

METROPOLITAN BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

October 7, 2014

A meeting of the Board of Parks and Recreation of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee was held on Tuesday, October 7, 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, and Dr. Jo Ann Brannon. Mr. Greg Adkins and Mr. Charles McTorry were not in attendance.

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

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 2, 2014 APPROVED

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Ms. Garcia, the Board approved the minutes of the board meeting held Tuesday, September 2, 2014 as submitted.

VI. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

VII. INTRODUCTION OF STAFF, NEW EMPLOYEES, VOLUNTEERS

Ms. Sally Davis, Assistant Director of Parks, introduced Mr. Thomas Floyd, Facility Coordinator and Ms. Pam Caban, Program Coordinator of the Southeast Regional Community Center to the board. Sally stated that Thomas and Pam were hand chosen and are doing a great job getting everything organized in Metro Parks largest center which is tentatively scheduled to open Tuesday, October 21 at 10:00 am.

VIII. METRO COUNCIL REFERRALS

IX. OLD BUSINESS

X. CONSENT AGENDA

10-14-01

BOARD APPROVES OCTOBER CONSENT AGENDA

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

AMPLIFICATION APPROVAL

- Kayla Price Seven Oaks Shelter #1-picnic Fri., Oct. 10, 2014
- Rebecca Whipple-wedding Centennial Art Center Fri., Oct. 17, 2014
- Belmont University Centennial Event Shelter Sun., Oct. 19, 2014
- dog adoption/Humane Society

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10-14-01 (con't.)

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AMPLIFICATION APPROVAL

- Stanberry/Wade-wedding Centennial Art Center Sat., Nov. 1, 2014
- Belmont University Centennial Event Shelter Sat., Nov. 15, 2014
run/walk for Epilepsy
- Colleen Iampa Cumberland Park - wedding Sat., March 28, 2015
- Liberty Christian Academy Centennial Event Shelter-prom Fri., April 24, 2015
- Pedroza/Dunn-wedding Centennial Event Shelter Sat., May 30, 2015
- Xavier Grady Sevier Shelter #1-picnic Sat., Aug. 8, 2015

FUNDRAISING APPROVAL

- Annie Hunt Bellevue Park-howl-o-ween festival Fri., Oct. 24, 2014
- Paul Hunt Shelby Park-Frosty Fireman 5K Sat., Dec. 13, 2014
widow/children's fund of the Nashville Fire Department

AMPLIFICATION AND FUNDRAISING APPROVAL

- Ride 615-mtn bike ride Cane Ridge Park Sun., Nov. 2, 2014
- Belmont University Percy Warner Park-5k walk/run Sat., Nov. 22, 2014
- Community Options Shelby Park-run/walk Sat., Feb., 14, 2015
- Blood Water Centennial Parthenon lawn Sun., March 22, 2015
World Water Day Balloon Toss and 5k
- Mitochondrial Disease Fdn Centennial Event Shelter-walk Sat., March 28, 2015
- Bill Wilkerson Center Fannie Mae Dees Park Sat., April 11 and
street painting/live music/food & drinks Sun., April 12, 2015
- Raise the Roof, Inc. Warner areas 9 & 11-5k Sat., April 18, 2015
- Bellevue Chamber Bellevue Park-picnic Sat., May 16, 2015
- Nat'l Kidney Foundation Centennial Event Shelter-walk Sun., May 17, 2015
- Women Survivors Alliance Public Square Park Sun., June 7, 2015

ALCOHOL AND AMPLIFICATION APPROVAL

- Susie Ashley-wedding Centennial Art Center Sun., Oct. 26, 2014
- Max Deardorff-wedding Centennial Sunken Garden Sat., May 23, 2015
and Event Shelter
- Teneka Watson Cumberland Park - wedding Sat., August 1, 2015

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ALCOHOL, AMPLIFICATION AND FUNDRAISING APPROVAL

- Start 2 Finish LLC Shelby Park -5k walk race Sun., Nov., 16, 2014
- Treehouse Racing Ravenwood Park-walk-race Sun., Nov., 23, 2014
- Rhizome Productions Parthenon Front Lawn-festival Fri., April 3, 2015
- Music City Brewer's Fest Walk of Fame Park Fri., July 17, 2015
- Rewind BBQ Festival Riverfront Park Sun., Sept. 6, 2015
- Cumberland River Compact Riverfront Park Sat., Sept. 12, 2015
 9th Annual Dragon Boat Festival

10-14-02

Mr. Ed Nutter, representing the Nashville Amateur Radio Club, requests permission for amplification and to remain in Lock 2 Park overnight from 12:00 pm on Saturday, June 27 until 1:00 pm on Sunday, June 28, 2015 with waiver of usage fee. This is the Nashville Amateur Radio Club's annual Field Day and has been held at this location, in conjunction with Metro Emergency Management Services, for over 20 years.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

10-14-03

**MS. JENNA SMITH, REPRESENTING METRO PUBLIC WORKS
PROVIDES UPDATE ON THE GULCH SIDEWALK PROJECT**

In Mr. Mark Macy's absence, Ms. Jenna Smith, representing Metro Public Works, provided the Parks Board an update on the Gulch sidewalk project.

Ms. Smith provided a power point presentation which exhibited a soaring 200-foot tower, visible across downtown, would anchor the bridge on the SoBro end, with 30 multi-strand stay cables connecting the bridge to the tower. The bridge, 30 feet wide, would be accessible to bicyclists and pedestrians via staircases, ramps and glass elevators. It also would feature bands of raised park space along its entire surface.

If final approval is granted by the Metro Council later this month, construction could begin next summer and be completed by fall 2016. The council also would need to approve a procedural agreement with CSX, which owns railroad tracks the bridge would cross. Funding for this project relies on tax-increment-financing — property tax revenues generated by Gulch properties would pay for the bridge by 2022.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

10-14-04

**BOARD APPROVES DONATION TO LOCKELAND SPRINGS PARK
FROM THE LAND TRUST FOR TENNESSEE**

Correspondence from the Land Trust for Tennessee requesting approval of a donation to Lockeland Springs Park which includes construction of an outdoor classroom, trails, signage, an overlook platform and new creek crossing was presented to the board. This park area was obtained in a land swap with MDHA and these donated amenities were recognized in the Master Plan that was established for this park.

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Ms. Smith, the board granted approval of this donation by the Land Trust for Tennessee to further enhance Lockeland Springs Park.

10-14-05

BOARD GRANTS APPROVAL OF AN EASEMENT IN WHITFIELD PARK

Correspondence submitted by the Metropolitan Department of Water Services requesting approval of a permanent 20 foot easement in the northwest corner of Whitfield Park (total area of the easement is approximately 248 square feet) was presented to the board for approval. The requested area is located in a floodway on the west side of the creek and is unusable for recreational purposes.

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Ms. Garcia, the board granted a permanent easement in Whitfield Park to the Metropolitan Department of Water Services.

10-14-06

**BOARD GRANTS APPROVAL TO THE FRIENDS OF BEAMAN PARK
TO ESTABLISH A CAPITAL CAMPAIGN TO RAISE FUNDS FOR STABILIZATION
AND RESTORATION OF A BARN IN BEAMAN PARK**

Ms. Nancy Dorman, representing The Friends of Beaman Park, and Ms. Mary O'Neil were present to request permission from the board to conduct a capital campaign on behalf of Metro Parks to raise funds for the stabilization and partial restoration of the barn structure on the Proctor Farm tract of Beaman Park.

Upon motion of Ms. Smith, seconded by Ms. Garcia, the board granted approval to the Friends of Beaman Park to establish a capital campaign to raise funds to stabilize and restore barn on the Proctor Farm tract of Beaman Park.

The Friends of Beaman Park are taking on the fundraising task, with a plan to donate the money to Metro Parks and in order to restore this century-old barn in Beaman Park \$50,000 must be raised before the project can be bid. Built in the early 1900s on the Proctor farm, the barn sheltered mules and draft horses on what researchers say was a very large working farm. Future plans call for a trailhead to begin at the barn.

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Ms. Nancy Dorman, President of Friends of Beaman Park, also updated the board on the following accomplishments of the friends group:

- Continued sponsorship of weekly yoga and tai chi classes at the Beaman Park Nature Center
- Sponsorship of the 2014 Beaman Park Wildflower Week special event.
- Sponsored staff continuing education at the Association for Nature Center Administrators annual conference in Michigan and the Tennessee Environmental Education Association at Tremont in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.
- Hosted the Southwest Airlines Employee Day of Service (Nashville Hub) in April.
- Continued planning for the renovation of the barn at the Proctor Farm trailhead.

10-14-07

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST BY THE NASHVILLE METROS
TO ENTER INTO A PERMIT WITH METRO PARKS
FOR USE OF EZELL PARK FOR SOCCER PROGRAMMING**

Mr. Devinder Sandhu, representing The Nashville Metros, was present to request permission to enter into a Permit for Facility Use for play and practice of amateur and professional soccer at Ezell Park from the board. (Permit will expire December 31, 2014 and be renewed on a calendar basis)

upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Ms. Smith, the approved this permit until December 31, 2014 and then in December will be placed on the agenda with the other permit holders to be approved on a calendar basis.

10-14-08

**BOARD APPROVES ULTIMATE ACCEPTANCE OF A DONATION
FROM SPORTS 4 ALL FOUNDATION**

Upon motion of Ms. Smith, seconded by Ms. Garcia, the board granted approval of ultimate acceptance of a yet to be determined donation amount over \$1000.00 from Sports 4 All Foundation to the Metro Parks Disabilities Program. The designated amount, once determined, will be deposited into the Metro Parks Gift Guide for dedicated use by the Metro Parks Disabilities Program.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

10-14-09

BOARD APPROVES APPLICATION AND ULTIMATE ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT FROM THE TENNESSEE HISTORICAL RECORDS ADVISORY BOARD

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Ms. Garcia, the board granted approval of application and ultimate acceptance of a \$2500.00 grant from the Tennessee Historical Records Advisory Board as part of a State and National Archival Partnership Regrant program.

This \$2500.00 grant from the Tennessee Historical Records Advisory Board as part of a State and National Archival Partnership Regrant program to preserve, catalogue and make available to the public a collection of research pertaining to the Civil War in Middle Tennessee was donated by Dr. Benjamin Franklin Cooling. (Please note there is no required match for said grant).

XII. CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE

Tim Netsch presented the monthly capital projects update which highlighted the following projects:

- Replacement of existing Madison Recreation Center with new facility and begin the design process of the proposed Smith Springs Recreation Center. These are the final two (2) recreation centers recommended in the 2002 Master Plan.
- Currently in phase two (2) of the Shelby Park Master Plan.

XIII. UPCOMING SPECIAL ACTIVITIES/EVENTS – Public Information Staff

Jackie Jones distributed a 2 page listing of upcoming events during the month of October to the board.

Mr. Lynch also reminded the board of Farm Day scheduled for Saturday, October 11 at 9:00 am at Bells Bend Nature Center and Park.

XIV. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

- Mr. Lynch announced that on Monday, October 6th Harpeth Hills Golf Course achieved designation as a "Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary" through the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program for Golf Courses. Harpeth Hills Golf is the second golf course in Davidson County to achieve such designation and the first Metro Parks course. It is the 18th golf course in Tennessee and the 899th in the world to be designated as an Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary. He also thanked Ms. Christy Smith, parks board member, for attending this announcement.

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

The Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program for Golf Courses, endorsed by the United States Golf Association, provides information and guidance to help golf courses preserve and enhance wildlife habitat and protect natural resources. Golf courses from the United States, Africa, Australia, Canada, Central America, Europe, New Zealand, and Southeast Asia have achieved certification in the program.

Friends of Warner Parks provided funding for the department's application process and consulted on environmental planning. The not-for-profit Friends group also funded the fabrication of an interpretive panel to educate golf course visitors about the Audubon Sanctuary program.

- Mr. Lynch thanked Ms. Jenn Garcia, parks board member, for overseeing the teen area of the celebrate Nashville event in Centennial Park on Saturday, October 4th.
- ***Take a Kid Mountain Biking*** event held on Saturday, October 4th in Bells Bend Park was also a huge success.
- Mr. Lynch informed the board of the situation involving a former employee at the Centennial Tennis Center which began in March and has come to fruition. He said that hopefully all board members had read the email sent to them earlier. He voiced his thanks to the Metro Auditors, who are very beneficial to all departments, for bringing these discrepancies to light.

XV. ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Anderson, board chair, asked that the staff look at the leash laws and bring recommendation back to the board regarding leash free areas in our larger parks.

He also advised board members that he is currently looking at reassignments on the current board committees.

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

Thomas M. Lynch, Director

George Anderson, Chairperson