

METROPOLITAN BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

September 1, 2015

A meeting of the Board of Parks and Recreation of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee was held on Tuesday, September 1, 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, Dr. Jo Ann Brannon and Mr. Greg Adkins.

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; Mr. Jim Hester, Special Events; Capt. Chris Taylor/Park Police; Ms. Jackie Jones, Superintendent/Public Information and **Ms. Katie Downey, representing the Metro Legal Department.** Ms. Shain Dennison, Assistant Director-Greenways, was not in attendance

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AUGUST 4, 2015 APPROVED

Upon motion of Mr. Sueing, seconded by Mr. Fossick, the Board approved the minutes of the board meeting held Tuesday, August 4, 2015 as presented.

VI. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

VII. INTRODUCTION OF STAFF, NEW EMPLOYEES, VOLUNTEERS

Mr. Jim Hester introduced Mr. Joshua Wagner to the board as the Director of the Centennial Art Center. Mr. Wagner succeeds Ms. Brenda McSurley who retired in July. Mr. Wagner has 12 years of experience teaching and developing visual arts educational and recreational programs from adolescent, adult and collegiate levels. He began his employment with Metro Parks in 2004 as a guest instructor of pottery.

VIII. METRO COUNCIL REFERRALS

Consideration of Councilmember Tony Tenpenny's request to rename Whitsett Park located at 355A Wimpole Drive "Dudley Jones Park" as per Resolution no. RS2015-1599 was not realized as Mr. Tenpenny was not in attendance; therefore, the board did not hear this request.

IX. OLD BUSINESS - none

X. CONSENT AGENDA

09-15-01

BOARD APPROVES SEPTEMBER CONSENT AGENDA

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

AMPLIFICATION APPROVAL

- Sally Jo Michels-wedding Centennial Park Sunken Garden Sat., Sept. 5,2015
- David Spencer-Music City Inc. Walk of Fame-induction ceremony Thurs., Sept. 10,2015
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- IF:Pray Nashville-women's prayer event Centennial Event Shelter Mon., Sept.14,2015
- HCA-employee picnic Centennial Event Shelter Thurs., Sept. 17,2015
- Metro Arts Commission Cumberland Park-art project Fri., Sept. 18, 2015
- Boys and Girls Club Cleveland Park-Day for Kids Sat., Sept. 19, 2015
- Generation of Vision England Park-school supplygiveawaySat., Sept. 19,2015
- Music City Mutt Strutt 5K Centennial Park Sat., Sept. 19, 2015
- United for Human Rights Cumberland Park-concert Mon.,Sept. 21,2015
- Carter Concrete Structures Centennial Pavilion – picnic Fri., Sept. 25, 2015
- Sylvan Park Neighborhood Assc. Richland Park-movie night Sat., Sept. 26, 2015
- Tim Claybrooks-picnic Cedar Hill Shelter 2 Sat., Oct. 3, 2015
- Nashville Downtown Partnership Walk of Fame-tug of war contest Thurs., Oct. 8, 2015
- Peggy Clark- class reunion picnic Centennial Event Shelter Sun., May 22, 2016
- Ray Webster-picnic Sevier Park Shelter 1 & 2 Sat., June 18, 2016

FUNDRAISING APPROVAL

- Karynthia Philips Hartman Park Bike-A-Thon Sat., Sept. 19, 2015
- Gordon Pennington Centennial Tennis Center-tourney Fri., Oct. 16, 2015
- Arthritis Foundation-walk Centennial Park Bandshell Sun., May 16, 2016

FUNDRAISING AND OVERNIGHT STAY IN PARK

- Benchmark Adventure Ministry Warner Park Lodge-low ropes course Oct. 10-11, 2015
(women's retreat)

FUNDRAISING AND AMPLIFICATION

- We Run the Row Owen Bradley Park-5K Sat., Sept. 19, 2015
- Nashville Fire Dept.-Car Show Wave Country Parking Lot Sat., Oct. 3, 2015
- National Kidney Foundation Centennial Event Shelter-walk Sun.,June 12, 2016

ALCOHOL APPROVAL

- Friends of Metro Dance Centennial Performing Arts Studio Sat., Oct. 17, 2015
annual membership mtg. or Sun., Oct. 25, 2015
- Greenways for Nashville Public Square Towers-reception Mon., Oct. 19, 2015

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09-15-01 (con't.)

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ALCOHOL AND AMPLIFICATION APPROVAL

- Tennessee Craft-reception Centennial Art Center Fri., Sept. 25, 2015
- Stacey Shaffer-wedding Hodge House/Warner Park Sat., Sept. 26, 2015
- Charles Hill-rehearsal dinner Centennial Art Center Fri., Oct. 9, 2015
- Thunder on the Cumberland Riverfront Park-festival/concert June 17-19, 2016

APPROVAL FOR AMPLIFICATION, FUNDRAISING AND ALCOHOL

- Nashville Oktoberfest Morgan Park-festival Oct. 9-11, 2015
- Chocolate Jazz Foundation Cumberland Park-Rib/Jazz event Sat., April 2, 2016
- Ragin Cajun Crawfish Boil Cumberland Park -festival Sat., May 7, 2016
- Music City Brewer's Festival Walk of Fame Park Sat., Aug. 6, 2016

XI. NEW BUSINESS

09-15-02

**BOARD AFFIRMS REAPPOINTMENT OF GREG ADKINS
AS A MEMBER OF THE PARK BOARD**

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Mr. Sueing, the Board affirmed the reappointment of Mr. Greg Adkins as a member of the Parks Board representing the Planning Commission, effective June 11, 2015. (Mr. Adkins' term will expire May 31, 2016.)

09-15-03

**BOARD DEFERS REQUEST OF THE TENNESSEE WOMAN SUFFRAGE
MONUMENT BOARD TO PLACE THE WOMAN SUFFRAGE MONUMENT IN
CENTENNIAL PARK TO THE ACQUISITION COMMITTEE AND
THE PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD**

According to board policy the following request was referred to the board's acquisition committee and the public art committee and will be presented to said committees in a joint meeting preceding the October 6th board meeting for recommendation to the full board.

- Ms. Paula Casey, President and Ms. Yvonne Wood, Secretary of the Tennessee Woman Suffrage Monument Board, request board approval to place the Woman Suffrage Monument in Centennial Park.

09-15-04

BOARD APPROVES AND ACCEPTS DONATION FROM THE FRIENDS OF WARNER PARKS TOWARD THE CONSTRUCTION OF A HORSE BARN AT THE PERCY WARNER PARK EQUESTRIAN CENTER

Mr. Mark Weller, representing the Friends of Warner Parks, was present to request board approval and acceptance of a donation up to \$100,000 to be used toward the construction of a horse barn on the campus of the Percy Warner Park Equestrian Center. This donation is contingent upon equal matching funds from Metro Parks.

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Ms. Smith, the board approved and accepted a donation up to \$100,000 from the Friends of Warner Parks with Metro Parks matching these funds from the deferred maintenance fund of the Capital Budget.

09-15-05

BOARD APPROVES MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE METROPOLITAN SPORTS AUTHORITY AND THE METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT THROUGH METRO PARKS FOR AN AREA OF CUMBERLAND PARK

Upon motion of Dr. Brannon, seconded by Ms. Garcia, the board approved the Memorandum of Understanding between the Metropolitan Sports Authority and the Metropolitan Government through Metro Parks for the operation and maintenance of parking lot R in Cumberland Park.

This MOU enables Metro Parks to enter, operate and maintain property on the East Bank of the Cumberland River as a public park, as well as designating use of Parking Lot R adjacent to Cumberland Park as per the Riverfront Development Agreement dated February 12, 2010.

This also provides for the general parking needs of the Riverfront Improvements, which includes day to day use of the park by the public as well as any events hosted or sponsored by the Metropolitan Government's Department of Parks and Recreation. The Sports Authority shall retain its right to charge a nominal fee, to be determined by the Sports Authority, for the parking use of Parking Lot R during ticketed or permitted events, which includes but is not limited to, fundraisers, for-profit events, and other events when entry is restricted by fee or other control, regardless of whether consideration is required ("Special Events"). With permission of the Sports Authority, the Metropolitan Government may use up to 250 spaces without charge for parking in Lot R for Special Events hosted by the Metropolitan Government's Department of Parks and Recreation in conjunction with non-profit organizations. The Sports Authority shall be responsible for collecting the nominal fee for the use of Parking of Lot R during said times.

09-15-06

**BOARD APPROVES MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN
THE CITY OF BELLE MEADE AND THE METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT
THROUGH METRO PARKS**

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Ms. Smith, the board approved the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Belle Meade and the Metropolitan Government through Metro Parks regarding police response to Parmer Park. To further that purpose, Parks and the City of Belle Meade agree as follows:

- 1.) Members of the City of Belle Meade Police Department (hereinafter "BMPD") may exercise the law enforcement authority of a Metro Parks Police Officer (hereinafter "MPP") at Parmer Park.
- 2.) BMPD Officers may exercise law enforcement authority only while acting within the scope of their employment for BMPD and only within the Parmer Park, located at Leake Avenue & Zwlback Street, Nashville TN 37205;
- 3.) The law enforcement authority of the BMPD shall be the same as that set forth for Tennessee law enforcement officers by statute and common law of the State of Tennessee not inconsistent with this Agreement.
- 4.) BMPD will provide MPP access to all law enforcement records pertaining to any and all incidents occurring in Parmer Park.
- 5.) BMPD and MPP shall have reciprocal communication concerning any information, data, or knowledge of issues relating to criminal activity or officer safety within the geographical area set forth in Paragraph 2 above.
- 6.) BMPD understands that Parmer Park is an inclusive facility owned, operated and maintained by the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County and shall be open to all visitors and residents for general park use and all recreational events hosted by Parks.
- 7.) By entering into this agreement Parks does not relinquish the right of MPP or the Metro Nashville Police Department's to exercise law enforcement authority in Parmer Park or on or about property owned, operated, and maintained by the Metropolitan Board of Parks and Recreation.

(PLEASE NOTE THAT MR. SUEING REQUESTED THAT RESIDENTS IN THE AREA OF PARMER PARK BE NOTIFIED OF SAID MOU.)

09-15-07

BOARD ADVISED OF CIVIC EVENTS SCHEDULED FOR 2016
AT THE ASCEND AMPHITHEATER

Staff advised board of the following civic events scheduled for the Ascend Amphitheater in 2016 (contract limits the number of civic events to 10 per year):

- Fourth of July
- New Year's Eve
- CMA week
- Sports Council rotating events – Music City Bowl, NHL All Star Game or the SEC Tournament
- National Museum for African Americans
- Dierks Bentley Miles and Music
- Americana Music Festival

XII. CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE

Tim Netsch reported:

- Phase one of the Centennial Park Master Plan is complete.
- The East lawn/landing of Cumberland Park opening is scheduled for September 12th at 8:00 am.
- Archeological study of Kellytown site complete.
- Edwin Warner Burch Reserve Phase one complete, construction of tunnel next phase to begin.
- Demolition of derelict buildings at the former Ravenwood Golf Course.
- 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.
- Warner Park – Parking improvements completed at Deep Well, Gaucho Road and Chickering Road. Four small parking lots (450 spaces with an additional 150 parking spaces (pervious gravel).
- Road to Trail Conversion – designate 5.8 mile loop as a multi-use trail with same rules as other trails. 700 acres of car free zone with improved emergency access. Ten miles of trail will remain open for cars. Gold cart tours running out of the Warner Nature Center can continue with this plan.

XIII. UPCOMING SPECIAL ACTIVITIES/EVENTS – Public Information Staff

Mr. Jim Hester distributed an event schedule for September to the Board.

XIV. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Lynch reported:

- The discussion of parking in Parks will be deferred to the October Board Meeting; however, Mr. Lynch reported that based on an arrangement with Cheekwood, Parks is allowing them to utilize the “slash dump” adjacent to their entrance as a regular parking area with a fee of \$500 per month to be paid to the Friends of Warner Parks for that usage. At the same time, this fee will allow Cheekwood to valet park at the new clubhouse parking area after 6:00 pm during the summer and after 5:00 pm during the Fall, Spring and Winter. These fees will double each year for a period of five years with the intention of Cheekwood solving their parking issues on their own property within the next five years. Cheekwood will be required to present a quarterly report to Metro Parks beginning in January 2016 and Mr. Lynch will share said report with the board and then to the friends group for the park.
- Fort Negley Homeless issue will begin being address this afternoon (September 1). Maintenance will be installing signs stating that there is **“NO OVERNIGHT CAMPING ALLOWED”** and at the same park Police will be distributing informational fliers to the campers stating that on September 15th Parks employees will begin removing remnants. According to Parks arrangement, the Homeless Commission, the Mayor’s Office, Nashville Table and the Department of Social Services have all been involved to try to **“navigate”** the campers toward some other solution. After the 15th Parks will be establishing trails through the area to be used by visitors to the parks and both the Maintenance Division and Park Police will monitor the area to prevent any type of re-establishment.

XV. ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

NO ANNOUNCEMENTS OR REQUESTS AT THIS TIME

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Before the board meeting was adjourned, Ms. Ingrid McIntyre, representing the Homeless Commission addressed the board with regard to the Fort Negley Homeless Camp. In addition to Ms. McIntyre and Ms. Lindsey Krinks, representing the Homeless Commission, approximately 25 residents and/or advocates of this camp were also in attendance.

Ms. McIntyre stated some 800 homeless residents currently have vouchers for low income housing in Nashville but there are not enough locations to accommodate them, let alone the two dozen people who will be displaced when overnight camping is no longer allowed at Fort Negley. Mr. Lynch cited recent safety concerns from visitors to the Adventure Science Center and stated it was a decision that could no longer be delayed and although this is a complex, deep issue, Parks and Recreation is not the answer for the homeless situation. Ms. McIntyre responded that Parks wants to move these people onto a new illegal spot where once again they'll be asked to move to another illegal spot, and it all goes back to the issue of low to no affordable housing available for them.

After hearing from some members of the homeless community, the Board members allowed for another discussion of the issue the next week (September 7th), but more than likely will not change the September 15 eviction date.

The notice which will be distributed to the residents of the homeless camp cites a section of Metro Code:

“No person shall tent or camp or erect or maintain a tent, shelter or camp in any park, except in those areas specifically designated by the Board for such purposes.”

Aid to residents of the tent village, including moving assistance, storage space, emergency shelter and a 24-hour crisis line was also outlined on this notice.

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

Thomas M. Lynch, Director

George Anderson, Chairperson