

# **METROPOLITAN BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION**

## **MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING**

**June 2, 2015**

A meeting of the Board of Parks and Recreation of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee was held on Tuesday, June 2, 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 Mr. Greg Adkins. Dr. Jo Ann Brannon was not in attendance.

Staff present were: Assistant Directors: Ms. Monique Odom, Administration and Finance; Ms. Sally Davis, Community Recreation; Mr. Tim Netsch, Planning and Facilities; Mr. John Holmes, Revenue Producing Facilities; Ms. Shain Dennison, Greenways; and Mr. Jim Hester, Special Events; Capt. Chris Taylor/Park Police; Ms. Jackie Jones, Superintendent/Public Information; Mr. Jerry Terfinko, representing Consolidated Maintenance and **Mr. Tom Cross, representing the Metro Legal Department.**

### **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD MAY 5, 2015 APPROVED**

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Ms. Garcia, the Board approved the minutes of the board meeting held Tuesday, May 5, 2015 as submitted.

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

**06-15-00**

### **BOARD DEFERS REQUEST OF MDHA TO TRANSFER GREENSPACE OF KIRKPATRICK PARK FROM METRO PARKS TO MDHA TO THE JULY BOARD MEETING AS PER PARK POLICY 3000.25**

Mr. Jim Harbison, Executive Director of the Metropolitan Development and Housing Agency (MDHA), was present to provide an overview to the board regarding the proposed master plan for revitalization of the Cayce Homes and surrounding area. Mr. Harbison reported that Cayce Place, is presently the largest remaining family development site, and surrounded by two assisted housing communities, Edgefield Manor and CWA, as well as several unassisted and affordable properties, Lenore Gardens, Roberts Park Apartments and Fatherland Flats. The primary focus of this revitalization plan (branded as ***Envision Cayce***) has expanded to included Cayce Place, Lenore Gardens, Roberts Park Apartments, CWA properties, Kirkpatrick Park and other Metro-Nashville properties which include the Sheriff's Office and Public Works facilities.

Mr. Harbison requested transfer of Kirkpatrick Park greenspace from Metro Parks to MDHA to allow construction to begin for replacement units at Cayce as this will be the most efficient, least burdensome tenant relocation during the reconstruction process. The current 10 acres of park greenspace will increase to 11 park acres at an alternate location by 2022 with \$3,748,000 being invested into the new parkspace by MDHA.

**VI. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS**

**06-15-00 (con't.)**

**BOARD DEFERS REQUEST OF MDHA TO UTILIZE GREENSPACE  
OF KIRKPATRICK PARK TO THE JULY BOARD MEETING  
AS PER PARK POLICY 3000.25**

Therefore, upon motion of Ms. Smith, seconded by Mr. Sueing, the board deferred request of property transfer to the acquisition committee of the board as per park policy 3000.25.

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

Mr. Bill Troup was present to update the board on the PEN (People Exploring Nature) Pals summer youth program, an inner city nature camping program, which began in 1988. Youth from Metro Nashville Community Centers are brought to Edwin Warner Park for overnight camp outs each summer arriving at 2:00 on Thursday and leaving at 2:00 pm on Friday. Campers hike, learn how to set up (and sleep in) tents, roast marshmallows, make crafts, explore the creek and just have fun. They are absorbed in the outdoors while making new friends, learning to depend on others and developing self-esteem by participating in team building events.

Bill introduced Laura Lewis, Director of PEN Pals to the Board. Ms. Lewis stated that in her 4 years as director they have served over 7,000 youth with over 350 volunteer hours being logged. She invited Parks Board members to stop by any time, particularly on Friday mornings and help flip pancakes for the camper's breakfast.

**VIII. METRO COUNCIL REFERRALS**

**IX. OLD BUSINESS**

**X. CONSENT AGENDA**

**06-15-01**

**BOARD APPROVES JUNE CONSENT AGENDA**

Upon motion of Mr. Sueing, seconded by Ms. Garcia, the Board approved the consent agenda as presented.

**AMPLIFICATION APPROVAL**

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|----------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| • Music City Inc.-ribbon cutting | Walk of Fame Park       | Thurs., June 4,2015 |
| • Ethos Church-outdoor service   | Watkins Park shelter    | Sun., June 7, 2015  |
| • Davidson County DAR-flag day   | Nashville City Cemetery | Sat., June 13, 2015 |
| • Parkwood Homeowner's Assoc.    | Parkwood Park-festival  | Sat., June 13, 2015 |
| • Church at Avenue South         | E.S Rose Park-VBS       | Thurs.,June 18,2015 |

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**06-15-01(con't.)**

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| • Nashville Rugby Club        | Rhodes Park Soccer 4, 5, & 6   | Sat., June 20, 2015 |
| • FRN Luncheon                | Walk of Fame Park              | Mon., June 22,2015  |
| • First Call Ambulance-picnic | Warner Park Area 6             | Sat., June 27, 2015 |
| • Highland Heights Reunion    | Cleveland Park greenspace      | Sat., June 27, 2015 |
| • Stephen Byrum-picnic        | Warner Park Area 9             | Sat., June 27, 2015 |
| • Tana Brogdon-picnic         | Cedar Hill Park Area 5         | Sat., June 27, 2015 |
| • Brian Wyndham-wedding       | Centennial Sunken Garden       | Thurs., July 2,2015 |
| • Dustin Petty-wedding        | Centennial Sunken Garden       | Sat., July 4, 2015  |
| • Gary Moore-Family Fun Day   | Paradise Ridge Park            | Sat., July 11, 2015 |
| • Tobi Talabi-picnic          | Seven Oaks Park Area 1         | Sat., July 11, 2015 |
| • TN State Soccer Association | Rhodes Park, fields A,B,C      | Fri., July 17, 2015 |
|                               |                                | Sat., July 18, 2015 |
| • Kevin Blair/Antonio Proctor | Shelby Park Event Field-picnic | Sat., Aug. 1, 2015  |
| • Bridges 2 Africa Foundation | Southeast Park-festival        | Mon., Sept. 7, 2015 |
| • Russell/Porter/VanDyke      | Coleman Park-family reunion    | Sept. 26-27, 2015   |

**AMPLIFICATION AND FUNDRAISING APPROVAL**

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| • Brenda Haywood for Metro Council | Parkwood Park-block party      | Sat., June 27, 2015  |
| • HCA-employee event               | Centennial Park Event Shelter  | Thurs.,Aug.20,2015   |
| • Cure SMA Walk-n-Roll             | Centennial Park Event Shelter  | Sun., Oct. 17, 2015  |
| • Golden Retriever Rescue          | Warner Picnic Area 5-picnic    | Sun., Oct. 25, 2015  |
| • Start2Finish/Harvest Hands       | Dudley/Ft. Negley Parks-5K     | Sat., Oct. 31, 2015  |
| • Boswell's H-D Toy Parade         | Centennial Event Shelter       | Sat., Nov. 7, 2015   |
| • Community Options- 5K            | Riverview Shelter/greenway     | Sat., Feb. 13, 2016  |
| • American Cancer Society          | Cumberland Park-relay for life | Sat., April 23, 2016 |

**FUNDRAISING APPROVAL**

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| • Armor for Council                                       | Hartman Park-campaign kickoff                   | Sun., June 7, 2015   |
| • W.O.M.B. Ministries                                     | Hadley Park-Praise in the Park                  | Sat., June 20, 2015  |
| • Jackson St. Baptist Church                              | Hadley Park Shelter #1-benefit                  | Sat., July 11, 2015  |
| • BlackCity, Inc.                                         | Hadley Park Bandshell-concert                   | Sat., July 25, 2015  |
| • Nashville Rib and Jazz Festival                         | Cumberland Park                                 | Sat., July 25, 2015  |
| • Rezolve Wellness Center-5K                              | Ted Rhodes Greenway                             | Sat., Sept.19, 2015  |
| • Nashville Children's Alliance                           | Centennial Bandshell-walk                       | Sat., April 9, 2016  |
| • Purity Dairies Moosic City 5K<br>10K/15K/and 1 Mile Run | Metro Center Greenway<br>and Downtown Connector | Sat., April 16, 2016 |

**X. CONSENT AGENDA**

**06-15-01(con't.)**

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Upon motion of Mr. Sueing, seconded by Ms. Garcia, the Board approved the consent agenda as presented.

**ALCOHOL, AMPLIFICATION AND FUNDRAISING APPROVAL**

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| • Friends of Shelby Park          | Cornelia Fort Airpark     | July 25, Aug. 22,   |
| Cornelia Fort Night Pickin' Party |                           | Sept.19&Oct.17,2015 |
| • Kaleidoscope Media              | Richland Park-Music event | Fri., Oct. 2, 2015  |

**XI. NEW BUSINESS**

**06-15-02**

**BOARD AFFIRMS REAPPOINTMENT OF STAN FOSSICK  
AS A MEMBER OF THE PARK BOARD**

Upon motion of Ms. Smith, seconded by Ms. Garcia, the Board affirmed the reappointment of Mr. Stan Fossick as a member of the Parks Board, effective May 5, 2015. (Mr. Fossick's term will expire April 30, 2020.)

**06-15-03**

**BOARD APPROVES AGREEMENT BETWEEN METRO PARKS  
AND THE NASHVILLE TREE FOUNDATION**

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Ms. Garcia, the board approved the agreement between Metro Parks and The Nashville Tree Foundation for establishment of a tree trail in Riverfront Park. This endowment funded by the Brown family, in Betty Brown's memory, will be used to create the Tree Tail and furnish it with trees and related materials.

**TREE TRAIL AGREEMENT**

THIS AGREEMENT ("Agreement") is entered into this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015 between the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County ("Metropolitan Government") and Nashville Tree Foundation ("NTF").

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Government owns and operates the Riverfront Park in downtown Nashville in which it proposes to establish a tree trail (the "Tree Trail") in a suitable space; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, NTF proposes to install the Tree Trail and assist the Metropolitan Government in its care and maintenance.

**XI. NEW BUSINESS**

**06-15-03 (con't.)**

**BOARD APPROVES AGREEMENT BETWEEN METRO PARKS  
AND THE NASHVILLE TREE FOUNDATION**

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the mutual covenants and undertakings of the parties set forth below, and other good and valuable consideration, the parties agree as follows:

1. Effective Date. This Agreement shall not be binding upon the Metropolitan Government until approved by the Metropolitan Council, fully executed and filed with the Metropolitan Clerk, and shall be effective as of the date ("Effective Date") so filed.
2. Term. The term of this Agreement shall be ten years, beginning on the Effective Date and ending on the tenth anniversary thereof. By agreement of the parties, the term may be extended for an additional five years. Any such extension must be approved by resolution of the Metropolitan Council.
3. NTF Services. NTF agrees to assist the Metropolitan Government in connection with the planning and design of the Tree Trail and the selection of trees and other elements. Upon approval of a final plan by the Metropolitan Government's Department of Parks and Recreation ("Parks"), NTF will at its sole expense construct the Tree Trail and furnish it with trees and related materials. After establishment of the Tree Trail, NTF agrees to assist with maintenance and care of the trees using dedicated professional staff and knowledgeable volunteers working under the direction of professional staff. Services will include the following:
  - (a) Application of compost, mulch or other supplements.
  - (b) Placement or replacement of dead or dying trees with the approval of Parks and following the intent of the original Tree Trail design parameters.
  - (c) Maintenance of tree identification plaques or labels so that they are visible from primary paths and maintain proper attachment and correct identification.
  - (d) Provision of educational activities and programs along the Tree Trail for the benefit of the general public. Activities may be promoted jointly by NTF and the Metropolitan Government and should be open to the public. Programs shall be coordinated with Parks staff so as not to conflict with scheduled major performances or events in Riverfront Park or the amphitheater.

**XI. NEW BUSINESS**

**06-15-03 (con't.)**

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- (e) Supplementation of the services provided by the Metropolitan Government's landscaping contractor.
4. Metropolitan Government Services. The Metropolitan Government shall provide primary care and watering for the trees planted under this Agreement. The Metropolitan Government also shall cooperate with NTF in the development and provision of educational and activity programming along the Tree Trail.
  5. Application of Funds. In the event that NTF raises funds through successful grant application or other approved fundraising, it may, with the permission of Parks, use those funds to replace trees along the Tree Trail as necessary after the initial warranty period.
  6. Sponsorship Identification. NTF and others from which it has received grant funds for the Tree Trail shall be entitled to recognition as a sponsor of the Tree Trail with appropriate signage, to be furnished and installed by NTF with the written approval of the Metropolitan Government. Such signage shall be in size and form consistent with sponsorship acknowledgment signage used at the Metropolitan Government's other park facilities.
  7. Insurance. During the term of this Agreement, NTF shall maintain and keep in force a policy of general liability insurance, with policy limits of not less than \$1,000,000, naming the Metropolitan Government as an additional insured with respect to activities undertaken pursuant to this Agreement. NTF shall furnish evidence of such coverage prior to engaging in any substantive work or activity at the Tree Trail.
  8. Venue and Choice of Law. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of Tennessee, and any action relating to this Agreement shall be brought in the Circuit or Chancery Courts for Davidson County, Tennessee.
  9. Assignment. This Agreement may not be assigned without the prior written consent of the Metropolitan Government, which shall not be unreasonably withheld.

**XI. NEW BUSINESS**

**06-15-03 (con't.)**

**BOARD APPROVES AGREEMENT BETWEEN METRO PARKS  
AND THE NASHVILLE TREE FOUNDATION**

10. Notices. All notices, consents, approvals, and other communications given to either party under this Agreement shall be in writing and delivered to such party at the address set forth below:

If to the Metropolitan Government, addressed to:

Director, Metropolitan Board of Parks and Recreation  
511 Oman Street  
Nashville, Tennessee 37203

If to Nashville Tree Foundation, addressed to:

Nashville Tree Foundation  
Executive Director  
P.O. Box 58962  
Nashville, Tennessee 37205

11. Entire Agreement. This Agreement and specifically incorporated documents constitute the entire agreement between the parties pertaining to the subject matter hereof.
12. Waiver. No waiver of any provision of this Agreement shall be binding or effective unless in writing and signed by authorized representatives of both parties.
13. Force Majeure. Neither party shall be liable to the other for damages attributable to an event of *force majeure*, including, without limitation, natural disaster, fire, explosion or the like that materially interferes with performance under this Agreement.
14. Termination. Either party may terminate this Agreement on account of a material breach upon 14 days' notice to the other party and 14 days' opportunity to cure such breach. Either party may terminate this Agreement at any time upon 60 days' notice.
15. Changes. No change in the terms of this Agreement shall be binding or effective unless in writing and signed by authorized representatives of both parties.

**\*NOTES THE DEPARTURE OF MS. CHRISTY SMITH AT 12:47 PM**

**XI. NEW BUSINESS**

**06-15-04**

**BOARD DEFERS APPROVAL OF THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN METRO PARKS AND CHEEKWOOD BOTANICAL GARDENS REGARDING PROPOSED GARDEN IN RIVERFRONT PARK**

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Mr. Sueing, the board deferred approval of the agreement between Metro Parks and Cheekwood Botanical Gardens and the Museum of Art for establishment of a proposed garden in Riverfront Park. This agreement was deferred due to the revision of terms within the agreement and will be brought back to the board for approval at their July meeting.

**06-15-05**

**BOARD APPROVES PLACEMENT OF HISTORICAL MARKER IN OWEN BRADLEY PARK**

Ms. Tara Mielnik, representing the Metro Historical Commission, was present to request approval from the board to place a historical marker highlighting the history of Music Row in Owen Bradley Park.

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Mr. Adkins, the board approved your request for placement of a historical marker in Owen Bradley Park. This marker will be the traditional cast aluminum marker with the text illustrating the history of Music Row and will be provided at no cost to Metro Parks. The marker will be set in a location in Owen Bradley Park approved by parks' staff.

**06-15-06**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF METRO PUBLIC LIBRARIES TO EXPAND THE CURRENT WATKINS PARK BRANCH LIBRARY LOCATED ON THE INTERIOR OF THE WATKINS PARK RECREATION CENTER**

Mr. Larry Price, representing the Nashville Public Library, was in attendance to present plans for the proposed renovation and expansion of the Watkins Park Branch Library to the board.

Mr. Price's presentation indicated that an additional 500 square feet of usable space inside the library portion of the building will be added by extending the front exterior of the building and with this renovation the entrance will become more inviting to users of the facility. It was also stated that the current handicapped access to the library will be rerouted and all construction costs with regard to this expansion will be borne by the Library.

Therefore upon motion of Ms. Garcia, seconded by Mr. Sueing, the board approved request to expand the Watkins Park Branch Library located within the Watkins Park Recreation Center.

**XI. NEW BUSINESS**

**06-15-07**

**BOARD GRANTS APPROVAL TO THE OASIS CENTER TO PAINT A MURAL  
IN HADLEY PARK REGIONAL CENTER**

Upon motion of Mr. Adkins, seconded by Mr. Sueing, the board granted approval to the request of the Underground Art Studio of the Oasis Center to paint a mural on the front exterior wall at the Hadley Park Regional Center. Teens will work as a team guided by the artist, Omari Booker, and will complete this work before June 18<sup>th</sup>.

**(BECAUSE OF MS. GARCIA'S EMPLOYMENT WITH THE OASIS CENTER LET THE MINUTES REFLECT THAT SHE EXCUSED HERSELF FROM THE VOTING PROCESS).**

The **Underground Art Studio** at Oasis Center offers youth an opportunity to use creativity as a pathway for self-exploration, healing, community service and transformative justice and their mission is to cultivate creative leadership within the youth population to promote positive change in the Nashville community and beyond. This Art Studio Center is funded by the **William N. Rollins Fund for the Arts of The Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee**, as well as business and community partners, including Jerry's Artarama, Frist Center for the Visual Arts, and Cheekwood Botanical Garden and Museum of Art. The Metro Arts Commission and the Tennessee Arts Commission have also assisted in funding special community art projects.

Since launching in February 2013, the Underground Art Studio has provided a creative space for the following youth-serving programs:

- Oasis Center's Emergency Shelter
- New Life Project Fatherhood Program
- Oasis Center's International Teen Outreach Program (ITOP)
- STARS Nashville's Youth Overcoming Drug Abuse (YODA)
- Hadley Park Community Center
- Oasis Center's Just Us (LGBTQ)
- Oasis Center's R.E.A.L. (Reaching Excellence as Leaders) Program
- Planned Parenthood's PG13 Players

**XI. NEW BUSINESS**

**06-15-08**

**BOARD APPROVES PAY RATE INCREASE FOR SEASONAL  
AND PART-TIME CLASSIFICATIONS**

Upon motion of Mr. Sueing, seconded by Mr. Adkins, the board approved a 1% pay increase for seasonal and part-time classifications (9100 class series) effective July 1, 2015. This series of positions (seasonal and part-time) were not included in the across the board raise that all full time Metro employees receive. (This class series received a 6% pay increase effective March 1, 2013).

Classification	Salary Grade	1% increase effective July 1, 2015				
		Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5
9100 Part-Time Worker 1	RP-04	7.90	8.13	8.37	8.64	8.89
9101 Part-Time Worker 2	RP-06	8.38	8.65	8.90	9.16	9.43
9102 Part-Time Worker 3	RP-10	9.47	9.79	10.07	10.37	10.67
9103 Seasonal Worker 1	RS-01	7.77	8.00	8.23	8.48	8.74
9104 Seasonal Worker 2	RS-04	8.00	8.25	8.49	8.75	9.01
9105 Seasonal Worker 3	RS-10	8.67	8.92	9.19	9.46	9.77
9106 Seasonal Worker 4	RL-08	9.22	9.49	9.79	10.07	10.37
9107 Seasonal Worker 5	RL-09	9.47	9.79	10.07	10.37	10.67

**XII. CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE**

Tim Netsch reported:

- Fort Negley, reopened in 2004, will remain as ruins for historical significance.
- Kellytown – contracting for additional archeological study.
- Shelby Naval Building – Parks is committed to preservation; however, in order to save facility a public/private partnership is needed.
- Major stream mitigation in Shelby Golf Course – naturalization of the stream will not hinder play.
- Walk of Fame Park will reopen June 4, 2015 at 1:00 pm after a \$2.5 million renovation.

**XIII. UPCOMING SPECIAL ACTIVITIES/EVENTS**

Jackie Jones announced the following events:

- Movies in the Park will begin June 4 in Elmington Park
- Nashville Symphony will perform in Centennial Park on June 4
- Nashville Symphony will perform at Two Rivers Mansion on June 18
- Nashville Symphony will perform in Shelby Park on June 23
- Full Moon Pickin' Party is scheduled for June 26 in Warner Park

**XIV. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR**

Mr. Lynch announced:

- Parks Budget Hearing before Metro Council is scheduled for Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm in the Metro Council Chambers. Parks is asking for an increase in the operating budget for additional maintenance staff to insure upkeep of parks.
- Looking to establish funding to hire seasonal employees (high school students) for Parks Summer Enrichment Programming.
- Possibly will come back to the board before next fiscal year to increase salary for lifeguards. Certification to become a lifeguard is costly and currently lifeguards make the same salary as workers in fast food establishments.
- The Trust for Public Land released a study of America's 75 largest cities that showed Nashville, America's 25th-most populous city, fell six spots from last year and tied for 51st place with Anaheim, Calif.; Lexington, Ky.; and Los Angeles for its parks system. Out of a possible 100 points awarded for park acreage, facilities and investment, and access, Nashville received 46. This below-average rating resulted from Nashville's lack of parks within walking distance — only 38 percent of residents live within a half-mile of a park — and limited spending on parks. While the city has increased spending by \$11 per resident from last year, it still invests \$10 less than the national median of \$83.

**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**