

METROPOLITAN BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

December 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, December 1, 2015 at 12:00 pm in the Riverview Room of the Ascend Amphitheater, 310 1st Avenue South, Nashville, TN. Board members present were: Mr. George Anderson, Mr. Stan Fossick, Ms. Christy Smith, Ms. Jenn Garcia, Mr. Charles Sueing, 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; Mr. Jim Hester, Special Events; Ms. Shain Dennison, Greenways; Ms. Jackie Jones, Superintendent/Public Information; Capt. Chris Taylor/Park Police and **Ms. Katie Downey, representing the Metro Legal Department.**

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 3, 2015 APPROVED

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

VI. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

Mr. Lynch recognized Mr. John Cooper, Councilmember at Large, and introduced him to all in attendance.

LEED CERTIFICATION OF ASCEND AMPHITHEATER

Ascend Amphitheater is the only outdoor amphitheater in the nation to score a LEED Gold Certification. LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) is a rating system that measures the design, construction and operation of high performance green buildings, homes and/or neighborhoods.

Sustainability highlights that led to the Gold Certification for the facility include:

- 2,800-square-foot green roof
- 400,000-gallon rain harvesting tank
- Geothermal heating and cooling system
- Geothermal ice machines
- 1,350 square feet of solar panels on the roof
- 267 trees representing 38+ different species will achieve Level 1 arboretum status
- 48 bike parking spaces and a bike repair station
- 9,000 square feet of permeable paving
- 2,705,500 tons of recycled content through April
- 2,895 tons of crushed rock used onsite
- Solar-powered media charger

VI. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS (con't)

LEED CERTIFICATION OF ASCEND AMPHITHEATER

Ascend sits on the 11-acre addition on the west bank of Riverfront Park. The open back of the amphitheater structure allows for views through the structure toward the downtown skyline and beyond. Additional pivoting windscreens allow for an even more open flow of visual sight lines. All of the amphitheater accessory buildings create a permeable front to the city streets with sliding gates that facilitate an ebb and flow into the site on a daily basis, with gates sliding closed only during ticketed events.

Over-scaled customized swings, which marry the regional precast material and the industrial steel references, are strategically located to provide focused views down the Cumberland River and toward the main flow of the greenway path for people walking through the park. A primary greenway path slips through the park, serving as a connection to city greenways and parks both north, south, east and west of this pivotal location.

LEED certification provides independent, third-party verification that a facility was designed and built to achieve high performance in key areas of human and environmental health. Buildings can qualify for four levels of certification: Certified, Silver, Gold and Platinum. The LEED rating system was developed by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) to guide the building industry and provide sustainability standards for a variety of building projects.

Kim Hawkins with Kim Hawkins Partners led the design team. Dennis Georgatos of Skanska led construction and Larry Atema with the Commonwealth Development Group managed the project.



VII. INTRODUCTION OF STAFF, NEW EMPLOYEES, VOLUNTEERS

VIII. METRO COUNCIL REFERRALS

IX. OLD BUSINESS

X. CONSENT AGENDA

12-15-01

BOARD APPROVES DECEMBER CONSENT AGENDA

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

AMPLIFICATION APPROVAL

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| • Swing Dance Nashville | Centennial Event Shelter | Sat., March 12, 2016 |
| • Swing Dance Nashville | Cumberland Park Bandshell | Sun., March 13, 2016 |
| • Don Rogers – picnic | Cedar Hill Shelter 3 | Sat., July 9, 2016 |
| • Jacques Hargrove-picnic | Sevier Park Shelter 1 | Sat., Aug., 27, 2016 |
| • Steps of Success 5K | Shelby Park Event Field | Sat., Sept. 10, 2016 |
| • Nashville Pagan Pride Day, Inc. | Two Rivers Park-4 shelters | Sat., Oct. 1, 2016 |

FUNDRAISING APPROVAL

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| • OutCentral, Inc.-Gay 5K | Shelby Park | Sat., June 18, 2016 |
| • Nashville Ultra Marathon | Stones River, Shelby Bottoms,
Downtown Connector, Metro Center Greenways | Sat., Nov. 6, 2016 |

FUNDRAISING AND AMPLIFICATION

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| • Nashville Hunger Crop Walk | Fannie Mae Dees Park | Sun., April 17 2016 |
| • Music City Doulas LLC
Diaper Drive and 5K | Two River Park Shelters 1-4 | Sat., May 21, 2016 |
| • Nashville CARES-AIDS Walk/5K | Public Square Park | Sat., Oct. 1, 2016 |
| • Walk to End Alzheimer's | Public Square Park | Sat., Oct. 15, 2016 |
| • Serving Pagans in Religion & Life
SpiritFest Metaphysical Market | Shelby Park Riverside Shelter | Sat., Oct. 29, 2016 |

AMPLIFICATION AND ALCOHOL

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| • Erin Chafatelli-wedding | Cumberland Park lawn/stage | Fri., Aug. 5, 2016 |
| • Music City Food+Wine= Harvest Night | Walk of Fame Park | Sat., Sept. 17, 2016 |

X. CONSENT AGENDA (con't.)

BOARD APPROVES DECEMBER CONSENT AGENDA

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

12-15-02

Permission was granted Ms. Delana Owen, District Commissioner of the Middle Tennessee Pony Club, for the 64th consecutive running of the MTPC Horse Trials held at the Equestrian Center of Percy Warner Park and the 2016 season with waiver of equestrian and park usage fees. Permission was also granted to serve/consume alcohol during the Competitor Receptions with competitors remaining in the park overnight on October 8 and 9, 2016.

12-15-03

Approval was granted Ms. Sally Davis, Assistant Director of Parks, to have a mural painted on the gym wall at the Antioch Community Center by the Underground Art Studio of the Oasis Center.

12-15-04

Approval was granted Mr. Mike Teaney, representing the Division of Recreation, Culture & Wellness, for application and ultimate acceptance for 2017 grant funding of up to \$7,000 from the Tennessee Arts Commission (Arts Project Support grant) to supplement a year of free Big Band Dances for the Public.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

12-15-05

APPROVAL GRANTED THE NASHVILLE SKATING ACADEMY TO ENTER INTO AN ANNUAL PERMIT WITH METRO PARKS

Ms. Laura Sanders, representing the Nashville Skating Academy, was present to request board approval to enter into a permit to operate a figure skating program at the Centennial Sportsplex. Ms. Sanders stated that she was a former instructor at the Centennial Sportsplex from 1987 – 2000 and then relocated to a rink in Franklin, Tennessee. The rink in Franklin is now closing and Ms. Sanders approached the staff of the Centennial Sportsplex with regard to operating a figure skating program.

Upon motion of Dr. Brannon, seconded by Mr. Fossick, the board approved this permit and is to be renewed on an annual basis.

XI. NEW BUSINESS (con't.)

12-15-06

**BOARD GRANTS APPROVAL AND ULTIMATE ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT
FROM THE INGLEWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION TO BE USED
AT SHELBY GOLF COURSE**

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Ms. Garcia, the board granted approval for application and ultimate acceptance of a grant in the amount of \$1000.00 from the Inglewood Neighborhood Association to be used for replacement carpet in the Clubhouse at Shelby Golf Course.

12-15-07

**OVERVIEW OF THE INAUGURAL SEASON OF ASCEND AMPHITHEATER
PRESENTED BY LIVE NATION ENTERTAINMENT**

Mr. Isaac Thompson, representing Live Nation Entertainment, presented an overview of the inaugural season of Ascend Amphitheater to the board.

Mr. Thompson reported the 2015 concert season was very successful as it began with Eric Church on Thursday, July 30 and ended with Matoma, Chail, 2NA, Goldroom and Daily Bread on Saturday, October 31, 2015 resulting in 31 concert events being held in 3 months. In this inaugural season there were 12 sold out concerts with 144,138 tickets sold and 143,184 tickets scanned. The Nashville Parks Foundation and the Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee received \$144,138 from the 2015 concert season with \$883,950 generated in tax revenue.

The amphitheater was a 2015 Pollstar Awards Nominee in the categories of **Best New Major Concert Venue** and **Best Small Outdoors Venue**.

The goal for Diversity Business Participation was 20%; however 31% was achieved. Below are compliance highlights:

- Succeeded in working together with Metropolitan Government to create a unique blueprint to be able to track and document the process.
- Exceeded minimum requirements in year 1 of the contract.
- Areas of vendor involvement include Labor services, Catering Services, Janitorial Services, Electrical Contractors, Landscaping Services and Equipment Rentals.

With regard to safety during the 2015 season there were 19 medical transports, 3 arrests and 4 ejections resulting in an average of 1 out of every 7586 concert attendees well below the national average.

Mayor Megan Barry was in attendance and stated that she attended the inaugural concert, as well as the Jackson Browne concert, and applauded everyone for their hard work.

XII. CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE

Tim Netsch reported:

- All existing buildings on Ravenwood property site have been demolished and when funding is available the Master Plan process will begin.
- The Tennis Bubble in Hadley Park will be replaced at 1 million dollars and the reconstruction will include an addition of an entry building and extra parking.
- Una Park sports field upgrades at a cost of 1 million dollars should be ready Fall 2016 and will include natural turf improvements, new concession/restrooms and baseball field will be demolished and rebuilt.
- Nashville Parks Plan was awarded to Hawkins Partners.
- Two Rivers Mansion Master Plan is funded in part with Metro Historical Commission matching funds with Friends of Two Rivers Mansion funds. Review of bid begins Wednesday, December 2, 2015.
- The Tunnel in Warner Park has been approved by Metro Council, awaiting approval by CSX Railroad. A 12 month timeline is expected to complete and upon completion the Burch Reserve should be accessible.

XIII. UPCOMING SPECIAL ACTIVITIES/EVENTS

Jackie Jones announced:

- Friday, December 4th @ 6:00 pm Tree Lighting at Public Square Park
- Saturday, December 5th – Goodwill donation event at Regional Centers
- Music City New Year's Eve Bash on Broadway in Riverfront Park

XIV. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

- Consolidated Maintenance Division Audit has been released and Mr. Lynch deferred to Ms. Odom for remarks.

Ms. Odom stated that the audit was in general favorable for the Consolidated Maintenance Division; however, Metro Parks is understaffed and underfunded in comparison with other park systems of comparable size. The Improvements recommended by the audit have been implemented or presently in progress. She informed the board she will keep them abreast of significant improvements and when the 2017-18 budget is submitted she will have the dollar amount needed to fund staffing needs, etc. available to them.

- The outdoor ice rink located in Walk of Fame Park will open on Saturday, December 12th in conjunction with the NHL All-Star Game Activities.
- Contract with Live Nation has greatly impacted the Nashville Parks Foundation with a significant donation. Ms. Christy Smith publicly thanked the representatives of Live Nation who were in attendance.

XV. ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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

Thomas M. Lynch, Director

George Anderson, Chairperson