

METROPOLITAN BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

November 3, 2015

A meeting of the Board of Parks and Recreation of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee was held on Tuesday, November 3, 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. Jenn Garcia, Mr. Charles Sueing, Dr. Jo Ann Brannon and Mr. Greg Adkins. Ms. Christy Smith 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; Mr. Jim Hester, Special Events; Ms. Shain Dennison, Greenways; Ms. Jackie Jones, Superintendent/Public Information and **Ms. Katie Downey, representing the Metro Legal Department.** Lt. Houston Taylor attended in the absence of Capt. Chris Taylor/Park Police. Mr. Tommy Lynch, Director of Metro Parks, was not in attendance and Ms. Monique Odom sat in as his replacement.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD OCTOBER 6, 2015 APPROVED

Upon motion of Mr. Sueing, seconded by Dr. Brannon, the Board approved the minutes of the board meeting held Tuesday, October 6, 2015 as presented.

VI. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

Mr. Bill Troup submitted the following written report on Dog Off-Leash Hours Trial Study Sites in Metro Parks

There has been no feedback submitted through either the dedicated email account or hotline during the past month. However, there has been considerable discussion of the off-leash trial between residents in the Peeler Park area, the Parks Director and the Council Representative from that district. Emails addressed to Mr. Lynch from a Peeler Park neighbor and from Councilman Bill Pridemore are included below.

As we committed to in the beginning, we have conducted this trial with the cooperation of the local Council Representatives. At Peeler Park, Councilman Pridemore has been open to the trial and has closely monitored his constituents' opinions on the idea. At this point, he feels that this is creating a frustrating issue with neighbors and has asked that the trial be suspended.

We feel that Parks should be sensitive to the Councilman's concerns and recommend that the off-leash hours trial at Peeler Park be suspended indefinitely. We will continue with the trial through November as planned at the remaining locations and report back to the Board with a recommendation when we have evaluated all of the information collected.

VI. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS (con't.)

From: Lone Oak Farm [mailto:bamboo4you@aol.com]
Sent: Monday, October 05, 2015 8:08 PM
To: Lynch, Tommy M. (Parks)
Cc: Pridemore, Bill (Council Member); kaleb.stratton@tn.gov
Subject: Unleashed Dogs in Peeler Park

Mr. Tommy Lynch:

As we discussed earlier today, I have major concerns about dogs being walked in Peeler Park without leashes. I own a property at 2219 Neely's Bend Road, Madison, TN which adjoins Peeler Park on two sides. I conduct farm activities on this property which include raising livestock.

On Saturday, October 3, 2015, at 10:30 AM, I discovered 2 large dogs on my property barking and running around the fences that contain my goats and sheep. They were aggressively jumping and digging at the fences. The goats and sheep being frightened, had all gathered near some trees in the center of the field. I shot at one of the dogs on my property, but missed. At that time, a man started calling the dogs from the park. He was walking them on the equestrian trails near my property. He released them and moved quickly to the parking lot and got away before I could get his license number. I filed a police report and the Complaint# is 15-0920895.

This morning at 8:00 AM, 3 more dogs were found on my property, and they killed a chicken that belonged to my tenant. We heard someone whistling and calling the dogs from the park equestrian trail. The dogs ran back to their owner. I did not see the owner.

Approximately one month ago, my neighbor's dog was attacked, and later died, by a dog walking with someone riding a horse in the park. The dog was not on a leash. The owner was loading their horse and allowed the dog to run loose. After witnessing the attack, the owner loaded the horse and dog and left rapidly. The family member that witnessed this attack was unable to get a license number of the truck. They experienced extensive veterinary bills from this attack. The property owner is Trey McMasters at 2101-B Neely's Bend Road. He can be reached at 615-569-2282.

Additionally, having interest in wildlife, I see many problems associated with allowing dogs to run freely in Peeler Park. The native species that are indigenous to this area are subject to attacks from dogs running at large. I have discussed this with the Tennessee Wildlife Resource Agency area officers, and they share these concerns.

VI. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS (con't.)

It appears that when the decision was made to allow leash free parks, that only the dog owners were considered. This action is affecting my livelihood and my way of life. It appears that the appropriate action is to reverse the leash free decision or to fence the park to prevent dogs and people from crossing onto private property.

Thank you for your time and your help resolving the matter,

Joe E. Willis

2219 Neely's Bend Road

Madison, TN 37115

615-865-9933

From: Pridemore, Bill (Council Member)

Sent: Friday, October 23, 2015 9:41 AM

To: Lone Oak Farm; Lynch, Tommy M. (Parks); Barry, Megan (Mayor);

Bickley, Martha (Health); Bluestone, Lauren (Health);

Kaleb.Stratton@TN.gov; Troup, Bill (Parks); Troup, Bill (Parks)

Subject: RE: Unleashed Dogs in Peeler Park

As you can see there seems to be frustration growing from the preliminary results of the Parks Board quest for a limited no leash policy. I'm grateful for the Parks Board attempt to entertain ideas that would enhance the user's experience.

However, as the trial period is nearing the end you can see where this causes quite an issue in the rural/remote park areas of Davidson County.

I would like the opportunity to attend the Metro Park Board meeting that will be deciding the future of this trial. Could you please advise me of the next meeting where this issue will be discussed?

Thank you in advance,

Bill Pridemore

Councilman, 9th District

615.915.1419

Therefore, because of the information presented upon motion of Mr. Sueing, and seconded by Mr. Fossick, the board suspended all leash free activities immediately at Peeler Park. Signage will be updated immediately.

Please note that leash free activity will continue at other designated locations.

VII. INTRODUCTION OF STAFF, NEW EMPLOYEES, VOLUNTEERS

Mr. John Holmes introduced Ms. Misty Adfield, Superintendent of the Centennial Sportsplex to the board and presented her qualifications as follows:

- Started with Parks in 2000 at the Centennial Sportsplex working in the Ice Rink, Front Desk and Fitness Center.
- In 2005 moved to Recreation as a Part Time Rec Leader while working to obtain her Bachelor's degree in Exercise Science from TSU.
- In 2007 promoted to Program Coordinator at East Regional Center.
- In 2011 promoted to Facility Coordinator at McCabe Regional Center.
 - In 2012 earned her Master Degree of Education in Exercise Science.
- In 2014 transferred to Special Services (came home) to oversee the new fitness center at the Sportsplex.
- On October 9th of this year she was promoted to Superintendent of Facilities where she will oversee the operations at the Centennial Sportsplex, Wave Pool, HCM, Parthenon and Cumberland Park.
- Misty also has the following Certifications:
 - ACSM CPT (American College of Sports Medicine Certified Personal Trainer)
 - RYT-200 (Registered Yoga Teacher 200 hours)
 - PN Certification (Precision Nutrition Certification)
 - AFAA (Aerobics and Fitness Association of America)
 - TRX (Total Resistance eXercise Certified)
 - Red Cross First Responder/CPR
- Played Division 1 softball while working at the Sportsplex
- Ran 5 marathons
- Ran 13 half marathons
- Ran Ragnar Relay 3 times
- Rode Jack and Back 6 times
- Plays on nationally ranked flag football team and been in Sports Illustrated.

VIII. METRO COUNCIL REFERRALS - none

IX. OLD BUSINESS

09-15-03

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF THE TENNESSEE WOMAN SUFFRAGE
MONUMENT BOARD TO PLACE THE WOMAN SUFFRAGE MONUMENT
IN CENTENNIAL PARK**

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.

As per staff and committee recommendation and based on park policy 3000.25, Acquisition and Disposition of Park Property, Mr. Fossick made motion, Mr. Adkins seconded, and the board approved the request of The Tennessee Woman Suffrage Monument Board, to place the **Woman Suffrage Monument** in Centennial Park contingent upon satisfactory resolution of the following issues:

- Compliance with MAC PAC conditions.
- An agreement by applicant to fund 100% of design and construction of site features in monument environs. Design work to be contracted by Metro Parks utilizing existing contract with Nelson Byrd Woltz. Scope of work to be determined based on site selection. Mr. Woltz contracted with Metro Parks for implementation of the *Centennial Park Concept Plan* has made a preliminary assessment of the proposal and has determined that the monument, in concept, is compatible with the concept plan and could be successfully integrated into the park.
- Establishment of an endowment or fund adequate to implement a maintenance plan in perpetuity.
- Approval of historical text by the Metro Historical Commission.

Please note that the Parks Board has a practice of disapproving monuments that honor living people and this proposal includes plaques that recognize the accomplishments of living people, one of whom is still in public office. The plaques are relatively small and secondary to the much larger bronze figures; therefore, a satisfactory rationale for including recognition of these living honorees should be articulated.

X. CONSENT AGENDA

11-15-01

BOARD APPROVES NOVEMBER CONSENT AGENDA

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

AMPLIFICATION APPROVAL

- Megan Michaels-picnic Cumberland Park Sat., Nov. 14, 2015
- Hope Park Church-festival Bellevue Park Sat., Dec. 12, 2015
- Hendersonville Chapter of Links Hadley Park-dental screening Sat., April 2, 2016
- Race Nashville-5K Shelby Park and Bottoms Sat., April 23, 2016
- Pinnacle Financial Partners-5K Shelby Parks Sat., May 7, 2016
- TN Scenic Rivers Assoc.-picnic Shelby Riverview Shelter Sat., May 21, 2016
- Nashville Symphony-concert Southeast Park greenspace Wed., June 15, 2016
- National Wheelcats-wheelchair tourney Sportsplex Tennis Ctr. June 24-26, 2016
- Nashville Rollergirls -5K Shelby Park/Riverview Shelter Sat., Oct. 15, 2016

FUNDRAISING APPROVAL

- QSA Foundation/AT&T Veterans Centennial Park-walk/race Wed., Nov. 11, 2015

FUNDRAISING AND AMPLIFICATION

- Congenital Heart Association Edwin Warner Park-walk Sat., June 4, 2016
- Scleroderma Foundation Centennial Park-walk Sat., June 11, 2016
- Cumberland River Compact East Bank Landing-festival Sat., Sept. 10, 2016
- Tennessee Kidney Foundation Richland Creek Greenway-5K Sat., Sept. 10, 2016
- Nashville Humane Association Centennial Park-dog day festival Sat., Sept. 17, 2016
- Melanoma Research Foundation Shelby Bottoms Sat., Oct., 1, 2016

ALCOHOL AND FUNDRAISING APPROVAL

- The Ben and Morey Show Centennial Performing Arts Studio Nov. 5, 12, 19 and Dec. 10, 2015
- Oasis Center Sevier Park-12South Winter Warmer Sat., Dec. 5, 2016
- Ride for Reading-beer festival East Park Sat., April 9, 2016

APPROVAL FOR AMPLIFICATION, FUNDRAISING AND ALCOHOL

- Treehouse Racing-bicycle race Cedar Hill Park Sun., April 10, 2016
- Jacklyn Robinson-wedding Warner Steeplechase Grandstand Sat., Sept. 3, 2016

X. CONSENT AGENDA

11-15-02

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST FROM THE CONSERVANCY FOR THE
PARTHENON AND CENTENIAL PARK TO ACCEPT A GRANT TO FUND THE
SALARY OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE CONSERVANCY
FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2016**

Upon motion of Dr. Brannon, seconded by Ms. Garcia, the board approved the following item on the consent agenda as submitted.

Ms. Paula Van Slyke, Chairperson of The Conservancy for the Parthenon and Centennial Park, requests the Board to accept a grant in the amount of \$100,000 to fund the salary of Sylvia Rapoport, President of The Conservancy, January 1 through December 31, 2016 with Metro Parks' processing weekly timesheets and paychecks on an on-going basis.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

11-15-03

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF MUSIC CITY DISC GOLF TO CONSTRUCT AND
PROVIDE MAINTENANCE OF A DISC GOLF COURSE IN CANE RIDGE PARK**

Mr. Jay Watson, Mr. Will Schusterick, and Mr. Michael McDaniel, representing Music City Disc Golf, were present to request approval to raise funds for build, ultimate Donation to Metro Parks and provide maintenance of a disc golf course in Cane Ridge Park.

As per staff and committee recommendation and based on park policy 3000.25, Acquisition and Disposition of Park Property, Mr. Adkins made motion, Mr. Sueing seconded, and the board approved the request of The Music City Disc Golf Association to:

- raise funds for building of course in Cane Ridge Park
- ultimate donation to Metro Parks
- provide maintenance of course

contingent upon approval of the final design and layout of course and construction staging and schedule by appropriate Metro Parks staff. The board also approved sponsor recognition in the form of signage at each tee similar to those at the course in Shelby Park.

This proposed 36 hole disc golf course for Cane Ridge Parks will activate areas of the park that are currently un-programmed and will create trail connectivity between isolated areas that will benefit non-disc golfers as well.

11-15-04

**BOARD APPROVES APPLICATION AND ULTIMATE ACCEPTANCE OF A
TENNESSEE ARTS COMMISSION ARTS EDUCATION COMMUNITY LEARNING
GRANT TO METRO PARKS**

Upon motion of Mr. Adkins, seconded by Ms. Garcia, the board approved application and ultimate acceptance of a FY2016-17 Tennessee Arts Commission Arts Education Community Learning Grant of up to \$5,000 for the full award. This grant will be used by the Metro Parks Cultural Arts Division toward a process of play development to create a performance for pre-schoolers and their adults.

11-15-05

**BOARD APPROVES STAFF REQUEST TO ACQUIRE APPROXIMATELY 13 ACRES
IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND AND GREENFIELD
ENVIRONMENTAL MIDSTATE TRUST LLC.**

As per staff and committee recommendation and based on park policy 3000.25, Acquisition and Disposition of Park Property, Mr. Adkins made motion, Mr. Sueing seconded, and the board approved acquisition of approximately 13 acres on Anthes Drive in conjunction with the Trust for Public Land and Greenfield Environmental Multistate Trust LLC. (Parcel ID's 09311011000, 09312001600, 09311011100, 09311011200 and 09311024300)

In cooperation with Metro Parks the Trust for Public Land (Rick Wood, representative) obtained an option, assignable to Metro, on this property for an eventual addition to Riverfront Park. The property appraised for approximately \$2,450,000 and the purchase price is \$2,500,000. The seller, Greenfield Environmental Multistate Trust LLC, has two other pending offers, one at \$2,500,000 and another above that. Metro has until mid-November to close. Therefore, this acquisition is time-sensitive and existing open space funds will be used. This property was identified in the SoBro Plan for park space and will provide river access and is appropriate for recreational use.

XII. CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE

Capital Projects will be updated at the December meeting.

XIII. UPCOMING SPECIAL ACTIVITIES/EVENTS

Rededication of World War I Monument Warner Park Friday, November 6

Conservancy Gala Parthenon Sat., November 7

XIV. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

In Mr. Lynch's absence, Monique Odom reported that the lease agreement with TDOT at Cayce Landing has received Corps of Engineers approval for a small portion of property located under the Silliman Evans Bridge.

XV. ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The December Parks Board Meeting will be held December 1st at the Ascend Amphitheater and Live Nation will provide a full update of their initial performance season.

The first concert of 2016 at the Ascend Amphitheatre will feature Bryan Adams on Friday, April 15th.

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

Thomas M. Lynch, Director

George Anderson, Chairperson