

METROPOLITAN BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

September 3, 2013

A meeting of the Board of Parks and Recreation of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee was held on Tuesday, September 3, 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, Ms. Elizabeth Chase, Ms. Juliana Ospina-Cano, Mr. Charles McTorry, Dr. Jo Ann Brannon and Mr. Phil Ponder.

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

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AUGUST 6, 2013 APPROVED

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Mr. McTorry, the Board approved the minutes of the board meetings held Tuesday, August 6, 2013 as submitted.

VI. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

Ms. Eleanor Willis, outgoing Executive Director of Friends of Warner Parks (after approximately 20 years of service) was present to introduce Mr. Mark Weller to the Board as the organization's New Executive Director. Mr. Weller has served as the Executive Director of YMCA's Camp Widjiwagan since its founding in 1997. Weller, who has a B.S. in mathematics from the University of Southern Illinois' School of Education and a M.S. Ed in recreation administration from the University of Southern Illinois, came to Nashville's Camp Widjiwagan from the St. Louis, MO area, where he was the Executive Director of YMCA's camp Lakewood for seven years. His experience with leadership and development and his passion for promoting healthy recreation in our community make him a natural fit for the position.

VII. INTRODUCTION OF STAFF, NEW EMPLOYEES, VOLUNTEERS

VIII. METRO COUNCIL REFERRALS

IX. OLD BUSINESS

04-12-40

**BOARD DEFERS STAFF REQUEST TO NAME PARK PROPERTY
LOCATED AT WEST HAMILTON AND CLARKSVILLE HIGHWAY
G. C. GARRETT PARK**

The naming committee recommended deferral until the October board meeting to allow time for staff to go back to owners and make offer to purchase the land without naming rights. Therefore upon committee recommendation, Ms. Chase made motion, Ms. Ospina-Cano seconded, and the board unanimously deferred this request until the October board meeting.

08-13-02

**BOARD DEFERS REQUEST OF OPTIMA TOWERS IV, LLC TO ENTER INTO A
LEASE TO LOCATE A WIRELESS TOWER IN EDWIN WARNER PARK**

Mr. James Murphy, representing Bradley Arant Boult Cummings, LLP and on behalf of Optima Towers IV, LLC, was present to request permission to enter into a lease to locate a 195 foot wireless tower on Old Hickory Blvd. in Edwin Warner Park at the ball field site from the board.

As per staff and committee recommendation and based on park policy 3000.25, Acquisition and Disposition of Park Property, Mr. Ponder made motion, Ms. Chase seconded, and the board unanimously deferred this request to the Acquisition/Disposition Committee of the Board to be considered at their October 2013 meeting.

08-13-03

**BOARD APPROVES PARTNERSHIP WITH ALL THE KINGS MEN
TO PROVIDE A PICNIC PAVILION IN WATKINS PARK**

As per committee recommendation Mr. Ponder made motion; Mr. Fossick seconded and the board unanimously approved request of All the Kings Men to enter into a partnership with Metro Parks to purchase and install a picnic pavilion structure in Watkins Park. The Rotary Club of Nashville, by way of grant funding, will provide the monies needed for the structure with Metro Parks providing in-kind services in the form of planning, site design and project management services not to exceed \$5,000.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

08-13-05

**BOARD ACCEPTS GREENWAY TRAIL/OPEN SPACE AT ROLLING MILL HILL
FROM THE METROPOLITAN DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING AUTHORITY
FOR THE CUMBERLAND RIVER GREENWAY SYSTEM**

Based upon committee recommendation, Mr. Ponder made motion, Ms. Chase seconded, and the board unanimously accepted from the Metropolitan Development and Housing Authority Map & Parcel 09311025600 (which includes a Memorandum of Agreement) for the existing trail switchback and sidewalk trail to Korean Veterans Boulevard, and fee simple acceptance of the open space, containing 1.10 acres of the Rolling Mill Hill subdivision phase I, Map & Parcel 09311025400 to be utilized for Cumberland River Greenway trail and open space.

08-13-06

**BOARD APPROVES APPLICATION AND ULTIMATE ACCEPTANCE
OF A GRANT FROM TDEC TO COMPLETE
A BIORETENTION AREA IN SOUTH INGLEWOOD PARK**

Based upon committee recommendation, Mr. Ponder made motion, Ms. Chase seconded, and the board unanimously granted approval for staff to apply and ultimately accept a grant from the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation and their Green Development Project. Grant funds will be used to purchase equipment and plant material to complete a prairie flower bioretention area at South Inglewood Park.

08-13-07

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST FROM THE METRO ARTS COMMISSION
TO INTEGRATE NEW ARTWORK IN PUBLIC SQUARE PARK**

Based upon committee recommendation, Ms. Ospina-Cano made motion, Ms. Chase seconded, and the board unanimously approved an art proposal to be integrated on the Public Square with the stipulation that the Arts Commission advise the board upon the selection of artist and proposed work. The Public Art Fund has appropriated \$350,000 for the project with installation scheduled within the next 12 – 19 months.

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X. CONSENT AGENDA

09-13-01

BOARD APPROVES SEPTEMBER CONSENT AGENDA

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

AMPLIFICATION APPROVAL

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| • TN Mental Health Assoc. | Cedar Hill Park picnic area 2 | Fri., September 6, 2013 |
| • Metro Human Relations | Centennial Event Shelter/picnic | Wed., September 11, 2013 |
| • HCA | Centennial Event Shelter/picnic | Tues., October 8, 2013 |
| • Music City Tango | Centennial Event Shelter/dance | Fri., October 18, 2013 |
| • Clear Channel | Cumberland Park/festival | Sat., October 12, 2013 |
| • Healthy Life | E.S. Rose Soccer Field | Sat., October 19, 2013 |
| • for Healthy Families Inc. | and picnic area | |
| • Dickerson Road | McFerrin Park | Sat., September 7, 2013 |
| • Merchants Association | | |
| • All is One Nat'l. Networks | Parkwood Center | Sun., September 15, 2013 |
| • Mayor's 5K and | Public Square Park | Sun., November 17, 2013 |
| • Kid's Fun Run | | |
| • Music City Inc. | Public Square, Walk of Fame, | Mon., Dec. 30, 2013 – |
| • New Year's Eve Bash | Riverfront/Cumberland Parks | Wed. Jan 1, 2014 |
| • Community Options, Inc. | Shelby Bottoms Greenway/5K | Sat., February 8, 2014 |
| • Elizabeth Smith/picnic | Warner Park Area 9 | Sat., September 14, 2013 |
| • Big Brothers Big Sisters | Warner Park Areas 6 & 10 | Sat., September 21, 2013 |

AMPLIFICATION AND FUNDRAISING APPROVAL

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| • Friends of Bells Bend | Bells Bend/Farm Day | Sat., October 12, 2013 |
| • Padmasambhava | Centennial Sunken Garden | Sun., October 6, 2013 |
| • Buddhist Center | Talk/guided Meditation in the Park | |
| • Iron Tribe-Fitness Event | Centennial Event Shelter | Sat., October 26, 2013 |
| • Crohns/Colitis Foundation | Centennial Park-walk | Sat., May 31, 2014 |
| • Madison Campus School | Peeler Park-5K/10K | Sun., October 13, 2013 |
| • Jordan Mychal | Reservoir-dodgeball tourney | Sat., October 12, 2013 |
| • Miles for Hope | Shelby Bottoms Greenway-5K | Sat., July 12, 2014 |
| • Frankie's Friends | Warner Areas 9,10, 11-5K | Sat., November 9, 2013 |

ALCOHOL AND AMPLIFICATION APPROVAL

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| • Nashville Scene | Parthenon/Plaza area | Wed., October 9, 2013 |
| • Treehouse Racing | Cedar Hill Park-bike race | Sat., November 2, 2013 |
| • Qualifacts Systems Inc. | Walk of Fame-conference reception | Sun., March 16, 2014 |

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FUNDRAISING APPROVAL

- David Arlaud Cedar Hill-disc golf tourney Sat., Nov. 9, 2013
- American Legion Post 5 Elmington Park-recycling event Sat., Oct. 12, 2013

ALCOHOL, AMPLIFICATION AND FUNDRAISING APPROVAL

- The Conservancy-Gala Parthenon/parking area Sat., November 2, 2013
- Prevent Child Abuse Cumberland Park-Festival Thurs., October 31, 2013
- Rhizome Productions East Bank Greenway-festival Sat., May 10, 2014
- Miles & Music Foundation Riverfront-concert Sun., November 3, 2013

XI. NEW BUSINESS

09-13-02

BOARD ACCEPTS GRANT FROM THE FRIENDS OF TWO RIVERS MANSION

Councilmember Phil Claiborne was present to request the Board to accept a grant from The Friends of Two Rivers Mansion. Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Mr. Ponder, the board unanimously accepted a grant from the Friends of Two Rivers Mansion to fund the salary for Laura Carrillo equivalent to 19 hours per week to oversee activities scheduled for Two Rivers Mansion beginning October 1, 2013 and continuing until the end of the 2013-14 fiscal year. The grant amount may increase to provide any funding necessary for pay plan adjustments or merit increases to which Parks employees would be entitled. Metro Parks will continue to process weekly timesheets and pay checks on an ongoing basis. The Friends of Two Rivers Mansion or Metro Parks may discontinue this agreement with a 30 day notice to the other party.

09-13-03

BOARD INCREASES WEEKEND USAGE FEES FOR TWO RIVERS MANSION

Councilmember Phil Claiborne, on behalf of the Friends of Two Rivers Mansion, was present to request an increase of usage fees for use of the Mansion on Saturday from \$1600 to \$2000 and on Sunday from \$1000 to \$1500 effective October 1, 2013.

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Mr. Ponder, the board unanimously approved increase in the usage fees based on fee comparison completed with similar venues. It was determined that the fees charged for use of Two Rivers Mansion were less, but still competitive.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

09-13-04

**BOARD GRANTS PERMISSION TO GUNS OF FORT NEGLEY TO HOST
A CIVIL WAR REENACTMENT AT FORT NEGLEY PARK
ON SEPTEMBER 26 AND 27, 2014**

Mr. Larry Carter, representing *Guns of Fort Negley*, was present to request approval from the board to hold a Living History and Civil War Reenactment at Fort Negley Park and Visitor's Center, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm, on September 26 and 27, 2014 with amplification and permission to fundraise with all proceeds going to the restoration and installation of the cannons.

Upon motion of Mr. Ponder, seconded by Ms. Chase, the Board unanimously approved the request of the Guns of Fort Negley to host a Civil War Living History and Reenactment event with amplification in Fort Negley Park and Visitor's Center and permission to fundraise and charge admission, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm, on Friday, September 26 and Saturday, September 27, 2014. Please note that amplification was approved with the understanding that the sound not be disruptive to those in the surrounding area and is subject to monitoring by park personnel. The board also expressed their appreciation to the organization's endeavors to raise the necessary funds required to return two (2) original cannons to Fort Negley for the benefit of visitors and the citizenry of Nashville and Davidson County of this historical site.

09-13-05

**BOARD APPROVES PERMIT FOR FACILITY USE BETWEEN METRO PARKS AND
BIKE THE GREENWAY INC. FOR USE OF PARKING AREA AT WAVE COUNTRY**

Upon motion of Mr. Ponder, seconded by Ms. Chase, the board approved a *Permit for Facility Use* between Metro Parks and Bike the Greenway Inc. for use of designated space in the parking area of Wave Country in Two Rivers Park for bicycle tours and rentals for the remainder of current calendar year effective September 3, 2013 and renewable in December on an annual basis.

09-13-06

**BOARD DEFERS REQUEST TO ACCEPT FLOOD BUYOUT PROPERTIES
TO BE ACQUIRED WITH MDHA HUD FUNDS
THROUGH METRO WATER SERVICES**

Staff requests Board to accept flood buyout properties for use as parks and greenways to be acquired with MDHA HUD funds through the Metro Water Services Departmental acquisition process.

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Ms. Chase, the board deferred this request to the board's acquisition committee as per park policy and will be presented to said committee at 11:30 am preceding the October 1st board meeting.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

09-13-07

**BOARD DEFERS REQUEST TO ACCEPT DONATION OF 4.78 ACRES
LOCATED AT 2471 PENNINGTON BEND ROAD
FOR THE CUMBERLAND RIVER GREENWAY SYSTEM**

Staff requests Board to accept a donation of 4.78 acres at 2471 Pennington Bend Road, map and parcel 062010017, for the Cumberland River Greenway System.

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Ms. Chase, the board deferred this request to the board's acquisition committee as per park policy and will be presented to said committee preceding the October 1st board meeting.

09-13-08

**BOARD DEFERS REQUEST TO NAME 70 ACRES OF VACANT PARK LAND
LOCATED ON MILL CREEK NEAR LENOX VILLAGE**

Staff requests board approval to name 70 acres of vacant park land on Mill Creek near Lenox Village.

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Ms. Chase, the board deferred this request to the board's naming committee as per park policy land will be presented to said committee preceding the October 1st board meeting.

XII. UPCOMING SPECIAL ACTIVITIES/EVENTS – Public Information Staff

Jim Hester announced the following upcoming events:

Musician's Corner	Centennial Park	September 7
Music at the Mansion	Two Rivers Mansion	September 7
Live at the Green	Public Square Park	September 12
Jazz on the Cumberland	Cumberland Park	September 14
Shakespeare in the Park	Centennial Park	ends September 15
African Street Festival	Hadley Park	September 21
El Protector Festival	Coleman Park	September 21
TACA	Centennial Park	September 27,28,29
Dinner on the Bridge	Shelby Street Bridge	October 3
Celebrate Nashville	Centennial Park	October 5
Halloween at the Mansion	Two Rivers Mansion	October 26

XIII. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Lynch reported that the summer season has ended without any major incidents. All pools and splash pads are also closed for the season.

Mr. Lynch stated that Sunday in the Park will be held on October 27th in Warner Park and hopes that all board members will try to attend since Eleanor Willis will be honored for her 20 years of service as Executive Director of Friends of Warner Parks.

XIV. ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Lynch announced that a parking request for the McCabe Park area will appear on a future board agenda.

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

Thomas M. Lynch, Director

George Anderson, Chairperson