

METROPOLITAN BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

July 1, 2014

A meeting of the Board of Parks and Recreation of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee was held on Tuesday, July 1, 2014 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. Jenn Garcia, Ms. Christy Smith, Mr. Greg Adkins and Dr. Jo Ann Brannon. Mr. Charles McTorry was not in attendance.

Staff present were: Assistant Director: Mr. Mike Bays, Consolidated Maintenance; Special Projects Managers: Ms. Monique Odom, Administration and Finance; Ms. Sally Davis, Community Recreation; Mr. Tim Netsch, Planning and Facilities; Ms. Shain Dennison, Greenways; Mr. John Holmes, Revenue Producing Facilities; and Mr. Jim Hester, Special Events; Ms. Jackie Jones, Superintendent/Public Information; Sgt. Bryan Irvin representing the Park Police in Capt. Chris Taylor's absence and **Mr. Ted Morrissey, representing the Metro Legal Department.**

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD JUNE 3, 2014 APPROVED

Upon motion of Dr. Brannon, seconded by Ms. Garcia, the Board approved the minutes of the board meeting held Tuesday, June 3, 2014 as submitted.

VI. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

VII. INTRODUCTION OF STAFF, NEW EMPLOYEES, VOLUNTEERS

VIII. METRO COUNCIL REFERRALS

IX. OLD BUSINESS

05-14-00

BOARD DEFERS REQUEST OF COUNCILMEMBER TONY TENPENNY TO RECONSIDER THE NAMING OF WHITSETT PARK

A request by Councilmember Tony Tenpenny to reconsider the naming of Whitsitt Park was referred to the naming committee of the board. In Councilmember Tenpenny's request to the board he referenced the Dairy King sign at the site of the former eating establishment and its possible return to the family of the original owners by Metro Parks

At the June board meeting, the board deferred request of the naming of Whitsett Park as per recommendation of the Naming Committee of the Board for reconsideration while staff and board revisit the naming policy. Please note that the board did determine that the original Dairy King sign be returned to the Jones family at their expense. Mr. Lynch asked that when removal of the sign is scheduled that the Jones family notify Mike Bays, Assistant Director of Parks.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

05-14-03

**BOARD REFERS REQUEST OF MR. RONNIE GREER
TO RENAME THE SEVIER PARK COMMUNITY CENTER
IN HONOR OF MR. EDWARD M. MULLINS, JR. TO THE NAMING COMMITTEE**

A request submitted by Mr. Ronnie Greer requesting the Board to rename the Sevier Park Community Center in honor of former park employee, Mr. Edward M. Mullins, Jr., was referred to the Naming Committee of the Board for consideration.

At the June board meeting, the board, at the recommendation of the Naming Committee, deferred this request so that staff and board can revisit the naming policy.

X. CONSENT AGENDA

07-14-01

BOARD APPROVES JULY CONSENT AGENDA

Upon motion of Dr. Brannon, seconded by Ms. Garcia, the board approved the consent agenda as submitted.

AMPLIFICATION APPROVAL

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| • Overton High School | Warner Park area 5-picnic | Sat., July 12, 2014 |
| • Nashville Greek Picnic | Rhodes Field A | Sat., Aug. 2, 2014 |
| • No Time to Lose Ministry | Cane Ridge area 3-picnic | Sat., Aug. 2, 2014 |
| • UMPH - picnic | Centennial Event Shelter | Sun., Aug 10, 2014 |
| • Bordeaux Hills Reunion | Bordeaux Gardens Park-picnic | Sat., Aug. 16, 2014 |
| • Bellevue Ch. Of Christ | Bellevue Park-picnic | Sun., Aug. 31, 2014 |
| • Music City Tango | Centennial Event Shelter-dance | Fri., Oct. 17, 2014 |
| • NIRCA | Warner Cross Country Course | Sat., Nov 15, 2014 |
| • Cherry Blossom Festival | Public Square Park | Sat., April 11, 2015 |

FUNDRAISING APPROVAL

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| • CAT Financial 5K | Centennial Park | Thurs., Aug. 5, 2014 |
| • Nat'l Angelman Syndrome | Centennial Park-walk | Sat., May 16, 2015 |
| • Arthritis Foundation | Centennial Bandshell-walk | Sat., May 16, 2015 |

AMPLIFICATION AND FUNDRAISING APPROVAL

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| • Blood:Water | Sevier Park-Food Truck meetup | Sat., Aug. 2, 2014 |
| • Earl Swensson Associates | Parthenon Lawn-cornhole tourney | Sat., Aug. 23, 2014 |
| • Music City BBG | Warner Park-Music City 5K | Sun., Sept. 28, 2014 |
| • Leukemia/Lymphoma Society | East Bank Greenway-run/walk | Fri., Oct. 10, 2014 |
| • Nashville Roller Girls | Warner Park Area 9-5K | Sat., Oct. 11, 2014 |

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AMPLIFICATION AND FUNDRAISING APPROVAL

- KY Coaches Association Warner Cross Country Course Sat., Nov. 22, 2014
- Sertoma Club of Nashville Two Rivers Park-walk/run Sat., April 18, 2015
- SUDC Program Shelby Park-run/walk Sat., April 18, 2015

ALCOHOL AND AMPLIFICATION APPROVAL

- Hootenanny Events Cumberland Park Sat., July 26, 2014

ALCOHOL, AMPLIFICATION AND FUNDRAISING APPROVAL

- LeMang Entertainment Riverfront Park-bbq festival Sun., Aug. 31, 2014
- Miles & Music Foundation Riverfront Park-concert Sun., Sept. 28, 2014
- Events Hatched Public Square Park-festival Oct. 24 - 25, 2014
- Human Movement Parthenon Lawn-run Sat., Dec. 20, 2014

GRANT APPROVAL

Board requested to accept a grant from Greenways for Nashville for the continuation to process grant funds in the amount of \$63,924 to cover the full time position of Renee Bates, beginning July 1, 2014, for fiscal year 2014-15. (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 his 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

07-14-02

**BOARD AFFIRMS APPOINTMENT OF CHRISTY SMITH
AS A MEMBER OF THE PARK BOARD**

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Ms. Garcia, the Board affirmed the appointment of Ms. Christy Smith as a member of the Park Board to fill the unexpired term of Ms. Elizabeth Chase. (Ms. Smith's term will expire April 30, 2017.)

XI. NEW BUSINESS

07-14-02

**BOARD AFFIRMS APPOINTMENT OF GREG ADKINS
AS A MEMBER OF THE PARK BOARD**

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Ms. Garcia, the Board affirmed the annual appointment of Mr. Greg Adkins, representing the Metro Planning Commission, as a member of the Park Board, effective June 12, 2014. (Mr. Adkins's term will expire May 31, 2015.)

07-14-04

**DR. SHARI BARKIN REPRESENTING THE NASHVILLE COLLABORATIVE
PRESENTS UPDATE TO THE BOARD**

Dr. Shari Barkin, Professor of Pediatrics at Vanderbilt University School of Medicine and representing the Nashville Collaborative, was present to provide an update to board and staff regarding the work of the Nashville Collaborative based in the recreation centers of Metro Parks. Sally Davis, Assistant Director of Parks, introduced Dr. Barkin, as well as Stevon Neloms, Director of Coleman Regional Center and Darlene Morrow, Director of East Regional Center (Coleman and East Centers are participants in the GROW program).

The Nashville Collaborative: A Partnership between Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt and Metro Parks working together to improve the health of children in Nashville while providing programs aimed at keeping children healthy and active. The goal of the Nashville Collaborative is to help children maintain a healthy weight and to prevent chronic diseases like obesity and diabetes by the development and testing of Community-based, Family-centered Programs that Measurably Reduce Childhood Obesity. The Metro Parks Board granted approval to this endeavor in May 2008 with the official launch on June 28, 2008.

GROW – *Grow Right onto Wellness* focuses on early childhood development and obesity prevention because of:

- Rapid infant weight gain often leads to excessive weight gain by age 4.
- Overweight toddlers are 5 times as likely to be overweight adolescents
- Overweight adolescents have a 70% risk of becoming overweight adults.
- This is the first generation in America who might have a shorter life expectancy than their parents.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

07-14-04 (con't.)

**DR. SHARI BARKIN REPRESENTING THE NASHVILLE COLLABORATIVE
PRESENTS UPDATE TO THE BOARD**

Accomplishments seen in the past 6 years as a result of this partnership:

- 7 Grants Obtained
- 20 manuscripts
- TN AAP Special Achievement Award
- International Award: Global Congress in Pediatric and Child Health
- Nashville Public Television Documentaries
- Presentations:
 - National Recreation and Parks Association Annual Meeting
 - Pediatric Academic Societies National Meeting

What has been learned so far?

- Skills building programs can improve early growth and development
- Teaching families with young children to use their built environment for physical activity and literacy promotion works
- Context matters

Nashville Collaborative Projects 2008-2014

1. Salud con la Familia, 2008-2010
2. Salud America!, 2009-2011
3. Coleman Afterschool Program, 2010
4. Madre Sana, Bebe Sano, 2010-2011
5. CASTLES at Hadley Park, 2011
6. Madre Sana, Embarazo Sano, 2011
7. Growing Right Onto Wellness (GROW), 2010-2017

GOAL: Develop and test a multi-ethnic, community-based, family-centered healthy lifestyle intervention with 600 families with preschool-age children over three years.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

07-14-04 (con't.)

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PRESENTS UPDATE TO THE BOARD**

GROW began August 2010 with Data Collection and Control Formative Phase activities (see below):

- **Focus Groups:** 6 parent groups (50 participants); 4 Metro Parks groups (17 participants)
- **Activity Testing:** Classes at intervention sites to test parent-child programming
- **Curriculum Development:** Expert review of materials and 60 cognitive interviews
- **Pilot Studies:** Conducted two pilot studies, involving a total of 61 family pairs

GROW Timeline: launched full study December 2012:

- Recruitment began in **August 2012**
- Baseline data collection began in **September 2012**
- The first participant was randomized in **December 2012**
- The first 2 intervention groups began in **December 2012/January 2013**

GROW Timeline: study progress in Spring 2014:

- Through **May 2014**, we had 4 data collection/library session types occurring at once.
- Reached 600th randomized participant in **May 2014**
- Started 30th intervention group in **May 2014**
- Completed baseline with 610 randomized participants in **June 2014**

Favorite Statistics:

- **Through the Nashville Collaborative we have reached more than 7000 families over six years.**
- **We have had more than more than 300 intervention sessions at Parks and Recreation for the GROW program.**
- **We have created sustained new users of Parks and Recreation facilities**

XI. NEW BUSINESS

07-14-05

**MS. LISA SPELLS, FOUNDER OF CREMONA STRINGS ENSEMBLE TOO AND
DEVELOPMENT GROUP, INC. APPRISED THE BOARD OF ACTIVITIES
OF THE ORGANIZATION**

Ms. Lisa Spells, representing the Cremona Strings Ensemble, was present to update the Board on this organization's presence in Metro Parks recreation facilities. Ms. Spells stated that since March 31, 2012 60+ students have completed this course. Currently enrolled are 13 children, 1 conductor and 3 parents learning to play instruments. Parents must be involved either as participant, conductor or assist with office duties as this is not a function for latch key children.

Cremona Strings is currently utilizing McCabe, East, Coleman and Hadley Regional Centers on Saturday mornings from 8:00 – 10:00 am and would like to increase their instruction time until 12:00 noon. Ms. Spells envisions using the 8:00 – 10:00 am time slot for introductory students and the 10:00 am – 12:00 noon slot for intermediate students. Mr. Lynch advised her that she should talk with each center manager for approval of the extension of time. Ms. Spells also inquired about use of the Looby Theatre on March 31, 2015 for Cremona Strings annual fundraiser and again Mr. Lynch advised her to speak with Ms. Carolyn German, Director of the Looby Theatre.

During Ms. Spell's presentation three students with the Cremona String Ensemble, ages 8 and under, performed an impressive musical performance, Ms. Spell's dedication to this cause and her students is exemplary and was very evident by her professionalism and the discipline of the students performing.

07-14-06

**BOARD APPROVES AMENDMENT TO PARKS POLICY 3000.32
DOG MANAGEMENT ON PARK PROPERTY**

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Dr. Brannon, the board approved amendment to Parks Policy 3000.32 ***Dog Management on Park Property*** as submitted by staff.

In April of this year, at the request of Metro Animal Care and Control, a review of current policy of prohibiting pit bulls and pit bull-like dog breeds in Metro Parks' dog parks was conducted. After researching the policies of several other comparable cities including Louisville, Charlotte, Austin and Indianapolis, and consulting with a panel of experts from MACC, Nashville Humane Association, Humane Society of America and MARS Petcare, it was determined that a change to current policy is recommended.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

07-14-06(con't)

BOARD APPROVES AMENDMENT TO PARKS POLICY 3000.32
DOG MANAGEMENT ON PARK PROPERTY

Current policy language:

Park Board Policy

3000.32 Dog Management on Park Property

II. Rules and Regulations for Metro Dog Parks

A. The following are not permitted in Metro Dog Parks:

1. Pit bulls or dogs having the physical characteristics of the pit bull breed

Proposed new policy language:

Park Board Policy

3000.32 Dog Management on Park Property

II. Rules and Regulations for Metro Dog Parks

A. The following are not permitted in Metro Dog Parks:

- 1. Any dog that exhibits or has a history of aggressive behavior**

07-14-07

BOARD APPROVES DEDICATION OF PERMANENT EASEMENT
FOR STORMWATER IMPROVEMENTS IN MCCABE PARK

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Dr. Brannon, the Board approved Metro Parks staff request, on behalf of Metro Water Services, for the dedication of a permanent easement for stormwater improvements in McCabe Park. This easement will benefit McCabe Park and surrounding properties with regard to construction, operation, maintenance, repair and inspection of sanitary sewers and/or drainage improvements and water mains and/or appurtenances within limits of proposed easement.

XII. CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE

Shain Dennison and Tim Netsch distributed copies of their respective division's capital projects update to the board.

XIII. UPCOMING SPECIAL ACTIVITIES/EVENTS

Jackie Jones announced the following events:

- Ribbon cutting of the Crooked Branch Greenway – July 5 @ 9:00 am
- “Day at the Fair” Exhibition at the Parthenon-July 10 @ 6:00 pm

XIV. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Lynch reported:

- Metro Parks FY15 operating budget has been approved at \$32,727,600. Overall the operating budget was increased by \$213,800 which factored in a reduction of -\$589,200 to Internal Service Fees.
- Department base line budget, excluding Internal Service Fees, was increased by \$803,000 which included a reduction of \$125,000 taken from utilities.
- Within the last 15 years 5,000 acres have been added, facilities updated with an addition of 600,000 sq. ft. add and Parks operating budget has been cut 3 million dollars including additions. (Cultural Arts Instructors have been cut and Recreation Center facilities have been reduced from 3 FT employees to 1 Ft and the use of 19 hour employees.)

XV. ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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

Thomas M. Lynch, Director

George Anderson, Chairperson