

# **METROPOLITAN BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION**

## **MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING**

**October 6, 2015**

A meeting of the Board of Parks and Recreation of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee was held on Tuesday, October 6, 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; Mr. Rick Taylor, Consolidated Maintenance; Ms. Sally Davis, Community Recreation; Mr. Tim Netsch, Planning and Facilities; Mr. John Holmes, Revenue Producing Facilities; Capt. Chris Taylor/Park Police; Ms. Jackie Jones, Superintendent/Public Information and **Ms. Katie Downey, representing the Metro Legal Department.** Ms. Cindy Harrison attended in Shain Dennison's absence. Mr. Jim Hester, Assistant Director-Outdoor Recreation and Special Events was not in attendance

### **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 1, 2015 APPROVED**

Upon motion of Mr. Sueing, seconded by Mr. Adkins, the Board approved the minutes of the board meeting held Tuesday, September 1, 2015 as presented.

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

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

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

Mr. Lynch acknowledged the presence of former 15<sup>th</sup> District Councilmember Phil Claiborne and introduced Ms. Angie Henderson, newly elected Councilmember representing the 34<sup>th</sup> District and chair of the Metro Council's Parks Committee.

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

**09-15-03**

### **REQUEST OF THE TENNESSEE WOMAN SUFFRAGE MONUMENT TO PLACE THE WOMAN SUFFRAGE MONUMENT IN CENTENNIAL PARK DEFERRED TO THE NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING**

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.

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Because of the new public art ordinance and this being the first project to have to conform to the requirements of said ordinance, the approval sequence is as below:

1. The Metro Arts Commission's (MAC) Public Art Committee will make a recommendation to MAC
2. MAC makes a recommendation to Parks Board (PB)
3. The PB Acquisition and Public Art committees make a recommendation to the PB
4. The PB and MAC make recommendations to the Metro Council in the form of an ordinance

A recommendation from the Metro Arts Commission should be received before the Parks Board November meeting; this will not slow the process and should reduce the number of meetings needed.

**X. CONSENT AGENDA**

**10-15-01**

**BOARD APPROVES OCTOBER CONSENT AGENDA**

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Dr. Brannon, the board approved the October consent agenda as presented.

**AMPLIFICATION APPROVAL**

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| • Pat McCay-picnic                   | Shelby Lakeview Shelter 1            | Sat., Oct. 10, 2015   |
| • AMP Music, LLC-concert             | Shelby Event Field                   | Fri., Oct. 23, 2015   |
| • Valor Flagship-Fall Fest           | Coleman Park greenspace              | Sat., Oct. 24, 2015   |
| • Julia Black-wedding                | Allee and Warner clubhouse           | Sat., Oct. 24, 2015   |
| • HCA-employee celebration           | Centennial Event Shelter             | Thurs., Oct. 29, 2015 |
| • Nashville First Church of Nazarene | East Park- Easter Egg Hunt           | Sat., March 19, 2016  |
| • Fight Colorectal Cancer            | Walk of Fame Park-candle light vigil | Fri., April 1, 2016   |
| • Benjamen Metz-wedding              | Cornelia Fort                        | Sun., May 1, 2016     |
| • Laurie Davis-wedding               | Centennial Park Sunken Garden        | Fri., June 17, 2016   |
| • Shawanda Clay-picnic               | Two Rivers Shelter #1                | Sat., Sept. 3, 2016   |
| • Holly Meeker-birthday party        | Centennial Event Shelter             | Sat., Sept. 17, 2016  |

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**FUNDRAISING APPROVAL**

- Queen of Hearts & Dream Girls Hadley Bandshell-festival Sat., Oct. 24, 2015

**FUNDRAISING AND AMPLIFICATION**

- Ctr for Refugees and Immigrants Two Rivers Shelter 1/greenway Sat., Oct. 24, 2015
- Pancreatic Cancer Network Public Square Park-memorial Sun., Oct. 25, 2015
- Firefighters Hardship Fund Shelby Bottoms- 5K Sat., Dec. 19, 2015
- NeedLink Nashville Cumberland Park-5K Sat., Dec. 19,2015
- Dee Davis Foundation, Inc. Reservoir Park-basketball tourney Sat., April 16, 2016
- Raise the Roof-5K Warner Shelters 9 and 11 Sat., April 23, 2016
- Belly Rubs Bassett Rescue Centennial Event Shelter-festival Sat., June 4, 2016
- Nashville Paddle Co. - race E. Riverfront Landing Sat., July 30, 2016

**ALCOHOL APPROVAL**

- Cope Architecture-picnic Centennial Park Event Shelter Sat., Nov. 14, 2015
- Percy Priest Yacht Club Hamilton Creek Marina March - Dec.,2016

**ALCOHOL AND AMPLIFICATION APPROVAL**

- Adrian Granderson-afternoon tea Cumberland Park Fri., Oct. 16, 2015
- Nashville Food Truck Assoc. Greer Stadium-Award Ceremony Sat., Oct. 17, 2015
- Music City Inc.-New Year's Bash Riverfront, East/West Banks Dec. 29, 2015-Jan. 1, 2016
- Team Magic, Inc.-walk/race East Bank Landing Sun., March 20, 2016
- The Toga Run-5K fun run Centennial Lawn/walking path Sat., April 2, 2016
- Stephanie Johnson-wedding Cumberland Park Sat., May 14, 2016
- iHeart Media Public Square Park-festival Sat., June 18, 2016
- Team Magic, Inc. – triathlon East Bank Landing Sun., July 24, 2016

**APPROVAL FOR AMPLIFICATION, FUNDRAISING AND ALCOHOL**

- Sandlot Sports-Old Timers Field Shelby Park Movie Night Wed., Oct. 7, 2015
- TN Beer & Wine Festival Two Rivers Mansion Lawn Wed., Oct. 21, 2015
- The Conservancy- gala Parthenon and plaza area Oct. 16-17, 2015
- Events Hatched, Inc. Centennial Park -WinterFest Sat., Nov. 7, 2015
- Events Hatched, Inc. Centennial Park -WinterFest Sat., Dec. 12, 2015

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**APPROVAL FOR AMPLIFICATION, FUNDRAISING AND ALCOHOL**

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| • Friends of Sevier Park         | Sevier Park-festival     | May 6-7, 2016       |
| • Volunteer State Horsemen's Fnd | Warner Park Steeplechase | Sat., May 14, 2016  |
| • Capitol District Street Fair   | Morgan Park              | Sat., May 21, 2016  |
| • Nashville Pride Festival       | Public Square Park       | June 24-25, 2016    |
| • Chocolate Jazz Foundation      | Cumberland Park-festival | Sat., July 16, 2016 |
| • Greg Belz-ArtWorks Foundation  | Centennial Tennis Center | Sept. 10-11, 2016   |
| - crafts & fashion event         |                          |                     |

**XI. NEW BUSINESS**

**10-15-02**

**BOARD AFFIRMS REAPPOINTMENT OF DR. JO ANN BRANNON  
AS A MEMBER OF THE PARK BOARD**

Upon motion of Mr. Adkins, seconded by Mr. Sueing, the Board affirmed the annual reappointment of Dr. Jo Ann Brannon, as a member of the Parks Board representing the Metro School Board, effective October 6, 2015. (Dr. Brannon's term will expire June 30, 2016.)

**10-15-03**

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

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Mr. Adkins, the board accepted grant funding submitted by Mr. Phil Claiborne, President of Friends of Two Rivers Mansion, to provide 2 part time workers (host/hostess-16 hours each per week for 2 weeks) in the amount of \$646.24 to conduct tours during the 2015 holiday season at Two Rivers Mansion.

Mr. Claiborne advised the board that 300+ toured the mansion this summer. The two (2) seasonal workers researched history books to become very knowledgeable about Two Rivers Mansion. They also fashioned attire suitable to the time period to wear while conducting tours. Mr. Claiborne announced the annual Halloween family event at the Mansion will be held on Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>.

**XI. NEW BUSINESS**

**10-15-04**

**MR. SCOTT TYGARD APPEARS BEFORE THE BOARD  
REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE MIRACLE FIELD OF MUSIC CITY  
TO BE LOCATED IN EDWIN WARNER PARK**

Mr. Scott Tygard, Director of the West Nashville Sports League, was present to familiarize the board with his proposal of sponsoring the construction of a “Miracle Field” in Edwin Warner Park. Miracle Fields are baseball fields built for providing a safe and enjoyable team sport experience for kids and adults with disabilities regardless of their level of experience or ability. This field will be a 100% handicap accessible rubberized baseball field with a completed complex including special dugouts, restrooms and playground. Currently there 275 existing fields across the country with no fields in Tennessee; however, fields are being planned for Chattanooga and Murfreesboro. Mr. Tygard stated he has applied for all non-profit requirements and has an architect and contractor on board and once the field is completed it will be gifted back to Metro Parks.

Mr. Tim Netsch, Assistant Director of Parks/Planning and Facilities, conveyed to the board that a Miracle Field was listed in the recommendations of the 2009 Shelby Park Master Plan. He also stated that in the 2005 Warner Park Master Plan four new ball fields were recommended and only three have been built; therefore, the Miracle Field can be recognized as the fourth field. Miracle Fields are smaller than an approved field and this field could be constructed at the location of the existing Heriges Field on Old Hickory Boulevard. The existing lighting installed in the 1960’s would be removed and new lighting added.

Mr. Tygard stated that his group will be responsible for demolition of the current field, excavating, etc. and that \$250,000 has been committed by “More than Me”, a group of former Vanderbilt University baseball players now playing professionally. He said that Metro Parks will only be responsible for supplying the real estate.

Ms. Christy Smith, board member, asked Mr. Tygard for a synopsis of what the ask is, what has been raised and what the goals are and to report back to the Parks Board. She also suggested that he should meet with the Friends of Warner Parks.

**10-15-05**

**BOARD APPROVES APPLICATION AND ULTIMATE ACCEPTANCE OF A  
TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES GRANT FROM THE TENNESSEE  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Mr. Sueing, the board approved application and ultimate acceptance of a Transportation Alternatives Grant from the Tennessee Department of Transportation for construction of a greenway bridge.

**XI. NEW BUSINESS**

**10-15-05 (con't.)**

**BOARD APPROVES APPLICATION AND ULTIMATE ACCEPTANCE OF A  
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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

Application is due November 3<sup>rd</sup> for this Transportation Alternatives grant from the Tennessee Department of Transportation. This project is the Opry Mills Connector, a greenway trail connection between Stones River Greenway and the Cumberland River Pedestrian Bridge to Opry Mills Mall and Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center Complex. If funded, the Opry Mills connector would be located on an easement below the office building at Two Rivers Parkway and Briley Parkway that Metro Parks obtained through a grant from Gaylord Entertainment several years ago.

This bridge/boardwalk combination will run parallel to the river along the bluff between the Cumberland River Pedestrian Bridge and Opry Mills Mall. It will be located on the Donelson side of the Cumberland River and will connect East Nashville, Donelson and Hermitage neighborhoods to Opry Mills while providing connection for tourists and Nashville visitors to downtown Nashville via cycling.

The grant is 80% federal/20% local. Metro's match will be over several years including annual capital appropriations for 2016 and 2017. Preliminary engineering cost estimates are underway.

**XII. CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE**

Mr. Lynch explained to the board that with a new administration in place the capital projects update will be suspended until he has met with Rich Riebeling of the Mayor's Office.

**XIII. UPCOMING SPECIAL ACTIVITIES/EVENTS**

Ms. Jackie Jones distributed a listing of park activities scheduled for October 2015 and highlighted the following park sponsored events:

- Friday, October 16      The Parthenon presents and intimate event at the feet of Athena
- Sunday, October 25      50 year Celebration of Dance to be held at the Centennial Performing Arts Studio

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Mr. Anderson, Board Chair, read a thank you note from James H. Fyke, former Metro Parks Director, with regard to the celebratory event held on September 1, 2015 naming the Administrative Office Complex in his honor.

#### **XIV. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR**

Mr. Lynch reported:

- Staff is beginning to review how many special events are being held in Metro Parks with amplified music and determine if we need to regulate and/or cut the number of events scheduled. Do we need to change the event times in neighborhood parks as it relates to amplification?
- Parking issue has not yet been fulfilled as we haven't contacted Metro Legal regarding the establishment of a statement. Staff will have to develop a policy to protect our facilities, especially Centennial Park as we are becoming a defacto parking lot for Nashville. As a courtesy Metro Parks should meet with Vanderbilt, HCA and the 2525 building regarding no parking in Centennial Park.
- The September 15<sup>th</sup> date to have all residents of the homeless camp at Fort Negley removed has passed and there are still a few individuals remaining at the site. Metro Parks was advised that if we cannot provide permanent housing for the residents when we break camp we are liable for lawsuit as per the District Attorney. Staff will work with Open Table through the winter months to obtain housing for the individuals remaining with April 1, 2016 as the definitive deadline to break camp. We will begin clearing the area so that programming with the Adventure Science Center can begin. Also, the Fort Negley Master Plan is being delayed because of the existing camp at Fort Negley.
- Dog "leash free" report – received calls from a couple of farmers in the Peeler Park area that dogs off leash have killed goats on their properties and they wanted to inform us that if the dogs are seen on their private property they may be shot.
- He is beginning his medical leave on Monday, October 12 for hip replacement surgery and Monique Odom will oversee the department in his absence.
- Currently the December Parks Board meeting is scheduled to be held at the Ascend Amphitheater.

**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**