

# **METROPOLITAN BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION**

## **MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING**

**May 5, 2015**

A meeting of the Board of Parks and Recreation of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee was held on Tuesday, April 7, 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. Christy Smith, Mr. Charles Sueing, Ms. Jenn Garcia, and Dr. Jo Ann Brannon. Mr. Greg Adkins was not in attendance.

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

### **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD APRIL 7, 2015 APPROVED**

Upon motion of Ms. Smith, seconded by Dr. Brannon, the Board approved the minutes of the board meeting held Tuesday, April 7, 2015 as submitted.

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

Mr. Bill McGugin and Ms. Elizabeth Walker, representing the United States Tennis Association, were present to address the board with regard to tennis in Nashville.

Mr. McGugin and Ms. Walker addressed the board in regard to the possibility of hosting a National event in which an 18 – 24 court facility in a centralized location would be favorable. They suggested that Hadley and Centennial tennis facilities would be logistical especially with the construction of the 28th/31<sup>st</sup> Avenue Connector. They are aware that in order to construct a large tournament facility on park property a Master Plan would be needed. Dr. Brannon, board member, asked if their organization would entertain the idea of purchasing property for a venue of this type and Mr. McGugin and Ms. Walker responded that at this time all ideas would be considered.

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

#### **VIII. METRO COUNCIL REFERRALS**

#### **IX. OLD BUSINESS**

**X. CONSENT AGENDA**

**05-15-01**

**BOARD APPROVES MAY CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**AMPLIFICATION APPROVAL**

- Clarissa Seay-picnic Two Rivers Park shelter 2 Sat., May 9, 2015
- Pamela Drumwright-picnic Two Rivers Park-shelter 4 Sat., May 16, 2015
- Team Red, White, and Blue Warner Park-fitness event Mon., May 25,2015
- Swimmin' Safe for Summer 2015 Coleman Park- Keesha Campaign Sat., May 23, 2015
- Olan Rogers Apparel East Park-movie night June 5 & 12, 2015
- Olan Rogers Apparel Cumberland Park-movie night June 19 & 26,2015
- D'Andre Bean-picnic Shelby Park-Riverview Shelter Sun., June 14,2015
- Comfort Keepers Warner Park-senior 1K walk Sat., June 6, 2015
- All State carnival & picnic Centennial Event Shelter Fri., June 12, 2015
- Josheska Lewis-picnic Shelby Park Lakeview Shelter Sat, June 13, 2015
- Omega Psi Phi-picnic Hadley Bandshell/shelter 2 Sat., June 13, 2015
- Denali Moose Tracks Ice Cream Walk of Fame Park-free ice cream Tues. June 30,2015
- Bordeaux Hills Reunion-picnic Bordeaux Hills Park Sat., July 25, 2015
- W. Nashville Night Out against CrimeRichland Park Shelter Tues., Aug. 4, 2015
- St. Matthews Missionary Baptist Fisk Park-back to School Bash Sat., Aug., 8, 2015
- Terry Knight – wedding Cumberland Park Sat., Aug., 29, 2015
- Sacred Assembly, LLC Public Square Park-prayer event Sun., Sept.27,2015
- Wanderlust 108-walk/race Cumberland River Greenway Sat., Oct., 10, 2015
- Provision International Cumberland Park-worship event Sat., Oct., 10, 2015

**AMPLIFICATION AND FUNDRAISING APPROVAL**

- Kayla Harbin-SMA charity event Bellevue Center parking lot Sat., June 6, 2015
- Davidson County GOP-picnic Centennial Park Event Shelter Sun., July 12, 2015
- Autism Speaks-meet & greet Cumberland Park Sat., Aug., 8, 2015
- NR Road Racing, LLC-walk Two Rivers/StonesRiver and Shelby Bottoms Greenways Sat., Aug., 29, 2015
- Hope Nashville-walk Warner Park Sat., Sept. 12, 2015
- Christian Community Services Warner Park Shelter 11-walk Sat., Oct. 24, 2015
- Polycystic Kidney Disease Fdn Shelby Park Event Field-walk Sat., Oct. 31, 2015
- Free to Breathe 5K Run/Walk Shelby Riverview Shelter Sat., April 16, 2016
- Tennessee Voices for Victims Warner Horse Trail-trail ride Sat., April 30, 2016  
Rain date Sun., May 1, 2016

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**AMPLIFICATION AND ALCOHOL APPROVAL**

- 12th&Broad/TN Media East Park-Meat Ya in the Park Sun., May 17, 2015
- Max Deardorff-wedding Centennial Art Center Sat., May 23, 2015
- Music City Inc. July 4th Celebration-Riverfront Fri., July 3 and  
Cumberland, Public Square, Sat., July 4, 2015  
Under the Bridge Mall and Walk of Fame
- Edward Smith-private event Centennial Art Center Sat., Sept. 19, 2015
- Victoria Adcock-wedding Centennial Art Center Sat., Oct. 8, 2016

**ALCOHOL APPROVAL**

- Play Rec Sports- tournament Cane Ridge Softball Complex Fri., May 22- Mon.,  
May 25, 2015
- Nashville Bar Association-mixer Public Square Founder's Tower June 18, 2015
- National Wheelcat-tournament Centennial Tennis Center Fri., June 26 - Sat.,  
June 27, 2015  
Fri., Sept. 25 - Sat., Sept. 26, 2015

**ALCOHOL AND OVERNIGHT APPROVAL**

- Middle TN Pony Club-reception Warner Equestrian Ctr. Fri., Oct. 9 - Sun.,  
Horse Trials Oct. 11, 2015

**ALCOHOL, AMPLIFICATION AND FUNDRAISING APPROVAL**

- Kaleidoscope Media East Park-Music event Sat., June 20, 2015
- Vanderbilt Scholar Hockey Shootout Southeast Park-cookout Sat., Oct 3-Sun.,  
Oct. 4, 2015

**05-15-02**

**BOARD APPROVES APPLICATION AND ULTIMATE ACCEPTANCE OF  
GRANT FUNDING TO THE RECREATION, CULTURE AND WELLNESS DIVISION  
FROM THE TENNESSEE ARTS COMMISSION**

Upon motion of Ms. Smith, Seconded by Dr. Brannon, the board approved request of Ms. Rachel Hamilton, representing the Division of Recreation, Culture and Wellness, for application and ultimate acceptance for 2016-17 grant funding of up to \$8,000 from the Tennessee Arts Commission for Creative Placemaking Grants Competition.

**X. CONSENT AGENDA**

**05-15-03**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF MR. LONIEL GREENE TO HOST  
A POLITICAL FUNCTION AT PARADISE RIDGE COMMUNITY CENTER**

An application submitted by Mr. Loniel Greene requesting permission to host a political function, "Meet the Candidate and Network with Neighbors" at Paradise Ridge Community Center, 6:00 – 8:00 pm on Friday, May 15, 2015 was presented to the board for approval.

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

**05-15-04**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST SUBMITTED BY FRIENDS OF TWO RIVERS  
MANSION FOR GRANT FUNDING OF 19 HOUR PER WEEK EMPLOYEE**

Upon motion of Ms. Smith, seconded by Dr. Brannon, the board accepted a grant submitted by Councilmember Phil Claiborne, President of the Friends of Two Rivers Mansion, to provide the salary equivalent to 19 hours per week for the current fiscal year of 2015-16 for Laura Carrillo and with any cost associated with benefits are to be the responsibility of Metro Parks (\$17,185.75). 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**

**05-15-05**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF THE METRO ARTS COMMISSION TO INSTALL  
PUBLIC ART BIKE RACKS AT LOOBY CENTER, HADLEY CENTER AND ON THE  
DOWNTOWN GREENWAY AND PUBLIC ART AT THE TWO PROPOSED REGIONAL  
CENTERS TO BE LOCATED IN MADISON AND ON SMITH SPRINGS ROAD**

Ms. Caroline Vincent and Ms. Jenn Cole, representing the Metro Arts Commission, were present to request Parks Board review and approval of proposed public art locations.

**XI. NEW BUSINESS**

**05-15-05 (con't.)**

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Upon motion of Ms. Smith, seconded by Ms. Garcia, the board approved installation of bike racks at Looby Community Center, Hadley Regional Center and on the downtown greenway near First Tennessee Ballpark. Also approved was proposed public art to be placed on the grounds of two new centers to be constructed at the following locations:

- 510 North DuPont Avenue, current Madison Center site
- 2801 Smith Springs Road

Ms. Cole, Executive Director of the Metro Arts Commission, reported that the Arts Commission is currently looking to develop a county-wide Public Art Master Plan. Parks Board member, Christy Smith, asked Ms. Cole if there were any plans for public art to be instituted in Centennial Park and Ms. Cole replied not at this time as consideration is deemed at request of department directors.

Ms. Cole provided the following updates:

- The *Witness Wall* is using photos from the Nashville Civil Rights movement and hopefully will be installed at Public Square Park before the end of 2015. Artist Walter Hood of California is creating this public art inspired by the city's role in the historic Civil Rights Movement to honor the events and the people who made history here and created the blueprint for nonviolent protest. The installation will be located on the west side of the historic Metro Nashville Courthouse, steps away from the historic April 19, 1960 student-led protest that led then-Mayor Ben West to disavow segregation of Nashville's lunch counters.
- Artist team Laura Haddad and Tom Drugan of Seattle, WA have been commissioned to provide a 45 ft. stainless steel artwork with a river concept in West Riverfront Park at Demonbreun Street. Its reflectivity and color make it interactive and always changing throughout the day and night drawing on Nashville's relationship to the Cumberland River. The form of the sculpture is based on the meandering curves of the Cumberland River as it passes through Davidson County.
- There have been 17 bike racks developed by local artists installed in Nashville and the 3<sup>rd</sup> round of installations are in the beginning phase.

**XI. NEW BUSINESS**

**05-15-06**

**BOARD APPROVES GRANT FUNDING SUBMITTED BY FRIENDS OF TWO RIVERS MANSION FOR 2 PART-TIME WORKERS FOR 12 WEEKS**

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Mr. Sueing, the board accepted grant funding submitted by Councilmember Phil Claiborne, President of Friends of Two Rivers Mansion, to provide 2 part time workers (host/hostess-16 hours each per week for 12 weeks) in the amount of \$3,877.53 to conduct tours at Two Rivers Mansion.

**05-15-07**

**BOARD GRANTS PERMISSION TO MS. TASHA KENNARD, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE NASHVILLE FARMERS MARKET, TO OVERSEE MANAGEMENT OF THE RICHLAND PARK FARMERS MARKET**

Ms. Tasha Kennard, Executive Director of the Nashville Farmers Market, was present to address the board with regard to the management of the Richland Park Farmers Market. Upon motion of Ms. Smith, seconded by Mr. Fossick, the board granted approval to the Nashville Farmers Market to operate a community supported market, Richland Park Farmers Market, located the grounds of Richland Park with the following terms:

- operate market on Saturday mornings, 9:00 am – 12:00 noon, May 16 – November 14, 2015.
- use vendors only selling goods that are agricultural based products originating in Tennessee or from within a 150 mile radius of Nashville; thereby, eliminating the sale of jewelry, arts and crafts or anything bearing resemblance of a flea market.
- observe the same parking and noise regulations which were in effect in 2014.
- There must be a person monitoring parking on site at all times. This is to monitor any parking on the grass or under the trees and to make sure that no vendors enter the park from the Park Avenue side.
- At no time can access to the Richland Park library be blocked.
- Vendors, aside from loading and unloading, must park their vehicles in a parking area.
- Customers of the market at Richland Park are not allowed to park on the grass.
- No one, including vendors, may park under the drip line of trees in Richland Park.
- No signage, crates, or debris should be leaning or stacked against trees.
- Responsible for liability insurance, comply with use agreement and provide for the general safety of event.
- Financial statement be made available to Parks within 30 days following the final market of the season.

**XI. NEW BUSINESS**

05-15-08

**BOARD ACCEPTS DONATION FROM CONEXIÓN AMÉRICAS FOR LAND ACQUISITION AND DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW PARK TO BE LOCATED AT 2187 NOLENSVILLE PIKE**

Upon motion of Dr. Brannon, seconded by Ms. Garcia, the board accepted a contribution of \$500,000, as a general donation, from Conexión Américas to be used toward land acquisition and development costs of property located at 2187 Nolensville Pike adjacent to Casa Azafrán. Also, it was understood that Conexión Américas has committed to transfer \$150,000 to Metro Parks by no later than July 31, 2015 with the remaining balance transferred to Metro Parks no later than October 31, 2015 from Conexión Américas.

The board also approved acquisition of this property as it will serve visitors and neighbors of Casa Azafrán as well as students enrolled in the new pre-K school program sponsored by Metro Nashville Public Schools.

**XII. CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE**

In Mr. Netsch's absence a Capital Projects report was distributed to members of the board.

**XIII. UPCOMING SPECIAL ACTIVITIES/EVENTS**

Ms. Jackie Jones announced the following Metro Parks co-sponsored events for May:

|        |            |                            |                                                     |
|--------|------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| May 6  | 6:00 pm    | 100 Miles with the Mayor   | West Police Precinct                                |
| May 9  | 10:00 am   | Iroquois Steeplechase      | Percy Warner Park                                   |
|        | 12:00 noon | Musicians Corner           | Centennial Park                                     |
| May 13 | 6:30 pm    | 100 Miles with the Mayor   | Mill Creek Park                                     |
| May 14 | 4:30 pm    | 100 Miles with the Mayor   | Hadley Park                                         |
| May 15 | 8:00 pm    | Free Form Friday           | Centennial Black Box Theater                        |
|        | 7:30 am    | Bike to Work Day           | Public Square Park                                  |
|        | 12:00 noon | 100 Miles with the Mayor   | Public Square Park                                  |
| May 16 | 12:00 noon | Musicians Corner           | Whites Creek Greenway                               |
| May 17 | 1:00 pm    | 100 Miles with the Mayor   | Warner Park Clubhouse                               |
|        | 2:00 pm    | Phil the House             | Two Rivers Mansion                                  |
| May 19 | 6:30 pm    | 100 Miles with the Mayor   | Harpeth River Greenway                              |
| May 21 | 7:30 am    | 100 Miles with the Mayor   | 28 <sup>th</sup> /31 <sup>st</sup> Avenue Connector |
|        | 6:00 pm    | 100 Miles with the Mayor   | Shelby Bottoms                                      |
| May 22 | 12:00 noon | 100 Miles with the Mayor   | Public Square Park                                  |
| May 23 | 12:00 noon | Musicians Corner           | Centennial Park                                     |
| May 25 | 10:00 am   | Music City Blues Festival  | Centennial Park                                     |
| May 29 | 10:00 am   | Metro Parks' Senior Picnic | Centennial Event Shelter                            |
| May 30 | 12:00 noon | Musicians Corner           | Centennial Park                                     |
| May 31 | 11:00 am   | Metro Parks' Concert       | Cumberland Park                                     |

**XIV. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR**

Mr. Lynch reported:

- Parks budget for FY2015-16 was submitted in the amount of 1.4 million dollars.
- Advised the board of an article appearing in the **Tennessean** on Wednesday, May 6.
- The trial period for “off leash areas” in designated parks will begin June 1st, daylight until 8:00 am, for 6 months.
- The amphitheater in West Riverfront Park has officially been named **Ascend Amphitheater**.
- Board Orientation has been scheduled for Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm, in the Director’s Conference Room of Metro Parks Administrative Office.
- Mike Bays, Assistant Director of Parks-Consolidated Maintenance, is retiring effective May 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Metro Parks received the Engineering in Excellence Award from ACEC, in conjunction with the Nature Conservancy and the Cumberland River Compact, for the Richland Creek Dam Removal in McCabe Park.

**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**