

METROPOLITAN BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

December 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, December 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, 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; Ms. Shain Dennison, Greenways; Mr. Jim Hester, Special Events; Lt. Houston Taylor for Capt. Chris Taylor/Park Police; Ms. Jackie Jones, Superintendent/Public Information and **Ms. Emily Lamb, representing the Metro Legal Department.**

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 4, 2014 APPROVED

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Ms. Garcia, the Board approved the minutes of the board meeting held Tuesday, November 4, 2014 as submitted.

VI. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

MR. SAMUEL LESTER ADDRESSES BOARD REGARDING THE HOMELESS POPULATION IN NASHVILLE PARKS

Mr. Samuel Lester, representing Open Table Nashville, was present to address the board with regard to the homeless situation in Nashville Parks, more specifically, Fort Negley. Mr. Lester asked that the board allow the homeless camp to remain in Fort Negley until all have been relocated or find space within the Metro Parks System for those affected before the Park Police issue eviction notices. He also stated that they do not utilize the services of the Mission or Room in the Inn because what possessions they have are generally "lost" during those visits.

Mr. Lester also made the board aware of the following details regarding the homeless:

- 1) The number of homeless in Nashville is approximately 3800, with most being from Nashville and the immediate area. Approximately 700 people have been helped and are now in housing. Removing the camps will not end homelessness; it will just relocate those affected to another location. Closing these camps over and over produces much trauma and stress to those individuals.
- 2) The camps have rules regarding garbage disposal, fire circles, knowing and caring for each other and provides stability to those residents.
- 3) The City of Nashville has resources to help.

VI. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS (con't.)

BILL TROUP REPORTS TO BOARD ON LEASH FREE AREAS IN METRO PARKS

Mr. Bill Troup presented the following report on leash free areas in Metro Parks.

Off-Leash Dogs in Public Parks

Opportunities and issues for consideration by Metro Parks

The use of public park areas by dog owners desiring an off-leash experience is generally accommodated by one of three management strategies; development of fenced dog park areas, establishment of leash-free zones within parks, and designation of leash-free hours in specific parks. Listed below are some general characteristics and examples of each of these options, as well as some of the issues and opportunities related to them.

Fenced Dog Parks

Currently, this appears to be the most common and popular strategy. Nearby comparable cities including Austin TX, Charlotte NC, Indianapolis IN, and Louisville KY, as well as many cities across the country, manage fenced dog parks similar to Nashville's with a good deal of success and minimal problems.

Typical Characteristics/Rules	Opportunities	Issues of Concern
Posted courtesy/health rules Separated from other uses Relatively small areas Convenient locations Self-policing	Higher degree of safety Minimal impact on nature Minimal user conflicts Controlled access Socialization opportunities	Limited area for recreation Soil compaction and erosion More dog fight incidents Requires more maintenance More expensive construction

Leash-Free Zones

Many cities are beginning to establish these zones to provide dog owners with a more expansive and primitive experience. Some examples of cities utilizing this concept include Memphis TN, Portland OR, Columbia MO, Boulder CO, and San Diego CA.

Typical Characteristics/Rules	Opportunities	Issues of Concern
Wide range of acreages (5-50) Isolated from other uses Requires permit/fee for users Voice command required Away from trails/playgrounds	Promote underused areas Minimal maintenance needed Minimal construction costs More available acreage Diffuse impact over larger area	Impacts on nature/wildlife Conflicts with other users Safety of dogs and other users Runaway pets Altercations with wildlife

Leash-Free Hours

This is the most recent approach that some cities are using to accommodate dog owners without developing new facilities. Some of the cities using this approach include New York NY, Santa Rosa CA, and Cambridge MA.

Typical Characteristics/Rules	Opportunities	Issues of Concern
Specific locations and schedules Public involvement component Posted animal behavior rules Allowed on trails in some areas Self-policing	Utilizes existing facilities/areas Minimal maintenance needed No additional construction Limits use to specific hours More acreage available	Difficult to enforce rules Confusing use schedules Impacts on nature/wildlife Conflicts with other users Safety of dogs and other users Runaway pets

VI. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS (con't.)

BILL TROUP REPORTS TO BOARD ON LEASH FREE AREAS IN METRO PARKS

After Mr. Troup presented his report, the board asked that he begin discussion with other agencies to obtain additional research, determine issues in other communities on leash free areas and bring that information back to the board in January.

VII. INTRODUCTION OF STAFF, NEW EMPLOYEES, VOLUNTEERS

Mr. Lynch recognized Mr. Bob Benson for his leadership and hard work coordinating the 2014 Tennessee Recreation and Parks Association State Conference held November 16 – 19, 2014 in Nashville. This conference hosted approximately 250 registered participants and one conference participant was overheard stating that it would be impossible for another city to top the Nashville conference anytime soon.

Two former employees received awards at this conference:

Bob Parrish – Lifetime Achievement Award

Henderson Kelly – Fellow Award

VIII. METRO COUNCIL REFERRALS

IX. OLD BUSINESS

X. CONSENT AGENDA

12-14-01

BOARD GRANTS PERMISSION TO THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS TO RENEW THEIR PERMIT FOR FACILITY USE FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2015 AND CONTINGENT UPON ORGANIZATION MEETING ALL REQUIREMENTS

Upon motion of Ms. Smith, seconded by Mr. Fossick, the Board granted approval to the following organizations to renew Permit for Facility Use for a period of one year if organization is compliant with requirements of the permit.

- Bike the Greenway, Inc.** – Wave Country Parking Area
- Cane Ridge Community Club**-building in Cecil Rhea Crawford Park
- Charles Davis Foundation**-former Ted Rhodes Clubhouse
- Charlotte Park Little League**-Charlotte Park ballfields
- Donelson Community Club – Heartland Park**
- East Nashville Little League** – 3 youth athletic fields in Shelby Park
- FASHA** - 497 and 505 Paragon Mills Road
- Green Fleet Messengers-Under the Bridge Mall**
- Harpeth Youth Soccer** – Harpeth River Park Soccer Complex
- Hands on Nashville** – Mill Creek Greenway (Wimpole Drive property)
- Hands on Nashville** – Whites Creek Park

X. CONSENT AGENDA

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- Inglewood Panthers** – South Inglewood Park
- Joelton Community Club**-Joelton-McDowell Community Park
- Lakewood Dixie Youth** – Lakewood Park
- Metropolitan Action Commission**-Dudley Community Center
- Middle Tennessee Baseball Foundation**-Seven Oaks Baseball Field
- Mid State Sports Leagues** – Fred Douglas Sports Field
- Mid State Sports Leagues** – Two Rivers Softball Field 1 & 2
- Music City BMX**--BMX Track-Hamilton Creek Park
- Nashville Amateur Radio Club**-Corps of Engineers Bldg/Lock II Park
- Nashville Aquatic Club**-Centennial Sportsplex Aquatic Center
- Nashville Baseball Training Academy**- Pitts Park
- Nashville Grown**-215, 217, and 219 Blackman Road
- Nashville Metros** – Ezell Park Soccer Field
- Nashville Old Timers Baseball Association**-Shelby Park Baseball Field
- Nashville Sports Leagues** – Paragon Mills Softball Field
- Nashville Youth Soccer League**-Heartland Park Soccer Complex
- Old Hickory Girls Softball League** – Lakewood Park (2 fields)
- RBI Association**-2 youth ballfields-Seven Oaks Park
- Southern Off Road Bicycle Association**- Mountain Bike Trails in various parks
- Stones River Woman's Club**-Two Rivers Mansion
- Una Recreation Center, Inc.**-youth football fields-Una Park
- West Nashville Sports League** – baseball and softball fields - Warner Park

12-14-02

BOARD APPROVES DECEMBER CONSENT AGENDA

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

AMPLIFICATION APPROVAL

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| • MOMS DEMAND ACTION | Riverfront Park | Sat., April 11, 2015 |
| • Pinnacle Financial Partners | Shelby Bottoms – 5K | Sat., May 9, 2015 |
| • Roberts/Hickey Wedding | Cumberland Park | Sat., August 22, 2015 |
| • Hodges Wedding | Sunken Garden-Centennial | Sat., Sept. 19, 2015 |

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12-14-02

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

FUNDRAISING APPROVAL

- HopePark Church-festival Bellevue Park Sat., Dec. 13, 2014
- Purity Dairies-5K/10K Metro Center Greenway Sat., April 11, 2015
- Project 615 Food Truck Rally Centennial Bandshell Sun., April 26, 2015
- Nashville Ultra Marathon Stones River, Shelby Bottoms Sat., Nov. 7, 2015
Downtown Connector and Metro Center Greenways

AMPLIFICATION AND FUNDRAISING APPROVAL

- Go Santa Go for Dreams of TN Shelby Park- walk/run Sun., Dec. 14, 2014
- Barefoot Republic Camp East Park-5K 4 MLK Mon., Jan. 19, 2015
- Oral Cancer Foundation-walk Centennial Event Shelter Sat., April 25, 2015
- Preeclampsia Foundation-walk Centennial Event Shelter Sat., May 30, 2015
- OutCentral, Inc.-5K Shelby Park/Riverview shelter Sat., June 20, 2015
- Hickman County Org.-picnic Centennial Event Shelter Sun., July 19, 2015
- Nat'l. Brain Tumor Society Shelby Park Event Field-5K Sat., August 15, 2015
- Mid-South Lupus Foundation Centennial Event Shelter-walk Sat., Sept. 5, 2015
- TN Kidney Foundation Richland Creek Greenway-5K Sat., Sept. 12, 2015
- Nashville Striders-15K/5K Shelby Park/Bottoms Sat., Sept. 19, 2015
- Melanoma Research Foundation Shelby Park/Riverview Shelter Sat., Oct. 3, 2015
- Nashville British Car Club Centennial Front Lawn-car show Sat., Oct. 10, 2015
- Alzheimer's Association Public Square Park-walk Sat., Oct. 17, 2015
- Mercy Ministries of America Shelby Bottoms-5K Sat., Oct. 17, 2015

ALCOHOL AND FUNDRAISING APPROVAL

- Carlton Events-Beerfest East Park Sat., Sept. 19, 2015

ALCOHOL, AMPLIFICATION AND FUNDRAISING APPROVAL

- Maya Rides-women only bike ride Riverfront Park Sat., May 2, 2015
- Clear Channel Nashville Public Square Park Sat., June 20, 2015
Taste of Nashville

SPECIAL EVENT APPROVAL

- Center for Jewish Awareness Riverfront Park Dec. 15 – Dec. 31, 2014
(Lighting of the Menorah-date TBD)

XI. NEW BUSINESS

12-14-03

BOARD GRANTS CONDITIONAL APPROVAL FOR A TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT REQUEST TO GBT REALTY

Upon motion of Ms. Garcia, seconded by Mr. Fossick, the board granted conditional approval of a temporary construction easement on unnamed Parks Department property near the corner of Wedgewood Avenue and 21st Avenue South. All construction details to be approved, in advance, by Metro Parks staff.

12-14-04

GBT REALTY WITHDRAWS REQUEST TO EXCHANGE PROPERTIES

Ms. Erica Garrison, representing GBT Realty Corporation, has withdrawn request with regard to the exchange of properties located at 3140B Parthenon Avenue (.17 acres) and 3136 Parthenon Avenue (.26 acres) for unnamed Parks Department property (.11 acres) located near the corner of Wedgewood Avenue and 21st Avenue South.

12-14-05

BOARD GRANTS CONDITIONAL APPROVAL TO AN EASEMENT REQUEST IN CHARLOTTE PARK BY Q & A HOLDINGS, GP

Mr. Nicholas Adler, representing Q & A Holdings, GP, was present to request approval of an easement in order to connect to an existing sewer line in the rear of Charlotte Park for development of adjacent private property from the board. Mr. Adler also stated that a public right of way with sidewalk access connecting Croley Drive with Charlotte Park will be constructed. Total estimated timeline of project is 3-4 months, once all approvals have been received.

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Ms. Smith, the board approved this request subject to approval by the Metro Planning Commission.

XII. CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE

Tim Netsch distributed his monthly Capital Projects update, highlights include:

- West Riverfront Park and amphitheater are on schedule for completion by mid-summer 2015.
- Phase 2 of Cumberland Park is ongoing.
- Fort Nashborough is being built from the ground up, led by a design team of historians, beginning with an interpretive design to teach history. Design is complete, to be bid soon with a target completion date of fall 2015.

XII. CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE (con't.)

Tim Netsch distributed his monthly Capital Projects update, highlights include:

- The middle sidewalks will be removed in Walk of Fame Park and new lighting will be installed as well as upgrading finishes. Nashville Music Garden relocated to 5th Avenue and the plaques relocated to Demonbreun. Scheduled completion date is summer 2015.

XIII. UPCOMING SPECIAL ACTIVITIES/EVENTS

Jackie Jones announced the following Metro Parks holiday events:

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| • Tree Lighting Ceremony | Public Square Park | December 5 |
| • Mini-Nutcracker | Harpeth Hall School | December 5, 6 and 7 |
| • Christmas Open House | Two Rivers Mansion | December 6 and 7 |
| • Winter Warmer | Sevier Park | December 6 |
| • Holiday Historical Tours | Two Rivers Mansion | December 12 13, 14 |
| • The Colors of Christmas on Ice | Centennial Sportsplex | December 14 |
| • New Year's Eve Bash on Broadway | Riverfront Park | December 31 |

XIV. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Lynch reported:

- It has been proposed by Live Nation to create a foundation strictly related to Riverfront Park for use by company's who profit from using the facility.
- Blue Ribbon Holdings (O'Charley's owner) will lease a concrete pad from Parks for use as a café in an area adjacent to the Centennial Art Center.
- Currently looking at adding additional parking in Warner Parks closer to trails.
- A meeting has been scheduled on December 3rd regarding the Cumberland River Plan and a request to permanently dock a Riverboat in Riverfront Park. It will require a new permit through the Corps of Engineers, cutting out a large area of the bank and utilizing a large area of Riverfront Park as permanent dockage.
- Sponsorship Policy to be reviewed so as to have a vehicle in place to use money in parks as designated.
- Budget process begins in January. Ms. Christy Smith, board member, requested that budget information be made available to board members in a form they may keep with a list of talking points.

XV. ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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

Thomas M. Lynch, Director

George Anderson, Chairperson