

METROPOLITAN BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

August 4, 2015

A meeting of the Board of Parks and Recreation of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee was held on Tuesday, August 4, 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. Rick Taylor, Consolidated Maintenance; Ms. Sally Davis, Community Recreation; Mr. Tim Netsch, Planning and Facilities; Mr. John Holmes, Revenue Producing Facilities; Ms. Shain Dennison, Greenways; Mr. Jim Hester, Special Events; Capt. Chris Taylor/Park Police and **Ms. Katie Downey, representing the Metro Legal Department.** Ms. Jackie Jones, Superintendent/Public Information was not in attendance

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD JULY 7, 2015 APPROVED AS AMENDED

Ms. Smith stated that New Business Item 07-15-04 should be amended to read Nashville Parks Foundation in lieu of Metro Nashville Parks Foundation as the name of the foundation was amended at the initial meeting of the foundation. Therefore, upon motion of Mr. Sueing, seconded by Mr. Fossick, the Board approved the minutes of the board meeting held Tuesday, July 7, 2015 as amended.

VI. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

Mr. Rick Taylor introduced Ms. Kristin Reffett, employee of the Centennial Sportsplex, to the board. Ms. Reffett is a member of the CrossFit Mayhem Freedom team which took home the Fittest on Earth™ title for team competition during the recent international CrossFit Games broadcast on ESPN. CrossFit Mayhem Freedom won the Affiliate Cup and members of the team are Rich Froning, Jr. (four-time individual CrossFit Games champion), Elly Kabboord, Kristin Reffett, Lauren Neal, James Hobart and Matt Hewett.

VII. INTRODUCTION OF STAFF, NEW EMPLOYEES, VOLUNTEERS

VIII. METRO COUNCIL REFERRALS

IX. OLD BUSINESS

Dog Off-Leash Hours Trial Study Sites in Metro Parks
August 4, 2015 Public Comment Report

Mr. Troup reported that the volume of feedback received continues to be relatively low. Only one respondent has used the dedicated phone line (caller had a question about the rules concerning neutering of pets, but did not post a comment) and 11 respondents posted messages to the leash-free-feedback email address. Of those 11 responses, 3 were in support of the program and 8 were opposed.

X. CONSENT AGENDA

08-15-01

BOARD APPROVES AUGUST CONSENT AGENDA

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

AMPLIFICATION APPROVAL

- Pam Murray for District 5 Cleveland Park greenspace/shelter Thurs., Aug. 6, 2015
- Lenora Abel-picnic Cedar Hill Shelter 4 Sat., Aug. 15, 2015
- North Nashville Annual Reunion Buena Vista Park-picnic Sat., Aug. 15, 2015
- School of Rock - concert Riverfront Park Sat., Aug. 29, 2015
- E. Nashville Come Together Day McFerrin Park-picnic Sat., Aug. 29, 2015
- Nashville North by Northeast Lock One Park-picnic Tues., Sept. 8, 2015
- Hagedwood 50th Wedding Anniversary Cumberland Park-picnic Sun., Sept. 13, 2015
- Holly Meeker-birthday party Centennial Event Shelter Fri., Sept. 18, 2015
- Nestor Dujardin Galvan-wedding Cumberland Park Fri., Sept. 18, 2015
- Worship City-music outreach Riverfront Park Sept. 28-Oct. 4, 2015
- Pure Barre-group fitness class Centennial Park Front Lawn Fri., Oct. 9, 2015
- Lifeway Employee Assembly/picnic Green@West Riverfront Wed., Oct. 14, 2015
- Nashville Cherry Blossom Festival Public Square Sat., April 9, 2016

AMPLIFICATION AND FUNDRAISING APPROVAL

- Y.A.N.A. Organization Hadley Park-back to school bash Sat., Aug. 15, 2015
- Leaders Recognizing Leaders Hadley Park-back to school event Sat., Sept. 12, 2015
- American Liver Foundation Warner Steeplechase-walk Sat., Sept. 19, 2015
- Music City BBG 5K Warner Park -area 9 Sun., Sept. 20, 2015
- Lionheart Wellness Cumberland Park-dance-a-thon Sat., Oct. 3, 2015
- Nashville PITTIE(pit bull awareness) Centennial Event Shelter Sun., Oct. 4, 2015
- American Cancer Society Bellevue Park-dog costume contest Sat., Oct. 31, 2015
- 12South Winter Warm Up Sevier Park-6K and 12K Sat., Dec. 5, 2015
- Gilda's Club & NR Road Racing Shelby Park Event Area-5K Sat., Dec. 12, 2015
- Mitochondrial Disease Fdn-walk Centennial Park Event Shelter Sat., May 14, 2016
- Pancreatic Cancer Network Public Square Park-walk Sat., May 14, 2016
- Childhood Apraxia of Speech-walk Centennial Park Event Shelter Sat., June 18, 2016

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08-15-01(con't.)

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FUNDRAISING APPROVAL

- HCA – LLS & HCA Derby Centennial Park Event Shelter Tues.,Sept. 8, 2015
- Neverthirst Vaughns Crk Cross Country site Sat., Sept. 12, 2015
- Vision the band Centennial Bandshell-concert Fri., Oct. 9, 2015
- Post 5 Shred on the Run Elmington Park Sat., Oct. 10, 2015

FUNDRAISING AND ALCOHOL APPROVAL

- The Ben and Morey Show Centennial Performing Arts Ctr. Aug. 1,13,20,27
Sept. 3,10,17,24
Oct.1,8,15,22,29,2015

ALCOHOL APPROVAL

- Shannon Erwin-wedding Hodge House Sat., Oct. 17, 2015
- Music City Kickball Open Cane Ridge Park-tournament Sept. 12-13, 2015

ALCOHOL AND AMPLIFICATION APPROVAL

- Destination Nashville Riverfront Park-private event Thurs., Aug. 13, 2015
- CMA Block Party Tony Rose Park Tues., Sept.15, 2015
- Music City Food + Wine Walk of Fame Park Sat., Sept. 19, 2015
- Morgan Daniels-wedding Centennial Art Center Sat., June 4, 2016

APPROVAL FOR AMPLIFICATION, FUNDRAISING AND ALCOHOL

- Music City Hot Wing Festival Riverfront Park Aug. 14-15, 2015
- Waterpalooza:Endless Summer Centennial Park Event Shelter Sun., Aug.23, 2015
- Kaleidoscope Media East Park-East Side Social Sat., Oct. 3, 2015
- Kaleidoscope Media Riverfront Park Sat., Oct.24, 2015
- Super Cool Fun Fest Cumberland Park-concert Sat., May 28, 2016

XI. NEW BUSINESS

08-15-02

BOARD GRANTS PERMISSION TO THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF MIDDLE TENNESSEE TO ENTER INTO A PERMIT FOR FACILITY USE FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR FOR USE OF WEST PARK COMMUNITY CENTER

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Mr. Sueing, the Board granted approval to the Boys and Girls Club of Middle Tennessee to enter a permit with Metro Parks for use of West Park Community Center to provide youth academic enrichment programming after school and during summer break.

The Boys and Girls Club will supply the necessary resources, such as personnel and educational materials, to operate youth development and academic enrichment after school and summer programs at West Park Community Center. The Boys and Girls Club will also provide at least \$1,000,000 commercial general liability insurance, \$1,000,000 automobile liability insurance, and \$1,000,000 sexual molestation and abuse coverage with Metro Parks named as an additional insured with regard to the referenced insurance policies.

During the initial year of this permit, Metro Parks agrees to bear 100% of the costs for utilities, water, and building maintenance associated with the center. Each year thereafter that this permit is renewed, Metro Parks' responsibility for the costs of utilities, water, and building maintenance will be reduced by 25% per year. At the start of year five (5) of the permit, if the permit is renewed, all utilities, water and building maintenance associated with the center will become the responsibility of the Boys and Girls Club. Metro Parks will be responsible for the upkeep of the exterior grounds and athletic fields.

08-15-03

BOARD ACCEPTS DONATION OF APPLIANCES AND MAINTENANCE SERVICE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,666.68 FROM MIDTOWN FELLOWSHIP

Upon motion of Mr. Sueing, seconded by Dr. Brannon, the board approved the acceptance of the following donation from Pastor Scott Steward, representing Midtown Fellowship, of the following items and/or services, in the amount of \$1666.68, to the South Inglewood Recreation Center:

20.4 c. ft. Stainless Steel Top Freezer Refrigerator

5.3 cu. Ft. Stainless Steel Self Cleaning Electric Range

4-prong 5' Black Round Range Cord

3-year In-home Master Protection Agreement

XI. NEW BUSINESS

08-15-03(con't.)

**BOARD ACCEPTS DONATION OF APPLIANCES AND MAINTENANCE SERVICE
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,666.68 FROM MIDTOWN FELLOWSHIP**

This donation will provide the staff and users a facility equipped with the necessary appliances to offer the immediate neighborhood space to host family and/or community events. **(PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL DONATIONS \$1000.00 AND OVER ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE BOARD APPROVAL).**

08-15-04

**BOARD APPROVES ACQUISITION OF APPROXIMATELY 23.61 ACRES
FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF A WALK TO PARK
FROM FAITH UNITED BAPTISH CHURCH**

Per recommendation of the Acquisition Committee, and upon motion of Mr. Sueing, seconded by Ms. Garcia, the board approved acquisition of 23.61 acres located at 0 Buena Vista Pike, map 059-00-0, parcel 060.01, 23.09 acres, and 3963 Crouch Drive, map 059-06-0, parcel 053.00, .52 acres from Faith United Baptist Church.

The property will serve a highly populated adjacent neighborhood for a future walk-to park suitable for a playground, multi-purpose play field and walking trail. The property is located in the floodplain of Ewing Creek, a community plan greenway corridor, and features creek frontage, an open field and wooded areas. Faith United Baptist Church is offering the property for \$55,000, which the Metro Assessor's Office has assessed for \$93,000. There are two access points to the adjoining neighborhood. Existing 2015 capital funds will be used.

08-15-05

**BOARD APPROVES ACQUISITION AND DONATION OF
APPROXIMATELY 568 ACRES ON LITTLE MARROWBONE ROAD
FOR EXPANSION OF BEAMAN PARK**

Per recommendation of the Acquisition Committee, and upon motion of Mr. Sueing, seconded by Dr. Brannon, the board approved acquisition of 568 acres (map and parcels 45-6, 46-1, and 45.5) on Little Marrowbone Road for expansion of Beaman Park.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

08-15-05 (con't.)

**BOARD APPROVES ACQUISITION AND DONATION OF
APPROXIMATELY 568 ACRES ON LITTLE MARROWBONE ROAD
FOR EXPANSION OF BEAMAN PARK**

The Gilbert property available for \$1,000 per acre is two-thirds its appraised value, for a total of \$568,000. This will increase the size of Beaman Park from 1,656.16 to 2,224 acres. The acquisition will protect view sheds of Beaman Park, increase access with road frontage on Little Marrowbone Road, be suitable for extensive hiking and for uses such as mountain biking prohibited in original area of Beaman Park designated as a State Natural Area. It contains older growth trees and scenic vistas. A third interest in the property is being donated by Harris Gilbert. The bargain sale was negotiated by the Land Trust for Tennessee toward implementation of the Open Space Plan.

XII. CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE

Tim Netsch reported:

- Phase one of the Centennial Park Master Plan is scheduled for completion before September 1, 2015.
- Ribbon Cutting at Cockrill Spring (front lawn of Centennial Park) scheduled for Thursday, August 27th at 10:30 am.
- The East lawn/landing of Cumberland Park should be completed within 4-5 weeks with a tentative opening scheduled for September 12th at 8:00 am.
- Nashville Parks Plan – Guiding document for department is out to bid, with bids due August 27. (Jenn Garcia is on the consulting team). This is a 10 year plan and will return to the board for approval.
- Shelby Naval Building Rehab/Lease – 2.4 million rehab offering profit/non-profit office space, special event space, café, and retail area for bike and water activity with request for exchange for parking improvements/landscaping. Term at point of negotiation of lease should comply with park policies with regard to events. Ms. Smith asked that language be included to support the Nashville Parks Foundation financially. Proposal is consistent with the 2009 Shelby Park Master Plan and Mr. Anderson recommended that proposal come before the board so they could familiarize themselves with project.
- Edwin Warner Burch Reserve Connector – Phase 1 funded with TDOT grant and should be completed by the end of August 2015. Phase 2 is under construction. (Design complete – Metro and CS/Sprint ongoing negotiations)
- Percy Warner Park – Parking improvements completed at Deep Well, Gaucho Road and Chickering Road; other locations complete winter 2015-16.

XIII. UPCOMING SPECIAL ACTIVITIES/EVENTS – Public Information Staff

In Jackie Jones absence, Jim Hester reported the following upcoming park events:

- Saturday Night Big Band Dances – August 8, 15, 22 @ 7:00 pm at the Centennial Park Event Shelter
- Shakespeare in the Park – August 13-September 13 – Thursday – Sunday
- Live on the Green–Thursday, August 20 & 27 @ 6:00 pm in Public Square Park
- Full Moon Pickin’ Party – Friday, August 28, 6:30 pm, in Percy Warner Park

XIV. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Lynch reported:

- At each board member’s place there is a copy of a letter from Sarah Martin, “Sarah for Metro Council” with regard to an event, District 5 Block Party, held on Saturday, July 18 and hosted by Ms. Martin in Cleveland Park. A phone call was received on day of said event stating there was a political event occurring in Cleveland Park in which board approval was not secured. A request was made to have park police come and shut down the event; however, because of the large number in attendance, the event was not suspended.
- Immediately following the September Board meeting a public recognition of the naming of the Metro Parks Administrative Complex in honor of James H. Fyke will be held.
- Ascend Amphitheatre opened on Thursday, July 30th before a sold out crowd. A meeting was held today (August 4) regarding 12,000 punch list items of the newly opened park. The major issue being very dry foliage and that issue is being addressed. Live Nation appears to be a great partner with the park clean and ready for the next event.
- Fort Negley. Met with Mayor Dean, Deputy Mayor Hinote and members of the Homeless Commission and will provide an aerial map to the Homeless Commission to assist in relocating those who can be relocated. After relocation, camp will be cleared beginning September 1st. Hopefully, trails will be constructed from Fort Negley to the Adventure Science Center to be utilized as a learning tool for youth.
- Met with Sally Davis, Assistant Director of Parks/Community Recreation, regarding replacement of the tennis bubble in Hadley Park and we are currently reaching out to Tennessee State University in hopes of establishing a partnership with them similar to Belmont and E. S. Rose Park.
- Women’s Suffrage Monument – media was erroneous in report of selected site location of monument on the grounds of the Tennessee State Capital and may come to board for site approval in Centennial Park at a later date.

XV. ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Anderson requested that a parking policy be established for all parks in Nashville, under the jurisdiction of Metro Parks, so that they do not remain or become a parking area for those not using parks.

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

Thomas M. Lynch, Director

George Anderson, Chairperson