

# METROPOLITAN BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION

## MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

January 6, 2015

A meeting of the Board of Parks and Recreation of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee was held on Tuesday, January 6, 2015 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. Charles Sueing, Mr. Greg Adkins and Dr. Jo Ann Brannon.

Staff present were: Assistant Directors: 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; Capt. Chris Taylor/Park Police; Ms. Jackie Jones, Superintendent/Public Information and **Ms. Emily Lamb, representing the Metro Legal Department.** Assistant Directors: Mr. Mike Bays, Consolidated Maintenance and Mr. Tim Netsch, Planning and Facilities were not in attendance.

### MINUTES OF MEETING HELD DECEMBER 2, 2014 APPROVED

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

#### VI. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

#### VII. INTRODUCTION OF STAFF, NEW EMPLOYEES, VOLUNTEERS

#### VIII. METRO COUNCIL REFERRALS

#### IX. OLD BUSINESS

#### X. CONSENT AGENDA

01-15-01

### BOARD APPROVES DECEMBER CONSENT AGENDA

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

#### AMPLIFICATION APPROVAL

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|------------------------------|---|-----------------------|
| • MNPD/Crime Victims' Rights | Centennial Event Shelter                      | Sun., April 19, 2015  |
| • Country Music Marathon     | Walk of Fame Park                             | Sat., April 25, 2015  |
| • AACE Empower 5K            | Hadley Park                                   | Sat., May 16, 2015    |
| • Jehovah's Witnesses        | Cumberland Park-picnic                        | Sat., May 16, 2015    |
| • Hannah Barbee              | Centennial pavilion-picnic                    | Sat., June 6, 2015    |
| • Denise Hannah-wedding      | Centennial Sunken Garden<br>and event shelter | Sat., July 11, 2015   |
| • Chocolate Jazz Foundation  | Cumberland Park-jazz festival                 | Sat., July 25, 2015   |
| • Cassidy Butzer-wedding     | Cumberland Park                               | Sat., August 15, 2015 |
| • What Do You Run For?-10K   | Shelby Bottoms/Riverview shelter              | Sat., August 22, 2015 |

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**01-15-01(con't.)**

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**FUNDRAISING APPROVAL**

- TSU Big Blue Tiger 5K run/walk Hadley Park Sat., April 11, 2015
- Tour de Nash Bike Ride Centennial, Morgan, Shelby and Percy Warner Parks Sat., May 16, 2015

**AMPLIFICATION AND FUNDRAISING APPROVAL**

- Nashville Bar Association Edwin Warner Park- walk/run Sat., March 28, 2015
- Nashville Crop Hunger Walk Fannie Mae Dees Park Sun., April 26, 2015
- Achilles International-Nashville Richland Creek Greenway-race Sat., May 9, 2015
- Living Life on Purpose-5K Shelby Park Event Field Sat., May 16, 2015
- Ellie's Run for Africa-5K Warner Park Sat., May 16, 2015
- Tuberos Sclerosis Alliance Two Rivers Park-walk Sat., June 6, 2015
- American Cancer Society Shelby Park Event Field Sat., Sept. 12, 2015
- Bark for Life of East Nashville-festival
- Greyhound Pets Nashville picnic Centennial Event Shelter Sun., Sept. 20, 2015
- Boy Scouts of America-run Shelby Park Event Field Sat., Sept. 26, 2015
- CureSearch for Children's Cancer Centennial Event Shelter-walk Sat., Oct. 17, 2015
- American Diabetes Association Centennial Park-walk Sat., Nov. 7, 2015
- LUNGeivity Foundation - walk Shelby Park/Riverview shelter Sat., Nov. 21, 2015

**ALCOHOL APPROVAL**

- Percy Priest Yacht Club Hamilton Creek Marina March 2015-Jan. 1, 2016
- Alexandra Sandlin-birthday party Hodge House/Warner Park Sat., March 14. 19, 2015
- Treehouse Racing Cedar Hill Park-bicycle race Sun., April 12, 2015
- Lions Smokeshop Opening Gala Church Street Park Fri., April 24, 2015
- Kayla Shupe-wedding Hodge House/Warner Park Sat., Oct. 31, 2015

**ALCOHOL AND AMPLIFICATION APPROVAL**

- Hootenanny Events Riverfront Park-**Mardi Gras Ya'll** Sat., Feb 28, 2015
- Team Magic, Inc.-Half Marathon Public Square Park Sat., March 21, 2015
- Fight Colorectal Cancer Centennial Park-walk Sun., March 29, 2015
- Nashville Dancin, LLC Riverfront Park-Thursdays June 18,25;July 2,9,16, 23, 30 & Aug. 6
- What Do You Run For? Public Square Park-5k & 10K Sat., July 4, 2015
- Team Magic, Inc.-Triathlon Riverfront Park July 24-26, 2015
- Nashville Sports Council Cumberland Park-pregame event Sat., Sept. 5, 2015
- Ragnar Events Walk/Race Walk of Fame Park Sat., Oct. 17, 2015

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**ALCOHOL, AMPLIFICATION AND FUNDRAISING APPROVAL**

- Knights of Columbus East Park-St. Patrick’s Day Event Sat., March 14, 2015
- Musicians Corner-festival Centennial Park-Saturdays May 9 – June 28, 2015  
Sept. 5 – Oct. 31, 2015
- Music City Hot Wing Festival Riverfront Park Sat., Aug. 8, 2015
- TN Literacy Coalition-festival Centennial Park Event Shelter Sat., Sept. 12, 2015

**01-15-02**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST FROM THE FRIENDS OF WARNER PARKS TO ACCEPT A PACKAGE OF GRANTS TOTALING \$116,512.00 FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2015**

Mr. Mark Weller, Executive Director of Friends of Warner Parks, was present to request the Board to accept a package of grants in the amount of \$116,512.00 to continue funding staff positions, supplies, equipment and training:

	<b><u>AMOUNT</u></b>	<b><u>EXPIRATION</u></b>
Naturalist I – PT	\$ 12,449.00	12/31/2015
Naturalist I - PT	\$ 12,864.00	12/31/2015
Office Support Specialist II -FT	\$ 48,319.00	12/31/2015
Seasonal Worker V (Nature Ctr)	\$ 3,337.00	12/31/2015
Seasonal Worker V (PEN Pals)	\$ 3,337.00	12/31/2015
Seasonal Worker (Tree Waterer)	\$ 10,126.00	12/31/2015
S.W.E.A.T. Program Staff	<u>\$ 26,000.00</u>	12/31/2015
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$116,512.00</b>	

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

01-15-03

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST FROM THE FRIENDS OF WARNER PARKS TO HOST FUNDRAISING EVENTS IN WARNER PARK WITH WAIVER OF USAGE FEES, ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION AND TO REMAIN IN THE PARK AFTER 11:00 PM**

Mr. Mark Weller, Executive Director of the Friends of Warner Parks, was present to request Permission from the board to host the following fundraising events in Warner Park with waiver of usage fees, alcohol consumption (if applicable) and to remain in park after 11:00 pm for evening events:

**Heart for the Parks Art Show** February 11-15, 2015

**Full Moon Pickin' Parties** Friday, May 28, 2015  
Friday, June 25, 2015  
Friday, July 30, 2015  
Friday, August 27, 2015  
Friday, Sept. 24, 2015  
Friday, October 23, 2015

**Rock & Road Relay** Saturday, October 17, 2015  
**Sunday in the Park** TBD mid-October or early-November

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

**XI. NEW BUSINESS**

01-15-04

**BOARD AFFIRMS APPOINTMENT OF CHARLES SUEING AS A MEMBER OF THE PARK BOARD**

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Dr. Brannon, the Board affirmed the appointment of Mr. Charles Sueing as a member of the Park Board to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Charles McTorry. (Mr. Sueing's term will expire March 30, 2016.)

01-15-05

**BOARD DEFERS REQUEST FROM THE CITY OF GOODLETTSVILLE TO ENTER INTO A MOU FOR APPROXIMATELY 15 ACRES TO BE USED AS A PUBLIC PARK TO THE ACQUISITION COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD**

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Dr. Brannon, the board deferred request of Mr. John Coombs, Mayor of Goodlettsville, to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Metro Parks for approximately 15 acres of real property located on Old Springfield Highway for use as a public park as ***Park Policy 3000.25 Acquisition and Disposition of Park Property.***

**XI. NEW BUSINESS**

**01-15-06**

**BOARD APPROVES THE PURCHASE OF THE KELLYTOWN PROPERTY  
FOR USE AS A METRO PARK**

Upon motion of Dr. Brannon, seconded by Ms. Garcia, the Board approved the purchase of the Kellytown property for use as a Metro Park.

The Metropolitan Council voted unanimously December 16, 2014 to allocate \$740,000 to purchase the 6.7-acre property at Hillsboro Road and Old Hickory Boulevard. Kellytown, a historic Native American settlement, located in the satellite city of Forest Hills (in Davidson County) will be preserved and developed into a Metro Park. Artifacts from the 1400's have been found on the site.

The Metropolitan Government purchased the property from Regency Realty Group, a real estate investment trust and the Metro Council's vote also accepted a \$400,000 donation from the Friends of Kellytown, which included a \$100,000 contribution from the City of Forest Hills. Monies will be directed toward the purchase, conservation and preservation of the property.

**01-15-07**

**BOARD DEFERS REQUEST FROM THE CITY OF GOODLETTSVILLE TO  
ENTER INTO A MOU FOR APPROXIMATELY 15 ACRES TO BE USED  
AS A PUBLIC PARK TO THE ACQUISITION COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD**

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Ms. Smith, the board deferred request of Staff to approve, in principle, sponsorship opportunity for Riverfront Park Dog Park to the Board's Policy Committee.

**XII. CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE** – in Mr. Netsch's absence the following Capital Projects report was submitted to the board:

**JANUARY 2015**

Centennial -- Master Plan Phase One

- Construction underway
- Complete: Summer 2015

Countywide Court Refurbishment

- Shut down for winter. Re-start Spring 2015

Madison + Smith Springs Road Community Centers

- Design contract awarded
- Schematic design complete: Summer 2015

Riverfront -- Fort Nashborough

- In queue for construction bidding

- Complete: Fall 2015

Riverfront -- East Lawn & Landing

- Construction ongoing
- Complete: Summer 2015

Riverfront -- West (Amphitheater @ Thermal)

- Construction ongoing
- Complete: Fall 2015

Stone River Greenway -- Dog Park

- Part of a larger greenway trailhead improvement project.
- Construction complete: Summer 2015

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#### JANUARY 2015 (con’t.)

##### Edwin Warner -Burch Reserve Connector Phase One

- Construction underway
- Complete: Fall 2015

##### Edwin Warner -Burch Reserve Connector Phase Two

- Design complete, awaiting approvals from CSX and Sprint to bid construction

##### Percy Warner – Golf Course Clubhouse

- Construction underway
- Complete: Spring 2015

##### Percy Warner – Parking Lots

- Design underway, design complete Spring 2015

##### Walk of Fame

- Construction underway
- Complete: Summer 2015

##### West Park – General Improvements

- Design complete. Metro Water Service project
- Construction start: Spring 2015
- Complete: Summer 2016

#### **COMPLETED**

Centennial – Lake Watauga dredge

Centennial – Lake Watauga aeration/circulation, wetland islands

Centennial – Sportsplex fitness center

Centennial – Sportsplex ice system replacement

Fannie Mae Dees – playground seat wall

Hillsboro High School – tennis courts refurb

Pitts – dog park

Reservoir – court refurb

Sevier – community center

Sevier – court refurb

Shelby – court refurb

Shelby – Phase Two

Southeast -- Community Center & Park

Two Rivers – dog park

Edwin Warner – sports field lighting

Percy Warner – clubhouse parking lot and MTB trailhead

Woodmont – court refurb

Woodmont – tennis backboard

**XIII. UPCOMING SPECIAL ACTIVITIES/EVENTS – Public Information Staff**

Saturday, January 10 Warner Park Trail Running Presentation by Lee Wilson

January 17-19 various centers Hands On Nashville Service Event

**XIV. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR**

Mr. Lynch reported:

- The Fort Negley city-wide Sesquicentennial event went well and without incidence on Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Shelby Park Old Timers baseball field was named 2014 Municipal Sports Field of the Year by Tennessee Turfgrass.
- The budget process for next fiscal year begins mid-January. There are 17 positions still vacant and we are running over budget; however, minor internal changes will be made in order to make budget this fiscal year.
- The homeless situation at Fort Negley is being managed and Parks is not enacting any closure of camp at this time. Visited the campsite and it is managed well by the residents.

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

Mr. Anderson distributed the amended board committee list to board members. He also requested:

- that the Committee Meetings begin at 11:00 am before the February Board meeting.
- financial statement be sent to board members before the meeting.
- an off-leash report be presented at the February meeting.

**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**