

# **METROPOLITAN BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION**

## **MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING**

**August 5, 2014**

A meeting of the Board of Parks and Recreation of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee was held on Tuesday, August 5, 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, Mr. Charles McTorry, Ms. Jenn Garcia, Ms. Christy Smith, and Dr. Jo Ann Brannon. Mr. Greg Adkins was not in attendance.

Staff present were: Assistant Directors: Mr. Mike Bays, Consolidated Maintenance; Ms. Monique Odom, Administration and Finance; Ms. Sally Davis, Community Recreation; Ms. Shain Dennison, Greenways; Mr. John Holmes, Revenue Producing Facilities; and Mr. Jim Hester, Special Events; Capt. Chris Taylor/Park Police and **Ms. Emily Lamb, representing the Metro Legal Department.** Mr. Tim Netsch, Assistant Director/Planning and Facilities and Ms. Jackie Jones, Superintendent/Public Information were not in attendance.

### **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD JULY 1, 2014 APPROVED**

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Dr. Brannon, the Board approved the minutes of the board meeting held Tuesday, July 1, 2014 as submitted.

#### **VI. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS**

Mr. Lynch introduced Ms. Emily Lamb to the board; Ms. Lamb will be replacing Mr. Ted Morrissey as Metro Parks Legal Representative. Mr. Morrissey has accepted the position of legal representative for the Metropolitan Nashville Airport Authority.

#### **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 at the May board meeting.

At the August board meeting, the board, once again, 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.

**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 August board meeting, the board, at the recommendation of the Naming Committee, once again deferred this request so that staff and board can revisit the naming policy.

**X. CONSENT AGENDA**

**08-14-01**

**BOARD APPROVES AUGUST CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**AMPLIFICATION APPROVAL**

- Jacques Hargrove                      Sevier shelter 1-picnic                      Sat., Aug. 9, 2014
- American Muslim                      Centennial Parthenon Lawn                      Sat., Aug. 10, 2014  
    Advisory Council-carnival
- NBPA-Nashville Chapter                      Madison Park-festival                      Fri., Aug. 22, 2014
- East Nashville Come                      McFerrin Park-picnic                      Sat., Aug 23, 2014  
    Together Day
- Meharry-Vanderbilt Alliance Cent. Event shelter-picnic                      Wed., Aug. 27, 2014
- Grimes/Roberts Wedding                      Centennial Sunken Garden                      Sat., Sept. 7, 2014
- Franklin School of Rock                      Riverfront Park-concert                      Sat., Sept. 7, 2014
- Vanderbilt Finance Dept.                      Warner Shelters 9,10,11-picnic                      Fri., Oct. 10, 2014
- Brewer/Richardson Wedding-Centennial Sunken Garden                      Sat., Nov. 1, 2014
- CMA Awards Red Carpet                      Walk of Fame Park                      Wed., Nov. 5, 2014
- Nashville First Church                      East Park-East Egg Hunt                      Sat., March 28, 2015  
    of the Nazarene
- Joshua Call Ministries                      Cumberland Park-Prayer Rally                      Sat., May 23, 2015
- Jacques Hargrove                      Sevier shelter 1-picnic                      Sat., May 23, 2015
- McGary/Caro Wedding                      Centennial Sunken Garden                      Sat., May 23, 2015
- Kline/Noel Wedding                      Cumberland Park                      Sun., May 24, 2015
- Richie Patterson                      Sevier shelter 1-picnic                      Sat., June 13, 2015
- Scleroderma Foundation                      Centennial event shelter-walk                      Sat., June 13, 2015

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**FUNDRAISING APPROVAL**

- TN Disability Coalition Warner Park area 11-kickball Thurs., Oct. 9, 2014
- Morning Star Sanctuary Centennial Park-walk Sat., June 20, 2015

**AMPLIFICATION AND FUNDRAISING APPROVAL**

- HCA Pinewood Derby Centennial Event Shelter Fri., Sept. 5, 2014
- ANCOP Foundation USA Cane Ridge Park-walk Sat., Sept. 6, 2014
- Start 2 Finish Owen Bradley Park-5k Sat., Sept. 13, 2014
- Down Syndrome/Mid TN Centennial Park-walk Sat., Oct 25, 2014
- Donelson Hermitage Chamber Stones River Greenway-10k/5k Sat., Nov. 1, 2014
- Progress Inc. Shelby Park Roads-walk Sat., Nov. 1, 2014
- Patrons at Play/HON Sevier Park-6k/12k Sat., Dec. 6, 2014
- Treehouse Racing Cedar Hill Park-walk/race Sun., March 29, 2015
- American Cancer Society Cumberland Park-Relay for Life Sat., May 2, 2015
- Sickle Cell Foundation/TN Shelby Park-5k Sat., May 30, 2015
- Belly Rubs Basset Rescue Centennial Event Shelter-picnic Sat., June 6, 2015

**ALCOHOL APPROVAL**

- American Society of Riverfront Park-reception Tues., Aug. 12, 2014  
Association Executives
- Quiaoit/Jackson Reception Warner Park Hodge House Sun., Sept. 21, 2014

**ALCOHOL AND AMPLIFICATION APPROVAL**

- REACH-block party Owen Bradley Park Mon., Aug. 18, 2014
- Scott/Beizer wedding Centennial Art Center Sat., Sept. 27, 2014

**ALCOHOL, AMPLIFICATION AND FUNDRAISING APPROVAL**

- Rhizome Productions East Park-beer festival Sat., April 11, 2015
- JD Events Sevier Park-festival Sat., May 2, 2015

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**GRANT APPROVAL**

The board accepted a grant from Mr. Jeff Syracuse, President of the Friends of Two Rivers Mansion, to provide the salary equivalent to 19 hours per week for the current fiscal year of 2014-15 for Laura Carrillo to oversee activities scheduled for Two Rivers Mansion and with any cost associated with benefits are to be the responsibility of Metro Parks. (\$17,015.60) 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.

**XI. NEW BUSINESS**

**08-14-02**

**MR. DONALD CAPPARELLA REPRESENTING NASHVILLE SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL PRESENTS ANNUAL UPDATE TO THE BOARD**

Mr. Donald Capparella, Chair of the Board of Directors of the Nashville Shakespeare Festival, was present to provide annual update to the board and invite the board members to this year's production.

Mr. Capparella stated that in 1988, following a dream of creating a Shakespearean theatre company in Nashville, a group of local actors produced the first free-of-charge Shakespeare in the Park production of *As You Like It*, and the Nashville Shakespeare Festival was born. During its twenty-five year history, the Festival has grown into one the region's leading professional theatres. Each summer 10,000 to 15,000 people attend the annual Shakespeare in the Centennial Park production which is designed to be accessible to people from all cultural and socio-economic backgrounds. In 2013, there were 15,500 in attendance and since 1988, over 250,000 Middle Tennesseans have attended.

In this year's production Americana music infuses The Nashville Shakespeare Festival's Annual Shakespeare in the Park production. Directed by Denice Hicks, ***As You Like It***, features songwriting legend **David Olney** in the role of Amiens, playing his own original songs written for the show. Music director **Stan Lawrence** leads an authentic old time jam band with players from the Musical Heritage Center in Pegram Tennessee. Inspired by the optimistic comedies of the 1930s, and set during the Great Depression, costumed ushers will invite the audience to join the actors in our version of a "Hooverville", where even in the toughest times, songs are sung, stories are told and there's always time for a little buck dancing.

**XI. NEW BUSINESS**

**08-14-03**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF SAFE HAVEN FAMILY SHELTER TO ENTER INTO A PARTNERSHIP WITH METRO PARKS TO IMPROVE DUDLEY PARK**

Correspondence submitted by Safe Haven Family Shelter requesting board approval to enter into a partnership with Metro Parks to improve amenities at Dudley Park was presented to the board.

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Ms. Smith, the Board approved the request of Safe Haven to enter into a partnership with Metro Parks to improve Dudley Park by constructing a playground by KaBoom at no expense to Metro Parks. Please note that construction of approved proposed amenities is contingent upon meeting and adhering to specifications required by Metro Parks as well as complying with Park's sponsorship policy and Metro Legal reviewing and ultimate approval of the partnership agreement.

**08-14-04**

**BOARD APPROVES NAMING OF THE PARK AND COMMUNITY CENTER AT THE FORMER HICKORY HOLLOW SITE SOUTHEAST PARK AND SOUTHEAST COMMUNITY CENTER**

Upon motion of Ms. Garcia, seconded by Mr. Fossick, the board approved the naming of the park and community center currently under construction at the former Hickory Hollow site, Southeast Park and Southeast Community Center, respectively. Metro Public Libraries is referring to their Library at said site as the "Southeast Branch"; thereby maintaining consistency in naming of all metro facilities at this location. Park/community center expected to open late October 2014.

**08-14-05**

**BOARD APPROVES AMENDING CURRENT HOURS OF METRO PARKS' DOG PARKS**

Upon motion of Ms. Smith, seconded by Ms. Garcia, the board approved the removal of current hours as posted at Metro Parks' dog parks for the purpose of uniformity at all sites.

Ms. Lamb, Metro Legal representative to Parks, recommended posting of signage stating what time the park that supports said dog parks opens and closes.

**XI. NEW BUSINESS**

**08-14-06**

**BOARD APPROVES PROPOSED GOLF IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Ms. Smith, the board approved the following golf improvement proposal as submitted with recommendation that notice of the surcharge should be posted as soon as possible so not to surprise the golfers. This surcharge will allow the department to begin making much needed improvements at the various courses allowing them to remain competitive in the local golfing market and funded entirely by users of the facilities.

- The Parks Department proposed a “golf improvement surcharge” for two years effective September 1, 2014 through August 31, 2016 in the amount of \$1.00 for each paid 9-hole round and \$1.00 for each annual membership 9-hole round or 18-hole round played.

Based on actual paid and membership rounds for calendar year 2013 this additional fee will generate a total of \$260,000 annually and \$520,000 for the two years. With this proposal Parks is requesting that the entire amount of \$520,000 be made available for use in a dedicated account on September 1<sup>st</sup> to be paid back in full no later than August 31, 2016. (Any additional dollars collected over the pre-funded amount during this period of time may also be used for this purpose.)

**XII. CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE**

In Mr. Netsch’s absence the capital projects report was distributed to the board.

**XIII. UPCOMING SPECIAL ACTIVITIES/EVENTS**

Jim Hester reported the following upcoming events:

Friday, August 8	Centennial Park Master Plan Groundbreaking
Friday, August 8	Full Moon Pickin Party in Warner Park
Saturday, August 9	Opening of the Fontanal Greenway Trail (2.5 miles)
Thursday, August 14	Live on the Green Kickoff in Public Square Park

**XIV. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR**

Mr. Lynch reported:

- the response with regard to the audit report concerning Parks’ Point of Sale and daily pickups by our Park Police will be returned as requested. In all other areas Parks is efficient meeting all deadlines and expectations.
- Metro Parks received a prominent mention from Claude Humphreys in his speech during his induction into the NFL Hall of Fame on Saturday, August 2, 2014.

**XIV. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR (con't.)**

- Metro Parks is hosting the Tennessee Recreation and Park Association State Conference, November 16 – 18, 2014 at the Music City Sheraton. R. A. Dickey, Cy Young winner, will be the key note speaker. Bob Benson is serving as our conference chair.
- Metro Parks will be hosting the National Recreation and Parks Association Conference in October 2021.
- Riverfront Amphitheater information should be available at the September board meeting.

**XV. ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

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

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**Thomas M. Lynch, Director**

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**George Anderson, Chairperson**