

METROPOLITAN BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

September 2, 2014

A meeting of the Board of Parks and Recreation of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee was held on Tuesday, September 2, 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, Dr. Jo Ann Brannon and Mr. Greg Adkins. Mr. Charles McTorry 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; Ms. Jackie Jones, Superintendent/Public Information and **Ms. Emily Lamb, representing the Metro Legal Department.**

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AUGUST 5, 2014 APPROVED

Upon motion of Dr. Brannon, seconded by Mr. Fossick, the Board approved the minutes of the board meeting held Tuesday, August 5, 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 DENIES REQUEST OF COUNCILMEMBER TONY TENPENNY TO RECONSIDER THE NAMING OF WHITSETT PARK

A request to the board by Councilmember Tony Tenpenny to reconsider the naming of Whitsitt Park was once again referred to the naming committee of the board to be heard at their September board meeting. This was the result of the recommendation by the Naming Committee of the board to reconsider the current policy in September to give staff and board time to revisit said policy.

Therefore, upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Mr. Adkins and upon recommendation of the Naming Committee, the Board determined that this request does not meet the requirements of the naming policy.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

05-14-03

**BOARD DENIES 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 once again referred to the Naming Committee of the Board for consideration. This was the result of the recommendation by the Naming Committee of the board to reconsider the current policy in September to give staff and board time to revisit said policy.

Therefore, upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Mr. Adkins and upon recommendation of the Naming Committee, the Board determined that this request does not meet the requirements of the naming policy.

X. CONSENT AGENDA

09-14-01

BOARD APPROVES SEPTEMBER CONSENT AGENDA

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

AMPLIFICATION APPROVAL

- Nations Neighborhood England Park-community picnic Sat., Sept. 13, 2014
- Back to School Bash Centennial Event Shelter Sat., Sept. 20, 2014
Dr. Terrance and Regina Lawless, Sr.
- Tina Pool Antioch Center Greenspace Sun., Oct. 5, 2014
Community Anti-Bullying Event
- Armstrong Real Estate Bass Park – movie night Thurs., Oct. 9, 2014
- Barre3-fitness class Centennial Event Shelter Sun., Oct 19, 2014
- Cruz/Maffei Cumberland Park - wedding Fri., Nov. 14, 2014
- Benefield/Cordes Cumberland Park - wedding Wed., April 29, 2015
- Fire & Light Festival Cumberland Park Sat., May 9, 2015
Worship, creative arts and prayer event

FUNDRAISING APPROVAL

- Hubble Foundation Shelby Park-walk/race Sat., Oct. 18, 2014
- Nashville Striders Shelby Park-Tom King Classic Sat., March 7, 2015
- Eating Disorders Coalition Centennial Bandshell/Park Sat., March 21, 2015
- Nashville Children’s Alliance Centennial Bandshell/Park Sat., April 11, 2015

X. CONSENT AGENDA

09-14-01(con't.)

BOARD APPROVES SEPTEMBER CONSENT AGENDA

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

AMPLIFICATION AND FUNDRAISING APPROVAL

- Big Picture High School Cent. Event Shelter-walk/race Tues., Sept. 16, 2014
- Madison Campus School Peeler Park-walk/run Sun., Oct. 19, 2014
- Free to Breathe Shelby Park-5k run/walk Sat., March 21, 2015
- Osteogenesis Imperfecta Foundation Cent. Event Shelter-walk Sat., May 9, 2015
- Pancreatic Cancer Action Network Public Square Park-5k Sat., May 30, 2015
- CASANA Cent. Event Shelter-walk Sat., June 20, 2015
- Nashville Walk for Apraxia of Speech

ALCOHOL AND AMPLIFICATION APPROVAL

- Nature Conservancy Centennial Art Center Thurs., Sept. 18, 2014
- South Nashville Festival Dudley Park Sat., Oct., 4, 2014
- Proffitt/Martin Wedding Parthenon Plaza Fri., Oct 10, 2014
- Nashville Oktoberfest Morgan Park/baseball field Oct., 10, 11, 12, 2014
- Capitol District Street Fair Morgan Park Sat., May 16, 2015
- Nashville Dancin, LLC Riverfront Park-powerboat race June 20, 21, 2015

ALCOHOL, AMPLIFICATION AND FUNDRAISING APPROVAL

- Partners for NonProfit Two Rivers Mansion-beer fest Sat., Oct., 18, 2014
- The Conservancy Parthenon Plaza-gala Sat., Nov., 1, 2014
- Nashville Chamber Cumberland Park-crawfish boil Sat., April 11, 2015
- CMA Music Festival Riverfront, Walk of Fame and Cumberland Parks June 10-14, 2015
- Nashville Pride Festival Public Square Park June 25, 26, 2015

X. CONSENT AGENDA

09-14-02

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF THE FRIENDS OF BELLS BEND
TO HOST A FUNDRAISING EVENT, 6TH ANNUAL FARM DAY, WITH
AMPLIFICATION IN BELLS BEND PARK ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2014**

Correspondence submitted by Ms. Sharon Work, representing Friends of Bells Bend, petitioning permission from the board to host the 6th Annual Farm Day on Saturday, October 11, 2014 in Bells Bend Park with the following requests:

- Waiver of all fees
- Permission for amplification of music on the back porch
- Permission for selling of farm goods, with proper permits, by vendors
- Permission for Friends of Bells Bend to sell food and beverages (non-alcoholic)

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Dr. Brannon, the Board approved this request with the understanding that the sound not be disruptive to those in the surrounding area and is subject to monitoring by park personnel.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

09-14-03

**FRIENDS OF CROOKED BRANCH PARK PROVIDES THE BOARD
AN UPDATE OF THEIR ORGANIZATION**

The Friends of Crooked Branch Park appeared at the September Parks Board meeting to reach full recognition as a “Friends Group” of the Parks Department. An application for 501©(3) incorporation was presented along with list of board members and officers. However, not all the necessary requirements to be a Friends Group have been met.

Mr. Lynch stated that there have been many political issues created by past members of the board of this group that are problematic in receiving final approval from the Parks Board. The Parks Board policy which applies to Friends Groups was sent to this group for the second time so that they may understand that the sole intent and purpose of any Friends group is to work in conjunction with the Parks Board and Parks Department staff to enhance the park in area community and to augment park resources.

Mr. Lynch, as Director of Metro Parks, offered to host a meeting for the general public to attend where parks staff and other “Friend Groups” share their story in an effort for said group and the users of the park to understand what is and what is not acceptable from a recognized “Friends Group”. There seems to be no clear understanding of this, since the Parks Department has been contacted by many individuals in the Crooked Branch Park area claiming that one group may be setting itself up to control the park from other interested users. That is simply not the intent of the Parks Board and should not be the intent of officers of any “Friends Group”. A meeting is required before any formal recognition of a “Friends Group” can be obtained. Metro Parks intends to work with the entire community to form a relationship that can be sustained and prove beneficial to all concerned and any meeting for this purpose will be hosted by the Parks Department and the subject matter will consist solely of what other Friends Groups do and suggestions as to how group’s efforts should be formulated.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

09-14-04

BOARD DENIES REQUEST OF MS. ANGELA DAVIS TO UTILIZE THE BLACK BOX THEATRE IN THE CENTENNIAL ARTS ACTIVITY CENTER ON A TEMPORARY BASIS FOR RELIGIOUS SERVICES

Ms. Angela Driver was present to request board consideration to utilize the Black Box Theatre in the Centennial Arts Activity Center on a temporary basis to establish the first Woman's Denomination in World, State and National History from the board.

Upon motion of Mr. Adkins, seconded by Mr. Fossick, the board denied your request to utilize the Black Box Theatre located in the Centennial Arts Activity Center on a temporary basis to establish the first Woman's Denomination in World, State and National History because your request did not meet Park Policy 3000.2 ***Use of Facilities on a Regular and Permanent Basis.***

Ms. Driver requested that Park Policy 3000.2 be amended; however, Mr. George Anderson, Parks Board Chairperson, stated there would be no consideration given to changing said policy at the September 2nd board meeting as it did not appear on the board agenda and board would be in violation of policy.

09-14-05

BOARD DENIES REQUEST TO PLACE STATUE IN WALK OF FAME PARK

Mr. Frank Ortega was present to request board consideration to place a statue of Manuel, international clothier, in Walk of Fame Park.

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Ms. Smith, the board denied this request as it does not meet the requirements of park policy 3000.30 ***Special Interest Memorials on Public Land.*** Mr. Lynch suggested that this statue could possibly be placed on an area of sidewalk on Demonbreun Street adjacent to the Country Music Hall of Fame and if that suggestion was of interest to Mr. Ortega Mr. Lynch offered to assist in contacting the correct division of the Metropolitan Public Works Department.

09-14-06

BOARD APPROVES LOCATION OF PUBLIC ART ON THE WEST BANK RIVERFRONT SITE

Ms. Jen Cole, Director of the Metro Arts Commission, was present to request board approval of location of proposed public art for the West Bank Riverfront Park site.

upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Ms. Garcia, the board approved the location of an art proposal submitted by the Metro Arts Commission to be integrated on the West Bank Riverfront site, an 11-acre park, currently under construction, on the site of the former Thermal Transfer Plant in downtown Nashville.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

09-14-06 (con't.)

**BOARD APPROVES LOCATION OF PUBLIC ART
ON THE WEST BANK RIVERFRONT SITE**

This presentation introducing the artist team, Laura Haddad and Tom Drugan of Seattle, Washington, who has been commissioned for a large-scale artwork at the West Riverfront Park site, also showcased the “River Concept” sculpture at the entry of the park. The form of this sculpture based upon the Cumberland River and its winding through Nashville and Davidson County symbolizing a reconnection to the river was very ingenious.

09-14-07

**BOARD GRANTS APPROVAL OF APPLICATION AND ULTIMATE ACCEPTANCE
OF A MINI-GRANT FROM THE METRO ARTS COMMISSION
FOR USE IN THE REGIONAL CENTERS**

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Ms. Smith, the board granted approval of application and ultimate acceptance of a \$900.00 mini-grant from the Metro Arts Commission to provide art instruction during after school programming in six (6) Metro Parks Regional Recreation Centers.

Funding will be used to pay fee for one teaching artist. Tim Olliphant, “Mr. Ollie”, is on the Tennessee Arts Commission Teaching Roster and Mr. Ollie will teach students how to create their own cartoon characters using geometric shapes. This method is easy to understand and follow and the students will not only learn about drawing and techniques, but about how and why certain things in nature look.

09-14-08

BOARD APPROVES ACQUISITION OF 13 ACRES AS AN ADDITION TO BEAMAN PARK

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Ms. Garcia, the board approved acquisition of 13 acres on Blueberry Hill Road as an addition to Beaman Park.

Acquisition of 13 acres from a tract of land at 4207 Blueberry hill Road, map 038000126, from the Tennessee Parks and Greenways Foundation (TPGF) for addition to Beaman Parks, using \$25,000 in existing funds. The purchase will be at half the acquisition cost of the 13 acres by TPGF, which purchased the property for \$50,000 in May 2014. TPGF’s market analysis of comparable sales was \$4,667.35 per acre and TPGF paid \$3,846 per acre. Conservation of the property is consistent with the Parks and Greenways Master plan and will provide additional buffer for Beaman Park as well as open space conservation.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

09-14-09

BOARD GRANTS APPROVAL FOR METRO PARKS TO PROVIDE MATCHING GRANTS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF COMMUNITY GARDENS

Upon motion of Ms. Smith, seconded by Ms. Garcia, the board granted approval for Metro Parks to provide matching grants to eligible nonprofit organizations to develop, operate, and/or maintain community gardens in Nashville/Davidson County within the area of the metropolitan government for the use and benefit of the community and/or schools.

Community Gardens provide innumerable benefits to neighborhoods and communities. They are catalysts for producing healthy foods, reducing grocery budgets, encouraging social interaction, reducing crime and stimulating neighborhood development. In addition, they filter rainwater, reduce air pollution and add purpose and beauty to greenspace.

Only nonprofit organizations can submit applications. Other requirements include:

- Organizations must be currently registered with the Tennessee Secretary of State Office to do business in Tennessee, and have filed the necessary report to the Secretary of State's Office of Charitable Solicitation (unless, according to the organization's size, it does not meet the threshold requirement).
- Grant funds awarded under the program must be used at school or community gardens for the benefit of children and/or senior citizens with an emphasis on contributing to healthy lifestyles/eating, addressing childhood obesity, eliminating food deserts, and/or promoting sustainable food sources.
- Grant funds may be used for programming or supplies for the school/community garden.

XII. CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE

The capital projects report will be presented to the board at their October meeting.

XIII. UPCOMING SPECIAL ACTIVITIES/EVENTS

Live on the Green is wrapping up for the season and has averaged 15,000 weekly.

Opening of the Peeler Park Greenway Trail at Taylor Farm is scheduled for Saturday, September 13th.

Shakespeare in the Park's final performance is scheduled for Sunday, September 14th.

Tennessee Craft Artists Fall Fair is scheduled for Friday, September 26, Saturday, September 27 and Sunday, September 28, 2014.

XIV. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Lynch reminded the board of the following:

- 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.

XV. ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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

Thomas M. Lynch, Director

George Anderson, Chairperson