

METROPOLITAN BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

February 2, 2016

A meeting of the Board of Parks and Recreation of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee was held on Tuesday, February 2, 2016 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, and Mr. Greg Adkins. Ms. Jenn Garcia, Mr. Charles Sueing, and Dr. Jo Ann Brannon were 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 JANUARY 5, 2016 APPROVED

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Ms. Garcia, the Board approved the minutes of the board meeting held Tuesday, January 5, 2016 as presented.

VI. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

UPDATE ON THE FRIENDS OF TWO RIVERS MANSION

Mr. Phil Claiborne was present to update the board on the Friends of Two Rivers Mansion. Mr. Claiborne introduced Mr. Phil Howard, current President of Two Rivers Mansion.

Mr. Claiborne reported that the Two Hearts Antique Fair held February 2015 was the most successful yet. The boxwood garden with working fountain was dedicated at the Phil the House event in 2015.

Mr. Claiborne was pleased to announce:

- the Nashville Symphony will be playing on the grounds of the mansion on Tuesday, June 7, 2016
- Additional docents were hired for summer and holiday tours
- Received a \$30,000 grant from the Tennessee Historical Commission with Metro Parks matching for the Master Plan and Encore will oversee the Master Plan.
- Now have WiFi and will be adding interior cameras and door obtrusion alarms.
- Working to include the 1802 house on future tours
- 2015 is the 5th year of Friends of Two Rivers Mansion with 2016 bringing in a 2nd generation of board members.

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

**BOARD EXTENDS THE TRIAL STUDY FOR DOG OFF-LEASH HOURS
IN METRO PARKS UNTIL MARCH 31, 2016**

Mr. Bill Troup presented the following final report and recommendations in reference to the Dog Off-Leash Hours Trial Study Sites in Metro Parks:

Metro Parks has concluded the 6-month trial study of the leash-free-hours program at three Parks locations. Documented public response on the trial has been reviewed, as well as feedback from Park Police, Grounds Maintenance and resource managers. Factors for consideration of this program are outlined below:

- 60% of the total respondents to the public feedback system were opposed to the program. The items cited most often included:
 - Conflicts with leashed dogs
 - Conflicts with bicycles and child strollers
 - Lack of compliance with designated hours and areas
 - Dogs not under owner control
 - Observed wildlife destruction
 - Increase in pet droppings not being picked up
 - Diminished nature experience for other users
- 40% of the trial respondents were in support of the program, commonly citing benefits and issues including:
 - Greater exercise opportunity for pets
 - Enjoyable experience for both owner and animal
 - Connection with other pet owners
 - Designated hours not long enough or too early
- Park Police reported the following observations during the study period:
 - There was no noticeable change in leash-law compliance in other areas and/or hours at the study parks during the trial period
 - There was no noticeable change in visitor complaints and/or reported violations of leash laws during the trial period
 - A number of visitors reported that they would use the parks only during non-trial times to avoid unleashed dogs
- Park and Nature Center staff reported a slight increase in walk-in visitor complaints involving unleashed dogs, commonly citing aggressive dogs, user conflicts and wildlife damage.
- Park maintenance staff reported multiple incidents of unleashed dogs chasing and/or running in front of service vehicles.

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Based on evaluation of the public benefits, natural resource management concerns, impacts on visitor experiences, compliance issues and enforcement challenges, staff does not recommend the continuation of this program as a model for providing expanded pet owner experiences in parks. As an alternative, staff recommends continued expansion of enclosed dog parks as well as identification of potential property that could be designated exclusively for leash-free experiences.

Upon motion of Mr. Adkins, seconded by Ms. Smith, the board deferred action on the dog off-leash hour's trial study sites for two meetings and extended the trial period until March 31, 2016 in order to gain more information.

VII. INTRODUCTION OF STAFF, NEW EMPLOYEES, VOLUNTEERS

Mr. Tommy Lynch announced to the board that Ms. Monique Odom has been named Deputy Director of Metro Parks effective Monday, February 1, 2016. The board congratulated Ms. Odom and she thanked them and voiced her appreciation for the opportunity to assist Tommy in the leadership of the department.

Ms. Odom introduced two new employees on her staff to the board:

Ms. Suzee Bisch is assisting in the payroll division and Mr. Alan Enzo is assisting Ms. Odom in the finance division. She stated that they are great additions to the Finance and Administrative Division.

VIII. METRO COUNCIL REFERRALS

IX. OLD BUSINESS

X. CONSENT AGENDA

02-16-01

BOARD APPROVES FEBRUARY CONSENT AGENDA

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Mr. Adkins, the board approved the February consent agenda as presented.

AMPLIFICATION APPROVAL

- 12 South Farmers Market Tuesdays in Sevier Park May 3–Oct. 26, 2016
- South Comm Nashville Scene Elmington Park-Movies in Park June 2,9,16,23,30, 2016
- Crossings Nashville Action Partnership Southeast Park-Easter Egg Hunt Sat., March 26, 2016

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02-16-01(con't)

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- Bellevue Baptist Church Bellevue Park-Easter Egg Hunt Sat., March 26, 2016
- Cole Elementary- Fun Run Antioch Park – Mill Creek Greenway Sat., April 9, 2016
- Room In the Inn –family picnic Centennial Event Shelter Fri., May 27, 2016
- Stratford STEM Magnet High School East Park-community cookout Sat., April 23, 2016
- Victor Chatman Productions Cumberland Park Sun., May 8, June 19
Jazz Concert Series July 17, Aug. 21, Sept. 18, Oct. 16, 2016
- Victor Chatman Productions Centennial Event Shelter Wed., May 11, 25;
Lunch Concert Series June 8, 22; July 13, 27; Aug. 10, 24, 2016
- USN 2016 Graduation Party Centennial Event Shelter Sun., May 29, 2016
- Delaina Young/wedding Centennial Park Sunken Garden June 5, 2016
- Courtney Gardner-wedding/reception Elmington Park June 11, 2016
- Lamont Bell/wedding Centennial Park Sunken Garden July 2, 2016
- Destination Nashville Walk of Fame-Corporate Convention July 27-30, 2016
- Nashville Greek Picnic Rhodes green space/soccer field 2 Sat., July 30, 2016
- Shayla Holt-picnic Sevier Park Shelter 2 Sat., Sept. 3, 2016
- Church of the Redeemer Sevier Park-Festival of St. Francis Sat., Oct. 1, 2016
- VetLinx-35th Annual Salute to Vietnam Veterans Centennial Front Lawn Sun., Oct. 9, 2016

FUNDRAISING APPROVAL

- Nashville Striders/Tom King Classic Shelby Park/Bottoms-walk Sat., March 5, 2016
- Cathedral of Praise Cedar Hill Park-2KScholars Walk Sat., April 9, 2016
- Nashville Shakespeare Festival Centennial Park Bandshell Aug. 11-Sept. 18, 2016
- American Diabetes Association Centennial Park Bandshell-walk Fri., Nov. 4, 2016

FUNDRAISING AND AMPLIFICATION

- TN Prison Outreach Ministry Centennial Park Shelter-walk Sun., May 1, 2016
- Achilles International Nashville Chapter Richland Creek Greenway-walk Sat., May 14 2016
- Sports 4 All-track meet E.S. Rose Soccer Field Sat., May 21, 2016
- United Relay of America-walk Edwin Warner Park Sat., May 27, 2016
- St. Jude Research Hospital-walk Edwin Warner Park Sat., Sept. 24, 2016
- Cure Search for Children's Cancer Centennial Event Shelter-walk Sun., Oct. 2, 2016
- Autism Speaks-walk Centennial Park Front Lawn Sat., Oct 22, 2016
- Down Syndrome Assc of Middle TN Centennial Park-Buddy Walk Sat., Oct. 29, 2016
- TAADAS-40th Anniversary Event Coleman Park-festival Sat., Oct. 29, 2016

ALCOHOL

Lions Club International Dinner Walk of Fame Park Thurs., Oct. 13, 2016

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Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Mr. Adkins, the board approved the February consent agenda as presented.

FUNDRAISING AND ALCOHOL

- The Ben and Morey Show Centennial Performing Art Studios Thurs., March 17, 24, 31; April 7, 14, 21; May 5, 12, 19; June 9, 16, 23, 30, 2016
- Music City Improv Centennial Performing Art Studios Fri., Feb. 19; March 18; April 15; May 20; June 17; July 15; Aug., 19; Sept. 16; Oct. 21; Nov., 18; Dec., 16, 2016

AMPLIFICATION AND ALCOHOL

- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Mid TN Walk of Fame Park-celebration party Fri., April 15, 2016
- Boaz/Dodd-wedding & Reception Centennial Art Center Sat., April 23, 2016
- Roxanna Rogers-wedding Centennial Art Center Sat., April 30, 2016
- Tuned In Broadcasting, Inc. Public Square Park-Live on the Green Thurs., Aug. 11, 18, 25; Sept. 1-Sat., Sept. 3, 2016
- Amica "Welcome to Nashville" Walk of Fame Park Sun, Oct. 2, 2016
private corporate reception organized by Maple Ridge Events
- Sound Harvest Music Festival, LLC Centennial Park Sat., Oct. 15, 2016
- Harpeth Hills Flying Money Marathon Percy Warner Park-Hwy 100 area Sun., Nov. 20, 2016

AMPLIFICATION, ALCOHOL AND FUNDRAISING

- Holy Name Church East Park-St. Patrick's Day Festival Sat., March 12, 2016
- Bridges Centennial Art Center Sat., May 7, 2016
- Sylvan Park Neighborhood Association Richland Park-Charlotte's Day Sat., May 21, 2016
- Musicians Corner Centennial Park Sat., Aug. 6, 13, 20, 27 and Sept. 3, 2016

02-16-02

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF NASHVILLE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB TO
REMAIN IN LOCK TWO PARK OVERNIGHT SATURDAY, JUNE 25
TO SUNDAY, JUNE 26, 2016**

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Mr. Adkins, the board approved request of Mr. Ed Nutter, representing Nashville Amateur Radio Club, to remain in Lock Two Park overnight, Saturday, June 25 to Sunday June 26, 2016, during a 24 hour Radio Relay Emergency Communication event.

X. CONSENT AGENDA (con't.)

02-16-01

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Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Mr. Adkins, the board approved the February consent agenda as presented.

02-16-03

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Mr. Adkins, the board approved request of Mr. Phil Claiborne, representing The Friends of Two Rivers Mansion, to host the following events in 2016 at Two Rivers Mansion with waiver of usage fees, alcohol consumption and to remain in the park after 11:00 pm, if necessary:

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| • Two Hearts Antiques and Crafts Show | February 12-14 |
| • An Evening of Elegance Dinner | April 29 |
| • Phil the House with Art and Friends | May 15 |
| • Historic Tours of the Mansion | June/July/August |
| • Music at the Mansion | June 7 |
| • Music at the Mansion | July 17 |
| • Music at the Mansion | August 13 |
| • Music at the Mansion | September 6 |
| • Halloween at the Mansion | October 22 |
| • Historic Holiday Tours | December 9-11 and 16-18 |

02-16-04

BOARD TO ACCEPT GRANT FROM FRIENDS OF TWO RIVERS MANSION TO FUND TWO (2) PART-TIME WORKERS TO CONDUCT TOURS DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS AT TWO RIVERS MANSION

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Mr. Adkins, the board approved request of Mr. Phillip Claiborne, representing Friends of Two Rivers Mansion, to accept a package of grants in the amount of \$2,936.00 to fund 2 part time workers (host/hostess-12 hours each per week for 12 weeks) to conduct tours during the summer months of June, July and August. (Rate of Pay is set at \$9.47 per hour).

02-16-05

BOARD TO ACCEPT GRANT FROM FRIENDS OF TWO RIVERS MANSION TO FUND TWO (2) PART-TIME WORKERS TO CONDUCT TOURS DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON AT TWO RIVERS MANSION

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Mr. Adkins, the board approved request of Mr. Phillip Claiborne, representing Friends of Two Rivers Mansion, to accept a Package of grants in the amount of \$489.33 to fund 2 part time workers (host/hostess for 12 hours each per week for 2 weeks during the holiday season at Two Rivers Mansion. (Rate of Pay is set at \$9.47 per hour).

XI. NEW BUSINESS

02-16-06

**BOARD ACCEPTS DONATION OF 100,000 DOG WASTE BAGS
FROM THE CUMBERLAND RIVER COMPACT FOR USE IN METRO DOG PARKS**

Ms. McKayle Houghton, Executive Director of the Cumberland River Compact was present to request approval from the board to donate 100,000 dog waste bags, valued at \$2500.00, to Metro Parks. Ms. Houghton stated that a high percentage of dog waste is found in waterways of Nashville and it is a leading cause of pathogen pollution. The distribution of these informative waste bags hopefully will help in educating dog owners as well as the general public.

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Mr. Adkins, the board accepted this donation for use in dispensers in Dog Parks only.

02-16-07

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF REJOICE SCHOOL OF BALLET TO HOST A
DANCE MARATHON WITH FEE WAIVER AT EAST REGIONAL CENTER**

Correspondence submitted by Ms. Patricia Cross, Director of Rejoice School of Ballet, requesting permission to host a dance marathon with waiver of usage fees at East Park Regional Center was presented to the board for approval.

Upon motion of Ms. Smith, seconded by Mr. Fossick, the board approved this request on a one time basis and if the event occurs after hours said organization will be responsible for payment of the employee staffing the center.

02-16-08

**BOARD DEFERS REQUEST TO APPROVE THE ADDITION OF APPROXIMATELY
400 ACRES LOCATED IN THE BORDEAUX HILLS REDEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
AS OPEN SPACE**

Upon motion of Ms. Smith, seconded by Mr. Adkins, the board deferred action on the Approval of the addition of approximately 400 acres located in the Bordeaux Hills Redevelopment District to Metro Parks as open space at the request of the Metro Legal Department.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

02-16-09

**BOARD DEFERS APPROVAL OF METRO PARKS USAGE FEES UNTIL
THE MARCH BOARD MEETING**

Upon motion of Ms. Smith, seconded by Mr. Adkins, the board deferred the approval of Metro Parks' 2016 usage fees for one meeting to give the board time to study the proposed fees. If approved in March, said fees will go into effect April 1, 2016 and will allow a budget projection for FY2016-17, as well as boosting the last quarter of FY2015-16.

XII. CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE

Tim Netsch reported:

County-wide Master Plan kickoff scheduled for Wednesday, February 3 and Thursday, February 4. First few months will involve data collection and the opportunity for public input on social media. Presently asking Mayor Barry to appoint steering committee with a representative from the Parks Board. Quarterly reports will be presented to the board.

Riverfront/Fort Nashborough currently in que for bidding at Metro Purchasing

Bid for Two Rivers Mansion Master Plan awarded to Encore Intrepretive.

Una Park is in design phase and working with Councilmember Karen Johnson. Community meeting is scheduled for late February.

Percy Warner Park "Roads to Trails" is an ongoing basis.

Highway 100 parking area complete with Deep Well and Gaucho Road slated for completion in March.

XIII. UPCOMING SPECIAL ACTIVITIES/EVENTS – Public Information Staff

Jackie Jones announced:

Dec. 12-Feb.11	Winter Festival (outdoor ice rink)	Walk of Fame Park
Feb. 5-March 9	Black History Month (paintings/sculptures)	Centennial Art Center
Feb. 5	Senior Valentine Ball	Fleming Center
Feb. 12-15	Big Bear Youth Hockey Tournament	Centennial Sportsplex
	High School State Championship Swim Meet	“ “
Feb. 13	Star Party	Shelby Bottoms Nature Ctr
Feb. 17	Night Hike	Beaman Nature Center
Feb. 20	Hill Forest Hike	Warner Park
Feb. 26	SES District Swim Meet Championship	Centennial Sportsplex

XIV. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Lynch reported:

- Distributed letter to representative from Cheekwood regarding the 2nd year of a 5 year arrangement for parking.
- On Saturday, January 30th Metro Parks staff conducted an orientation for the Metro Council Parks Committee from 9:00 am – 12:00 noon.
- Presented a copy of an insert promoting the Centennial Sportsplex that will appear in Metro Water Services February statement.
- This week the initial phase of the Master Plan is beginning.
- Currently working with the City of Belle Meade and Friends of Warner Parks regarding Page Road parking and the expansion of parking within the park.
- Recently appointed as member of the Homeless Encampment Task Force and will be attending meetings every Wednesday until March 9th.

XV. ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Anderson has requested a statement regarding parking as metro parks cannot become a parking lot for Nashville. Mr. Adkins stated a larger discussion should happen as Metro Planning is being pressured by area residents and he suggests meeting between Metro Planning, Parks and Schools be scheduled as this is a very serious issue and could eventually lead to an encroachment issue.

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

Thomas M. Lynch, Director

George Anderson, Chairperson