

# **METROPOLITAN BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION**

## **MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING**

**July 7, 2015**

A meeting of the Board of Parks and Recreation of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee was held on Tuesday, July 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, Dr. Jo Ann Brannon, and Mr. Greg Adkins. Ms. Jenn Garcia 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; and **Mr. Tom Cross, representing the Metro Legal Department.**

### **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD JUNE 2, 2015 APPROVED**

Upon motion of Mr. Sueing, seconded by Mr. Fossick, the Board approved the minutes of the board meeting held Tuesday, June 2, 2015 as submitted.

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

Ms. Emmie Thomas, Executive Director of Greenways for Nashville, introduced Ms. Elizabeth Mobley to the board. Ms. Mobley was recently hired as the Greenways for Nashville Events and Communications Coordinator. Greenways for Nashville is a 501(c) 3 nonprofit organization established in 1994, to give the private sector and the general public a way to support the development of the greenways system and to support the Greenways Commission. In addition to fundraising, GFN educates citizens about Nashville's greenways and provides opportunities for involvement in building a stronger greenways network.

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

Mr. Lynch introduced Mr. Rick Taylor to the board as the Assistant Director of Parks overseeing Consolidated Maintenance. Mr. Taylor replaced Mike Bays who retired in May. Mr. Taylor most recently managed the Sportsplex and has been employed by Metro Parks for 23 years.

**VIII. METRO COUNCIL REFERRALS**

**IX. OLD BUSINESS**

**06-15-00**

**BOARD APPROVES 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), provided an overview to the board regarding the proposed master plan for revitalization of the Cayce Homes and surrounding area during the June 2015 board meeting. 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 include 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.

Therefore, as per recommendation of the Acquisition Committee and upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Ms. Smith, the board approved transfer of Kirkpatrick Park greenspace from Metro Parks to MDHA to allow construction to begin for replacement units at Cayce Place with the current 10 acres of park greenspace increasing to 11 park acres at an alternate location before 2022 with \$3,748,000 being invested into the new parkspace by MDHA.

**06-15-04**

**BOARD APPROVES AGREEMENT BETWEEN METRO PARKS  
AND CHEEKWOOD BOTANICAL GARDENS REGARDING PROPOSED GARDEN  
IN RIVERFRONT PARK**

Upon motion of Mr. Adkins, seconded by Ms. Smith; the board approved the agreement between Metro Parks and Cheekwood Botanical Gardens and the Museum of Art, as amended, for establishment of a proposed garden in Riverfront Park.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

06-15-04(con't.)

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HEREAS, the Metropolitan Government owns and operates the Riverfront Park in downtown Nashville in which it proposes to establish an approximately \_\_\_\_\_ square foot garden area (the "Garden") in a suitable space; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, Cheekwood proposes to assist the Metropolitan Government in its care and maintenance.

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 five years, beginning on the Effective Date and ending on the fifth 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. Cheekwood Services. Cheekwood agrees to assist the Metropolitan Government in connection with the planning and design of the Garden and the selection of plants and other elements. After establishment of the Garden, Cheekwood agrees to assist with maintenance of perennials, annuals, shrubs, bulbs and other plants (with the exception of trees) using dedicated professional staff, students and knowledgeable volunteers working under the direction of professional staff. Services will include the following:
  - (a) Pruning, weeding, deadheading, dividing of perennials or grasses, application of fertilizer, herbicides or other pest control, application of compost, mulch or other supplements.
  - (b) Placement or replacement of annual or bulb planting areas for seasonal interest with the knowledge and approval of Parks and following the intent of the original Garden design parameters.
  - (c) Monitor water levels within the Garden and report to Parks and make recommended adjustments to the system.
  - (d) Maintaining the plant identification labels so that they are visible from primary paths and maintain proper attachment and correct identification of plant material

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- (e) Participating in quarterly walk-throughs with representatives of Parks to review the responsibilities of each entity within the Garden.
  - (f) Providing educational activities and programs within the Garden for the benefit of the general public. Activities may be promoted jointly by Cheekwood and the Metropolitan Government and should be open to the public. Private events would be subject to the same fees, terms and conditions as other events held within Riverfront Park. Programs shall be coordinated with Parks staff so as not to conflict with scheduled major performances or events in Riverfront Park or the amphitheater.
  - (g) Supplementing the services provided by the Metropolitan Government's landscaping contractor.
4. Metropolitan Government Services. During the first two years of the term of the Agreement, the Metropolitan Government agrees to engage a qualified landscaping contractor to provide overall maintenance services within the Garden, including base fertilization, pest control, pruning, annual mulch application, replacement of dead or damaged plants and irrigation system monitoring and operation (including winterization and startup). The Metropolitan Government shall require the contractor to participate in walk-throughs at least quarterly with representatives of Parks and Cheekwood to review Garden planning, activities and responsibilities. Throughout the term of the Agreement, the Metropolitan Government also shall cooperate with Cheekwood in the development and provision of educational and activity programming in the Garden.
- a. Application of Funds. In the event that Cheekwood raises funds through successful grant application or other approved fundraising, it may, with the permission of Parks, use those funds within the Garden to:
    - a. Replace original plant material as necessary after the initial warranty period.
    - b. Replace identified areas of plant material to promote seasonal interests and alignment with Cheekwood events as approved in advance by Parks.
    - c. Install temporary public art installations in alignment with Cheekwood events and as approved in advance by Parks. Any temporary installations shall be repaired to original condition once the temporary installation is complete and removed.
    - d. Any funds developed through provision of programmed activities such as classes, perennial dividing or plant removal plant sales shall be reinvested into the maintenance funds dedicated to the Garden or to the Parks foundation that supports the Park. No plant material or blooms shall be removed and sold commercially.

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5. Sponsorship Identification. Cheekwood shall be entitled to recognition as a sponsor of the Garden with appropriate signage, to be furnished and installed by 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 and the text and design shall be mutually agreed upon.
6. Insurance. During the term of this Agreement, Cheekwood 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. Cheekwood shall furnish evidence of such coverage prior to engaging in any substantive work or activity at the Garden.
7. 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.
8. Assignment. This Agreement may not be assigned without the prior written consent of the Metropolitan Government, which shall not be unreasonably withheld.
9. 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 Cheekwood, addressed to:

Cheekwood  
1200 Forest Park Drive  
Nashville, Tennessee 37205

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- 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 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.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Metropolitan Government and Cheekwood have executed this Agreement as of the day and year shown above.

**X. CONSENT AGENDA**

**07-15-01**

**BOARD APPROVES JULY CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**AMPLIFICATION APPROVAL**

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|----------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| • District 32 Summer Celebration | Southeast Park           | Fri., July 3, 2015  |
| • Travonda Taylor-picnic         | Cleveland Park shelter 1 | Sat., July 11, 2015 |
| • American Arts Festival         | Shelby Park Event Field  | July 17 & 18, 2015  |
|                                  |                          | July 24 & 25, 2015  |
| • Shuntrell King-picnic          | Cedar Hill Shelter 2     | Sat., July 18, 2015 |

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**AMPLIFICATION APPROVAL**

- Akaram Khalifa-picnic Cane Ridge Shelters 1, 2, 3 Sun., July 19, 2015
- Ruth Collins-picnic Centennial Park Pavilion Sat., July 25, 2015
- Joi Carmichael-picnic Two Rivers Park Shelter 4 Sat., Aug. 1, 2015
- Kyla Edge-picnic Fannie Mae Dees Park Shelter 1 Sat., Aug. 1, 2015
- Kyla Edge-picnic Centennial Park Pavilion Sat., Aug. 1, 2015
- Jacques Hargrove-picnic Sevier Park Shelter 1 Sat., Aug. 22, 2015
- 12South Concert Series Sevier Park Sat., Aug. 29; Sept.12  
Fri., Sept. 25; Sat., Oct. 10, 2015
- Nashville Life Christian Church Cumberland Park-worship service Sun., Aug. 30,2015
- Gary Moore-Family Fun Day Paradise Ridge Park Sat., July 11, 2015
- Starbucks-employee picnic Centennial Park Event Shelter Tues., Sept. 1,2015
- New Covenant Prosperity Church Watkins Park Shelter-revival Fri., Sept. 18, 2015  
Sat., Sept. 19, 2015
- Nashville Neighborhoods Celebration Cleveland Park Sat., Sept. 26, 2015
- Jacques Hargrove-picnic Sevier Park Sat., May 28, 2016
- Shaneka Battle-wedding Centennial Event Shelter/garden Sat., May 28, 2016
- Sickle Cell Foundation of TN Shelby Park-5K Sat., June 4, 2016
- Megan Bradley-wedding Cumberland Park Sat., June 18, 2016

**AMPLIFICATION AND FUNDRAISING APPROVAL**

- Nashville Striders Inc. Warner Park-picnic/5K Sat., July 25, 2015
- A.F.Bridges cross country event Warner Park Steeplechase area Sat., Sept. 12, 2015
- Leukemia & Lymphoma Society East Bank-Light the Night walk Fri., Oct. 9, 2015
- The Charity Chase 5K Shelby Park/Greenway Sun., Oct. 25, 2015
- Down Syndrome Association Centennial Park-buddy walk Sat., Oct. 31, 2015
- Nashville Coalition Against Domestic Violence Edwin Warner area 11 Sat., Oct. 31, 2015
- NAMI Davidson County Shelby Park Event Field 5k/village Sat., April 9, 2016
- Sertoma Club of Nashville-walk Two Rivers Park parking area Sat., April 16, 2016
- American Lung Association Public Square Park-walk Sat., May 21, 2016

**FUNDRAISING APPROVAL**

- Project Embrace Inc.-picnic Dudley Park Sat., July 11, 2015
- Angelman Syndrome Fdn-walk Centennial Park Event Shelter Sat., May 21, 2016

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

**ALCOHOL AND AMPLIFICATION APPROVAL**

- Merlicia Harden-wedding                      Centennial Art Center                      Sat., Aug. 29, 2015
- NuEra Soul Music Festival                      Cumberland Park                      Sat., Sept. 19, 2015

**APPROVAL FOR AMPLIFICATION, FUNDRAISING AND TO CHARGE FEES**

- Music City BMX Nat'l. event                      Hamilton Creek Park                      May 27-30, 2016

**XI. NEW BUSINESS**

**07-15-02**

**BOARD APPROVES A CONSERVATION EASEMENT BETWEEN METRO PARKS AND TENNESSEE WILDLIFE RESOURCES FOUNDATION WITH REGARD TO THE LOCKELAND SPRINGS STREAM RESTORATION PROJECT AT SHELBY GOLF COURSE**

Mr. Brady McPherson, representing Tennessee Stream Mitigation Program, was present to request approval from the board of a conservation easement with regard to the Lockeland Springs Stream Restoration Project at the Shelby Golf Course between Metro Parks and Tennessee Wildlife Resources Foundation, Inc.

The primary goal of the restoration will be to remove the concrete channel and re-establish a natural streambed and streambanks. Re-establishment of a natural channel will include the construction of an appropriate dimension, pattern and profile to insure that the project will be stable and self-maintaining. Aquatic habitat features will be incorporated to provide the potential for the channel to be re-colonized by aquatic biota for the first time in over 35 years. This project will serve to provide for channel stability and the restoration of habitat, satisfying the original intent of the concrete cannels and supporting today's desire for responsible resource management as well as the improvement of water quality and riparian habitat in and along this aquatic resource.

Upon motion of Mr. Sueing, seconded by Dr. Brannon, the board granted approval to the issuance of an option agreement document to obtain a conservation easement between Metro Parks and the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Foundation Inc. and the approval of a conservation easement between said parties.



**XI. NEW BUSINESS**

**07-15-03**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF METRO PARKS CULTURAL ARTS DIVISION  
TO ENTER A PARTNERSHIP WITH OZ ARTS NASHVILLE  
TO PROVIDE ARTS PROGRAMMING FOR YOUTH**

Ms. Kathryn Wilkening, representing Metro Parks Cultural Arts Division, was present to request board approval to enter in a partnership with OZ Arts Nashville for arts programming for youth 5 – 15 years of age. Ms. Lauren Cochran, Education Director of OZ Arts, was also present to introduce this new program, OZ School Days, which will offer arts programming (dance, drama, music, visual arts) for youth on days when Metro Schools are closed and during the summer to the board.

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Ms. Smith, the board granted approval to this partnership between Metro Parks and OZ Arts Nashville.

**07-15-04**

**BOARD APPROVES THE AUTHORIZATION OF THE NASHVILLE PARKS  
FOUNDATION UPON SUBSEQUENT RECEIPT OF NOT FOR PROFIT STATUS  
AND GRANTS APPROVAL FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF  
FIVE BOARD MEMBERS TO THE FOUNDATION**

**(UPON REQUEST OF PARKS BOARD MEMBERS AGENDA ITEM 07-15-05 WAS  
INCLUSIVE WITHIN 07-15-04)**

Staff requests board authorization of the Nashville Parks Foundation conditional upon subsequent receipt of not for profit status documentation by staff and permission from the board to appoint the initial five (5) board members to the Nashville Parks Foundation.

The Nashville Parks Foundation shall be operated as a nonprofit Corporation under the Tennessee Nonprofit Corporation Act and will administer 3<sup>rd</sup> party revenues and redistribute to park facilities. This foundation will have full power and authority to:

- To establish and implement fund raising programs, and to accept and receive gifts, grants, contributions, and bequests of real and personal property for the use and benefit of the Metro Nashville Parks Foundation in furtherance of its purpose;

**XI. NEW BUSINESS**

**07-15-04(con't)**

**BOARD APPROVES THE AUTHORIZATION OF THE NASHVILLE PARKS FOUNDATION UPON SUBSEQUENT RECEIPT OF NOT FOR PROFIT STATUS AND GRANTS APPROVAL FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF FIVE BOARD MEMBERS TO THE FOUNDATION**

- To hold, manage, invest, reinvest, and expend funds and properties so received in furtherance of the Foundation's purposes;
- To borrow money and issue evidences of indebtedness in furtherance of any and all of the Foundation's purposes; and
- To perform all other acts necessary or incidental to the above, and to do whatever is deemed necessary, useful, advisable, or conducive, directly or indirectly, to carry out any of the purposes of the Foundation as set forth in the Charter and Bylaws.

Upon motion of Dr. Brannon, seconded by Mr. Sueing, the board approved the authorization of the Nashville Parks Foundation and the appointment of five board members to the foundation.

**07-15-05**

**AGENDA ITEM 07-15-05 WAS INCLUDED IN PREVIOUS ITEM 07-15-04**

**BOARD GRANTS PERMISSION TO THE NASHVILLE PARKS FOUNDATION TO APPOINT FIVE (5) BOARD MEMBERS**

**07-15-06**

**BOARD APPROVES ACQUISITION AND DONATION OF APPROXIMATELY 675 ACRES FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF A PARK IN SOUTHEAST DAVIDSON COUNTY**

Per recommendation of the Acquisition Committee and upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Mr. Sueing, the board approved acquisition and donation of up to 675 acres for establishment of a regional park and a small park for Southeast Davidson County.

**XI. NEW BUSINESS**

**07-15-06(con't.)**

**BOARD APPROVES ACQUISITION AND DONATION OF APPROXIMATELY 675 ACRES FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF A PARK IN SOUTHEAST DAVIDSON COUNTY**

The property, which is located near Cane Ridge High School and Cane Ridge Elementary School, includes rolling hills and gentle valleys, ponds and blue line streams in the Mill Creek watershed, sweeping vistas and scenic ridges. The assemblage of land includes 553 contiguous acres, as well as a nearby 38-acre community park that could eventually connect to the main park by a greenway. This unique assemblage involves nine different landowners, including 22 acres already owned by Metro. Acquisition of other parcels in and around the property could add acreage to the project.

\$14 million appropriated in the Fiscal Year 2016 capital spending plan for the acquisition, which will go to the Metro Council for approval. The Joe C. Davis Foundation plans to contribute \$4.1 million to the project. Negotiations with property owners were led by The Conservation Fund, a national nonprofit organization that led the design team for the Open Space Plan and has been working with Metro Parks and its partners to protect, create and enhance key green spaces and parks across the County.

**07-15-07**

**BOARD APPROVES STAFF REQUEST TO NAME THE METRO PARKS ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE COMPLEX IN HONOR OF JAMES H. FYKE**

James H. Fyke was appointed Director of Metro Parks and Recreation in 1978 and remained in that position until 2003 at which time he was appointed to the position of Commissioner of Tennessee State Parks. Below a few of the significant additions to Metro Parks he oversaw during his tenure:

- Brought 43 parks online and increased park acreage from 5800 to over 10,000 acres.
- The City's first indoor ice rink, Ice Centennial, opened in December of 1979 followed by Wave Country and the Hamilton Creek Sailboat Marina.

**XI. NEW BUSINESS**

**07-15-07(con't.)**

**BOARD APPROVES STAFF REQUEST TO NAME THE METRO PARKS ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE COMPLEX IN HONOR OF JAMES H. FYKE**

- Riverfront Park was dedicated in 1983 and became the site of the City's annual Independence Day celebration.
- In 1987, the land exchange with HCA for the site where the Metro Parks Administrative Complex is now located, as well as the Thomas Frist Centennial Sportsplex which opened in 1990.
- In 1996, Metro Parks received its largest land donation in history of 1500 acres, Beaman Park, from the Alvin Beaman family
- Formation of the Parks/Greenways County wide master plan in 2001.
- An 11.5 million dollar restoration of the Parthenon as well as the emergence of Athena – the tallest indoor statue in the Western World.
- Coordinated with the Tennessee PGA to bring the First Tee Program, which promotes inner city youth golf, to Shelby Park in 2001.

Per recommendation of the Naming Committee and upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Ms. Smith, the board approved naming the Metro Parks Administrative Office Complex in honor of James H. Fyke.

**07-15-08**

**METRO COUNCIL APPROVES 2015-16 DEPARTMENTAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR METRO PARKS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$34,439,400**

Mr. Lynch publicly thanked the current Administration in regard to the budget increase of over one million dollars which is allocated to assist with parks maintenance.

**07-15-09**

**BOARD APPROVES SALARY INCREASE FOR THE DIRECTOR OF PARKS**

Upon motion of Mr. Adkins, seconded by Ms. Smith, the board approved a 4% salary increase for the Director of Parks as recommended by Mayor Dean.

**XII. CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE**

Tim Netsch reported:

- Parthenon parking area complete; however, items on punch list still need to be addressed.
- Tentative opening of the Cockrill Spring zone of Centennial Park is August 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am.
- Fort Nashborough has been demolished and the contract has been let for the reconstruction project.
- Proposals have been reviewed regarding the rehab and lease of the Naval Building in Shelby Park.
- Antioch Middle School tennis courts have been refurbished.
- Walk of Fame Park reopened Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup>.

**XIII. UPCOMING SPECIAL ACTIVITIES/EVENTS**

Jackie Jones reported:

- Tales at Twilight in Cumberland Park on Friday evenings.
- Cornelia Fort Pickin' Party scheduled for Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup> in Shelby Park .
- FOWP Full Moon Pickin' Party scheduled for Friday, July 31<sup>st</sup> in Warner Park
- Quilt Display in Centennial Park in front of the Parthenon sponsored by and for survivors of rape and abuse on Wednesday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**XIV. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR**

Mr. Lynch reported:

- Sevier Regional Center received the 2015 Governor's Environmental Stewardship Award.
- Dog Leash Report as submitted by Bill Troup:

In general, the volume of feedback received so far has been less than expected. No respondents have used the dedicated phone line, and only 15 respondents posted messages to the leash-free-feedback email address. Of those 15 responses, 6 were in support of the program and 9 were opposed. Comments logged during the first month of the off-leash trial study are included in their entirety below and on the pages following.

Although not part of the official comment procedures, Parks received 11 comments on the department's Facebook page. Of those comments, 2 were in support of the program and 9 were opposed.

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

Mr. Lynch reported:

- The Ribbon Cutting for Ascend Amphitheatre is scheduled for Thursday, July 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Scheduled completion date of the Landing on the East Side is sometime in August 2015.

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

It was suggested that a board meeting in the near future be held at the Ascend Amphitheatre.

**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**