- Sidewalks
- Skate spot
- Community garden
- Restoration and ultimate use of the historical out buildings

Mr. Lynch stated that he hoped this group will welcome those who have been displaced by the construction and welcome them back to the park even if they are not a member of the friends' group.

Therefore, upon motion of Mr. Ponder, seconded by Ms. Chase, the Board approved this request as said group has submitted all documentation required of petitioning friends' groups.

04-13-04

BOARD APPROVES THE ESTABLISHMENT OF FRIENDS OF SEVIER PARK

Ms. Patricia Mixon, representing Friends of Woodmont Park, Inc., was present to request consideration of the board to establish Friends of Woodmont Park as an official volunteer support group to Metro Parks.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

04-13-04 (con't.)

BOARD APPROVES THE ESTABLISHMENT OF FRIENDS OF SEVIER PARK

Ms. Mixon stated the following has been accomplished within the last 3 years:

- 50 trees have been planted
- Irrigation system installed and maintenance provided
- Added wood fencing to replace a portion of existing chain link fencing
- Provided landscaping
- Acts as a liaison to Metro Parks with regard to security and maintenance issues
- Hosts neighborhood events
- Beginning to draw from adjacent neighborhoods
- Volunteer labor initiation from MBA students (hopefully will turn into an annual event)
- Funds have been raised for a tennis blackboard
- Become more specific on donations from individuals

Therefore, upon motion of Mr. Chase, seconded by Mr. Fossick, the Board approved this request as said group has submitted all documentation required of petitioning friends' groups.

04-13-05

BOARD DEFERS SPONSORSHIP POLICY INDEFINITELY

At the request of staff, the Board was asked to consider a Sponsorship Policy for Metro Parks. Mr. Lynch explained that Parks has had to pass on opportunities in the past because of the current ordinance in existence states in advertising in Metro Parks (i.e. Parks was offered free mutt mitts in exchange for company sponsorship on mitts). Therefore, Mr. Lynch has asked Mr. Morrissey, Parks' rep from the Metro Legal Department, to assist in rewriting this ordinance to acknowledge sponsorships and Mr. Morrissey advised Mr. Lynch that the Metro code will have to be changed first.

Therefore, upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Ms. Chase, the board deferred this request indefinitely.

04-13-06

**BOARD DEFERS REQUEST TO ACCEPT DONATION OF 1.46 ACRES
LOCATED ON MILL CREEK AT MASSMAN DRIVE**

Staff requests Board to accept donation of 1.46 acres, map and parcel 10600402000, located on Mill Creek at Massman Drive and will include the historic Buchanan Cemetery and access for the Mill Creek Greenway system.

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Ms. Chase, the board deferred this request to the board's acquisition committee and will be presented to said committee at 11:30 am preceding the May 7th board meeting.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

04-13-07

**ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014
EFFECTIVE MAY 2013 THROUGH APRIL 2014**

Upon motion of Mr. McTorry, Mr. Ponder stated that nominations cease and elect by acclimation:

Mr. George Anderson as Chairperson for one year

Upon motion of Mr. McTorry, Mr. Ponder stated that nominations cease and elect by acclimation:

Mr. Stan Fossick as Vice-chairperson for one year

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Mr. McTorry, the Board elected:

Mr. Tommy Lynch as Secretary for one year

Park Board Officers to assume office May 1, 2013, as per section 1000.4 of the Metro Parks Policy Manual.

XII. UPCOMING SPECIAL ACTIVITIES/EVENTS – Public Information Staff

Jackie Jones distributed fliers for the following upcoming events:

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| • Metro's 50 th Birthday Party | Sat., April 6 | Public Square |
| • Richland Creek Run | Sat., April 6 | Richland Greenway |
| • One Cool Friend | Mon., April 8 | Coleman Center |
| • Nashville's Earth Day | Sat., April 20 | Centennial Park |
| • NAZA Family Fun Run | Sat., April 20 | Hadley Center |
| • Bike to Work Day | Fri., May 17 | Public Square |
| • Nash Vitality Festival | Sat., May 18 | Centennial |

XIII. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Lynch reported:

- There is an ordinance before Metro Council that will allow for dog parks to exist which will permit constituents to walk dogs off leash; however this will require Parks Board approval as well as councilmanic approval of district of requested area.
- With the settlement of satellite cities there is a possibility of park land to be developed in Forest Hills from Radnor Lake to Warner Parks.

XIII. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR (con't.)

Mr. Lynch reported:

- Update regarding a development that is ongoing in the old Hickory (Lakewood) community. About a year or so ago, that community voted to become a part of Metro rather than their own incorporated area. Parks had already accepted some park land and a ballpark; however, it appears there is more to come our way. Presently, the district operates an art center, community center, a girls' softball complex, a small greenway and another park area and in all probability within 60-90 days negotiations will conclude and some—most—or all will be coming our way. The entire operation is funded through water bills in the Old Hickory Utility District. Once the Old Hickory Utility District goes under the Metro Water Services Department I anticipate being notified when the acquisition will come our way and whether something is included in Parks' budget for next year or if funding will continue, but through the Metro Water Services Department. As with any property acquisition it will be brought to the board for acceptance. Please note that Parks will permit the ballfields as we currently do at other park sites. I am meeting next week with the Director of Water Services and the Deputy Mayor regarding this acquisition. There is also a possibility that the art center may go under the Metro Arts Commission, and that the fitness/community center will be operated by a local 501.C.3 organization.
- Parks budget hearing with Mayor Dean was held on March 28 and it went well. Parks submitted a 2% budget reduction as required of all Metro Departments by Mr. Riebeling, Finance Director. This reduction equated to \$421,900 and in addition Parks submitted request totaling \$2,414,600 for system wide improvements which included 12 maintenance positions and \$90,000 in equipment. Our departmental budget hearing before the Metropolitan Council is scheduled for Wednesday, May 29, 2013 at 5:30 pm in the Council Chambers.

XIV. ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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

Thomas M. Lynch, Director

George Anderson, Chairperson