

METROPOLITAN BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

June 4, 2013

A meeting of the Board of Parks and Recreation of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee was held on Tuesday, June 4, 2013 at 12:00 pm at the Fort Negley Visitor's Center, 1100 Fort Negley Blvd., Nashville, TN. Board members present were: Mr. George Anderson, Mr. Stan Fossick, Mr. Charles McTorry, Ms. Elizabeth Chase, Ms. Juliana Ospina-Cano and Mr. Phil Ponder. Dr. Jo Ann Brannon 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; Capt. Chris Taylor, Park Police and **Mr. Ted Morrissey, representing the Metro Legal Department.**

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD APRIL 2, 2013 AND MAY 7, 2013 APPROVED

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Ms. Chase, the Board approved the minutes of the board meetings held Tuesday, April 2, 2013 and Tuesday, May 7, 2013 as submitted.

VI. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

Mr. Lynch introduced Krista Castillo, Manager of the Fort Negley Visitor's Center. Krista welcomed the board to the visitor's center and introduced Taylor Harbin who is working this summer at Fort Negley. Ms. Castillo stated that Fort Negley along with other Civil War site organizations produced a brochure which is available at the visitor's center. The exhibit currently displayed "Free at Last" is on loan from the Heritage Center in Murfreesboro. Krista announced that the Friends of Fort Negley group has been revitalized and is now headed by Clay Bailey. Work will begin on a historic structures report in July with John Milner and Associates conducting a survey of the fort's condition with archeologists following. She also reported that during open hours of the visitor's center approximately 12,300 people visited the center and park in 2012. Upcoming events at Fort Negley include:

- June 22 Juneteenth Celebration
- June 27 Model and Toy Soldier Show

IX. OLD BUSINESS

04-13-06

**BOARD APPROVES ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION OF 1.46 ACRES
LOCATED ON MILL CREEK AT MASSMAN DRIVE**

With recommendation from the board's acquisition committee and upon motion of Mr. Ponder, and seconded by Mr. McTorry, the Board unanimously approved acceptance of a donation of 1.46 acres, map and parcel 10600402000, located on Mill Creek at Massman Drive which includes the historic Buchanan Cemetery and access for the Mill Creek Greenway system.

05-13-01

BOARD APPROVES MAY CONSENT AGENDA

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

AMPLIFICATION APPROVAL

- Cross Timbers Church Bellevue Park/church service Sat/Sun, Sept. 28-29 2013
- Preston Taylor Ministries Boyd Park/Summer Jam June 10-14, 2013
- Toya Polk Cane Ridge/picnic Sat., September 21, 2013
- Marcia Burns Cedar Hill/picnic Saturday, August 3, 2013
- Nashville Peace/Justice Centennial/festival Sat., September 21, 2013
- Daughters of American Nashville City Cemetery Friday, June 14, 2013
 Revolution/Regents Council
- 12South Neighborhood Sevier Park/concerts Sat. Aug 24, Sept. 7/21 &
 Oct. 5, 2013
- What Do You Run For Shelby/Walk-Run Saturday, Aug. 17, 2013
- Terri Johnson Two Rivers/picnic Saturday, June 29, 2013
- SPACEMOD Clothing Two Rivers/Skate Off Saturday, July 27, 2013
- Meharry Medical College Warner/employee picnic Sat., September 14, 2013

AMPLIFICATION AND FUNDRAISING APPROVAL

- ALSAC/St. Jude Centennial/Walk-Run Sat., November 23, 2013
- Alzheimer's Association Public Square/Walk-Run Sat., October 19, 2013

FUNDRAISING APPROVAL

- Kiwanis of Nashville East Bank/Duck Race Sunday, October 27, 2013

ALOCOL AND AMPLIFICATION APPROVAL

- Jessica Brown CAC/Wedding/Reception Sunday, June 30, 2013
- Nashville Spts. Lge East/sports event Saturday, June 29, 2013
- Nashville Bar Association Walk of Fame/Picnic Thursday, Sept. 19, 2013

IX. OLD BUSINESS

05-13-01(con't.)

BOARD APPROVES MAY CONSENT AGENDA

ALOCHOL, AMPLIFICATION AND FUNDRAISING APPROVAL

- Friends of Shelby Park East/Hot Chicken Festival Thursday, July 4, 2013
- Stephen Siller Tunnel Public Square/Walk-Run Sat., September 7, 2013
to Towers Foundation
- Ragnar Events, LLC Walk of Fame/Walk-Run Sat., October 26, 2013

05-13-02

**BOARD DEFERS REQUEST TO CONSTRUCT A LIGHTNING SHELTER
ON PERCY WARNER GOLF COURSE
TO THE BOARD'S ACQUISITION COMMITTEE**

As per board policy, the Board referred request by Bill Griffin, representing the Warner Park Improvement Association, to construct a lightning shelter on Percy Warner Golf Course to the Parks Board's Acquisition Committee at their meeting scheduled on July 2, 2013 preceding the board meeting.

05-13-03

**BOARD DEFERS REQUEST TO NAME THE WALKING TRAIL LOCATED ON
LEASED PROPERTY AT GALE LANE AND I-440 RIGHT OF WAY
THE GEORGE W. CARVER WALKING TRAIL AT SUNNYSIDE
TO THE NAMING COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD
TO BE HEARD AT THE JULY PARKS BOARD MEETING**

As per board policy, the Board deferred request of Mr. Kwame Lillard, representing the African American Cultural Alliance and Mr. Sizwe Herring, representing Earth Matters Tennessee, requesting board approval to name the walking trail located on leased property at Gale Lane and I-440 right of way the **George W. Carver Walking Trail** at Sunnyside. The boards' naming committee will review request preceding the July Parks board meeting.

Mr. Herring addressed the board regarding this request. He stated that a community garden had been planted and a compost facility had been located at said property for 21 years. Dr. Carver changed the planting and growing procedures of the area to vegetables from cotton and because of this it seems appropriate to honor him by naming site for him.

Mrs. Mary Sanford, a resident of said area, began to voice a statement at which time Mr. Lynch politely interrupted and asked her to submit a letter to the board to appear before the board with regard to this site.

X. CONSENT AGENDA

06-13-01

BOARD APPROVES JUNE CONSENT AGENDA

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

AMPLIFICATION APPROVAL

- Street Works Centennial Pavilion/picnic Friday, June 14, 2013
- Katie Roberts/wedding Sunken Garden/event shelter Saturday, June 15, 2013
- Brooke Bernard/wedding Centennial Art Center Sunday, June 16, 2013
- Tammy Murdock/wedding Centennial Rose Arbor Friday, June 21, 2013
- Alameda Christian Church Centennial Pavilion/picnic Sunday, June 28, 2013
- Lisa Moment/picnic Centennial Event Shelter Sunday, August 18, 2013
- Yasmine Johnson Hartman Park/picnic Sunday, June 16, 2013
- Cianeeka Mason Madison Park/picnic Saturday, August 3, 2013
- Southern Racing/triathlon Walk of Fame Sunday, June 16, 2013
- American Liver Foundation Warner Park/Walk Saturday, Sept.28, 2013

AMPLIFICATION AND FUNDRAISING APPROVAL

- Elaine's Walk Centennial Friday, Sept. 13, 2013

ALOHOL AND AMPLIFICATION APPROVAL

- Nan Spicer CAC/Wedding Reception Saturday, August 3, 2013

ALOHOL AND FUNDRAISING APPROVAL

- Nissan Taste of Music City Riverfront Park Saturday, June 22, 2013

ALOHOL, AMPLIFICATION AND FUNDRAISING APPROVAL

- Nashville Volksfest Centennial Front Lawn October 26-27, 2013

AFTER HOURS APPROVAL

- Nashville Amateur Radio Club Lock Two Park June 22-23, 2013

GRANT APPROVAL

Board requested to accept a grant from Greenways for Nashville for the continuation to process grant funds to cover the full time position of Renee Bates, beginning July 1, 2013, for fiscal year 2013-14. (Parks will cover payroll tax only for the position). Since the beginning of the initial grant in 2001 indirect (administrative) costs have not been reimbursed and Greenways for Nashville would like to continue this arrangement and reimburse direct costs only. In the event that Greenways for Nashville decides to discontinue or modify funding for this position a notice of 30 days will be given Metro Parks. Metro Parks may discontinue this agreement with a 30 day notice to Greenways for Nashville.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

06-13-02

**BOARD AFFIRMS APPOINTMENT OF JULIANA OSPINA CANO
AS A MEMBER OF THE PARK BOARD**

The Board unanimously affirmed the Mayoral appointment of Ms. Juliana Ospina Cano as a member of the Park Board for five years effective June 4, 2013. (Ms. Cano's term will expire April 30, 2018).

06-13-03

**BOARD GRANTS TEMPORARY PERMISSION TO CHEEKWOOD TO UTILIZE
THE PARKING AREA OF PERCY WARNER GOLF COURSE
MAY 24 – NOVEMBER 10, 2013**

Ms. Jane MacLeod, representing Cheekwood Botanical Garden and Museum of Art, was present to request from the board permission to utilize the parking area of Percy Warner Golf Course, May 24 – November 10, 2013, during **LIGHT: Bruce Munro at Cheekwood**.

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Ms. Chase, the Board approved request for use of the parking area located at Percy Warner Golf Course in Warner Park for parking for **LIGHT: Bruce Munro at Cheekwood**. This area was approved as utility parking only after 7:00 pm on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings until November 4, 2013. The board asked that Cheekwood use this area only after the other auxiliary lots are full as the course is still open to golfing patrons at this time.

Ms. MacLeod announced to the board that Reed Hilderbrand will begin work on a master plan to address a long term solution for parking at Cheekwood. She stated that since Chihuly, memberships to Cheekwood have doubled; therefore, prompting the establishment of a capital campaign to enhance and increase parking. Campaign slated to begin in 2014.

06-13-04

LOCKELAND SPRINGS PARK MASTER PLAN PRESENTED TO THE BOARD

Ms. Rebecca Ratz, representing Metro Parks Planning and Facilities Division, presented the Lockeland Springs Park Master Plan to the Board for approval. Rebecca stated that Jim Polk and Bo Parr with their efforts are striving to make this a great neighborhood park while maintaining the components of the site (Lockeland Spring). The master plan will incorporate the classroom and bring neighboring youth to the park for learning experiences. Trails will connect, by easements, to Shelby Park and the Cumberland River. Rebecca also publicly recognized three high school students for their diligent work in conducting an online survey and presenting to the Lockeland Springs Neighborhood Association.

Upon motion of Ms. Chase, seconded by Mr. Ponder, the Board approved the Master Plan for Lockeland Springs Park as presented.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

06-13-04 (con't.)

LOCKELAND SPRINGS PARK MASTER PLAN PRESENTED TO THE BOARD

**LOCKELAND SPRINGS PARK
HISTORIC SITE AND NATURAL SPRINGS**

Lockeland Springs Park is a unique piece of property located in the heart of urban Nashville. The natural springs have served the community for centuries before and after the water bottling system was in operation.

Today the site functions as a gathering place, an outdoor classroom, a natural oasis, a home for many plants and animals, and as a hydrological system at work in the heart of the community.

This master plan celebrates the natural and historical components of the site. Limited enhancements including improved site accessibility, signage and gathering areas will help neighbors enjoy the site without disturbing the natural feel and functions of the site.

MASTER PLAN

Lockeland Springs Park Context

06-13-05

**BOARD DEFERS REQUEST OF SWING HIGHER PLAYGROUNDS
TO PROVIDE A PLAYGROUND FOR DOUGLAS PARK
TO THE BOARD'S ACQUISITION COMMITTEE**

Ms. Rebecca Ratz, representing Metro Parks Planning and Facilities Division, was present to request consideration from the board, on behalf of Swing Higher Playgrounds, to fund, design and construct a playground in Douglas Park. (Please note that Metro Parks Planning staff will work with said company during the design/construction process).

As per board policy the Board referred request to the Parks Board's Acquisition Committee at their meeting scheduled on July 2, 2013.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

06-13-06

**BOARD DEFERS REQUEST OF METRO PARKS GREENWAYS/OPEN SPACE
DIVISION TO ACQUIRE AND/OR ACCEPT PROPERTY
TO THE BOARD'S ACQUISITION COMMITTEE**

As per board policy the Board referred the following request to the Parks Board's Acquisition Committee at their meeting scheduled immediately before the board meeting of July 2, 2013.

Ms. Shain Dennison, representing Metro Parks Greenways/Open Space Division, requests the following:

*Approval of acquisition of approximately 104.61 acres, map and parcel no. 00400042000, as an addition to Cedar Hill Park.

*Acceptance of .35 acre easement, map and parcel no. 06903007100, for trail connection on the Whites Creek Greenway.

*Acceptance of donation of Lot 2 of Dollar General SP and a Greenway Conservation easement to correct the recorded final plat, for use as a trail head and greenway trail.

06-13-07

**BOARD DEFERS REQUEST OF METRO PARKS GREENWAYS/OPEN SPACE
DIVISION TO ACCEPT GAZEBO OR PICNIC SHELTER TO BE PLACED ON
THE MILL CREEK GREENWAY TO THE BOARD'S ACQUISITION COMMITTEE**

Ms. Shain Dennison, representing Metro Parks Greenways/Open Space Division, was present to request acceptance of donation of a gazebo or picnic shelter to include a memorial plaque in memory of Paul Johnson on the Mill Creek Greenway from the board.

As per board policy the Board referred the following request to the Parks Board's Acquisition Committee at their meeting scheduled immediately before the board meeting of July 2, 2013.

XII. UPCOMING SPECIAL ACTIVITIES/EVENTS

Ms. Jackie Jones announced the following events:

- * Thursday, June 6 Meeting regarding implementation of the Centennial Park Master Plan
- * Sunday, June 9, 16, 23 Dragon Music Sundays
Fannie Mae Dees Park

XII. UPCOMING SPECIAL ACTIVITIES/EVENTS (con't.)

Ms. Jackie Jones announced the following events:

- * June 15-October 5, 2013 Paul Lancaster: ***A World of His Own***
The Parthenon
- * June 21, 22, 23, 27,
28 and 29, 2013 Singin' the 60's – A Musical Revue
Z. Alexander Looby Theater

XIII. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Lynch reported:

- Cumberland Park received an award from the Urban Land Institute
- Two Rivers Mansion received a Historic Preservation Award from the Metro Historical Commission
- Summer Enrichment program and pools opened this week (June 3) with Napier Indoor Pool scheduled to open by the end of this week. He has visited several sites and youth are involved in fitness activities conducted by Metro Parks' staff (have employed more seasonal employees to accommodate youth using the centers). Plans are to use capital dollars next year to air condition existing facilities.
- Wave Country opened without incident on Saturday, May 25th.
- Maintenance Division is over run by the addition of more property, have gained approximately 2,000 acres since 2007. Requests for park and facility use is greatly increasing; therefore, there is a great need for a budgetary increase so that we can take care of what Parks already has.
- A tour of various parks and/or facilities has been scheduled immediately following the July Board Meeting to acquaint board members with our parks. A van will be available and Mr. Lynch stated he will lead the tour.

XIV. ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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

Thomas M. Lynch, Director

George Anderson, Chairperson