

METROPOLITAN BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

July 5, 2016

A meeting of the Board of Parks and Recreation of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee was held on Tuesday, July 5, 2016 at 12:00 pm in the Centennial Park Boardroom, 2565 Park Plaza, Nashville, TN. Board members present were: Ms. Christy Smith, Mr. Stan Fossick, Mr. George Anderson, Dr. Michelle Steele, Mr. Greg Adkins and Dr. Jo Ann Brannon. Ms. Jenn Garcia was not in attendance. Metro Councilmember in attendance: Mr. John Cooper, Councilmember at Large.

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; Capt. Chris Taylor/Park Police; Ms. Jackie Jones, Superintendent/Public Information and **Ms. Emily Lamb, representing the Metro Legal Department in Ms. Katie Downey's absence.**

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD JUNE 7, 2016 APPROVED

Upon motion of Mr. Adkins, seconded by Mr. Anderson, the Board approved the minutes of the board meeting held Tuesday, June 7, 2016 as presented.

VI. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

DEB BEAZLEY, METRO PARKS NATURALIST, RECEIVES AWARD AS TENNESSEE WILDLIFE FEDERATION'S 2016 CONSERVATION EDUCATOR

Deb Beazley, Metro Parks Naturalist, was recognized as recipient of Tennessee Wildlife Federation's 2016 Conservation Educator Award at TWF's 51st Annual Conservation Achievement Awards ceremony. Deb has been a leader in conservation education at Warner Park Nature Center for almost 40 years and exemplifies the highest standard in this field.

Mr. Lynch thanked Deb for 40 years of service to Metro Parks and congratulated her on behalf of the board and staff on receipt of this award.

UPDATE ON THE TENNESSEE WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE PROJECT

Mr. Netsch presented an update on the location of Tennessee Woman Suffrage Monument project, once completed. The proposed location of the monument is on the east side of the Parthenon Lawn opposite the John Thomas Monument which is located on the west side of the Parthenon lawn. This site is in proximity of where marches led by Anne Dallas Dudley concluded. The monument, when finalized around 2018, will have a finished height where visitors are able to interact while viewing donor recognition on the walls. Temporary installation with temporary signage and bronzing will be located at the axis at the circle.

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

UPDATE ON THE TENNESSEE WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE PROJECT

Mr. Anderson questioned recognizing living persons on the donor recognition area of the wall; however, this monument meets all requirements of **Park Policy 3000.30 SPECIAL INTEREST MEMORIALS ON PUBLIC LAND.**

Tennessee Woman Suffrage Monument (TWSM), Inc., is a statewide organization that seeks to memorialize for future generations the work done by Tennessee suffragists to secure ratification of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution by erecting a woman suffrage monument in the Tennessee capital city of Nashville in Centennial Park.

VII. INTRODUCTION OF STAFF, NEW EMPLOYEES, VOLUNTEERS

VIII. METRO COUNCIL REFERRALS

IX. OLD BUSINESS

X. CONSENT AGENDA

07-16-01

BOARD APPROVES JULY CONSENT AGENDA

Upon motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Fossick, the board approved the consent agenda as submitted.

AMPLIFICATION APPROVAL

- Somali Association Nashville-picnic Coleman Park Wed., July 6, 2016
- Barre3 Nashville-outdoor yoga Centennial Park Parthenon Lawn Sat., July 9, 2016
- Barbara Cook-picnic Madison Park shelter 1 Sat., July 16, 2016
- Ykela Williams-Stewart-picnic Charlotte Park shelter 1 Sat., Aug. 13, 2016
- Blue Cross Blue Shield-festival Cumberland Park Wed., Aug. 24, 2016
- TN Woman Suffrage-monument unveiling Centennial Park Fri., Aug. 26, 2016
- Dittrich/Raffaele wedding Centennial Sunken Garden/Event Shelter Mon., Sept. 5, 2016
- Greater Christ Temple Church-festival Hadley Park Bandshell/Shelters 1&2 Sat., Sept. 10, 2016
- Katherine Spafford-yoga event Riverfront Park Sat., Sept. 24, 2016
- Leslie Newman-wedding Warner Steeplechase area Sat., Sept. 24, 2016
- Margy Spivey-picnic Warner Shelter 10 Sat., Oct. 15, 2016
- Jewish Federation of Nashville and Middle Tennessee Bellevue Park Sun., May 7, 2017
- Jacques Hargrove-picnic Israel Independence Day Celebration Sevier Park Shelter 1 Sat., May 27, 2017
- Dorian Williams – family reunion Centennial Park Event Shelter Sun., June 4, 2017
- AERO Youth Triathlon Team Centennial Park-youth triathlon Sun., June 11, 2017

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FUNDRAISING APPROVAL

- TN Voices for Victims-trail ride Percy Warner Horse Trail Sat., April 29, 2017

ALCOHOL APPROVAL

- Wildhorse Saloon and Riverfront Park-BSN Sports Welcome Night Sat., Nov. 4, 2016
Marriott International

FUNDRAISING AND AMPLIFICATION

- Construct-festival Centennial Park Event Shelter Sun., July 31, 2016
- Metro Social Services/United Way Cumberland Park Thurs. Sept. 1, 2016
Metro Employees Consolidated Charities Campaign event
- HACODEFU-Run For Literacy Two Rivers Park Shelters 1,2,3,4 Sat., Oct. 15, 2016
- Children's Tumor Foundation-walk Warner Shelter 11 Sat., Oct. 15, 2016
- Safe Haven Family Shelter-walk Warner Shelters 9 & 11-old roadway trail Sat., Nov.5, 2016
- NAMI Davidson County-walk/festival Shelby Park Special Events Field Sat., April 8, 2017
- American Lung Association-walk Public Square Park Sat., May 20, 2017
- Crohn's and Colitis Foundation-walk Centennial Park Sat., June 3, 2017
- Childhood Apraxia of Speech – walk Centennial Park Sat., June 17, 2017

AMPLIFICATION AND ALCOHOL

- Betsy Burrus-picnic CANCELED Warner Clubhouse Pavilion CANCELED Sat., July 9, 2016
- Matthew Smith/Margaret Wilkinson Centennial Art Center Fri., Aug. 19, 2016

AMPLIFICATION, ALCOHOL AND FUNDRAISING

- Rhizome Productions-TN Volksfest The Green @ Riverfront Park Sept. 3-4, 2016
- Friends of Fort Negley Fort Negley Fri., Sept. 16, 2016
"A Taste of Wedgewood Houston"

XI. NEW BUSINESS

07-16-02

BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF THE ADVENTURE SCIENCE CENTER TO DEVELOP AN OUTDOOR LEARNING AREA ON PROPERTY LEASED FROM METRO PARKS ON THE GROUNDS OF FORT NEGLEY PARK

Ms. Susan Duvenhage, representing the Adventure Science Center, was present to request approval from the board to develop an outdoor learning area on property leased to the Adventure Science Center on the grounds of Fort Negley Park.

As Ms. Duvenhage explained to the board that with access to a designated outdoor learning area, Adventure Science Center educators could deliver:

- **Project WILD**, a wildlife-focused conservation curriculum aimed to develop students into responsible citizens of our planet
- **Project WET** a Curriculum that teaches the value of water and its role in a sustainable future
- **Project LEARNING TREE**, a multi-disciplinary curriculum that includes forestry, water and wildlife.

Programing will target 4th through 8th grade students and in addition to these national curricula models, educators will also have the opportunity to develop new curriculum on topics such as ecology, microhabitats, native and invasive plant and animal species of Middle Tennessee, watershed restoration and conservation, storm water run-off, soil composition, riparian buffers, and biodiversity.

The addition of a greenhouse will also allow for learning labs focused on agricultural science, including hydroponics, entomology, and genetic engineering. Building of this area will also enhance the Science Center's ability for community collaboration with other organizations such as the Cumberland River Compact which has already agreed to install a rain garden, enhancing water-based conservation education. Science Center educators would also utilize the proposed Ft. Negley trails for passive learning. Please note that Tm Netsch of Parks staff will be the contact person for this project.

Upon motion of Dr. Brannon, seconded by Mr. Fossick, the Board granted approval to the Adventure Science Center's request to develop an outdoor learning area on property leased from Metro Parks in Fort Negley Park.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

07-16-03

**BOARD GRANTS APPROVAL TO PLACEMENT OF A PERMANENT
COMMEMORATION IN PARADISE RIDGE RECREATION CENTER
TO HONOR FORMER STATE REPRESENTATIVE GARY MOORE**

Correspondence submitted by Ms. Regina Patton, former Metro Councilmember, requesting approval to place a permanent commemoration in Paradise Ridge Recreation Center in honor of former State Representative Gary Moore was presented to the board.

Ms. Patton stated that relentless attempts were made by former Councilmember Guy Bates, as well as Ms. Patton, herself, as a Councilmember to turn the former Tennessee Youth Center complex into a park for the residents of Joelton; however, it was State Representative Gary Moore who by securing a federal grant brought this facility to fruition. Mr. Moore also assisted in establishing the Joelton Community Club as well as serving in leadership roles at the Joelton McDowell Park. This request is consistent with park policy.

Upon motion of Mr. Adkins, seconded by Mr. Fossick, the Board approved request to place a permanent commemoration honoring Gary Moore in the Paradise Ridge Recreation Center.

07-16-04

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF FRIENDS OF KELLYTOWN TO SUBMIT A
GRANT APPLICATION TO BEGIN IMPLEMENTATION
OF KELLYTOWN PARK MASTER PLAN**

Correspondence submitted on behalf of Friends of Kellytown requesting board approval for grant application and ultimate acceptance to Piedmont Power for an Environmental Stewardship and Energy Sustainability Grant for the purpose of implementing the ***Kellytown Park Master Plan***, Phase One was presented to the board.

Upon motion of Dr. Steele, seconded by Dr. Brannon, the board granted permission to Friends of Kellytown, to submit a grant application in the amount of \$50,000. (No Metro Funds are to be used in this grant process.)

XI. NEW BUSINESS

07-16-05

**BOARD ACCEPTS DONATION OF DRIVING RANGE BALLS
TO BE USED AT MCCABE GOLF COURSE**

Correspondence submitted by Mr. Steve Smith, owner of Tootsies Orchid Lounge, requesting the board to accept a donation of 14,200 driving range balls with Tootsies logo to be used at McCabe Golf Course was presented to the board.

Upon motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Dr. Brannon, the board approved acceptance of a donation valued at \$8,000 of approximately 14,200 driving range balls marked with Tootsie's logo to be used at McCabe Golf Course. This donation will extend the life of the course's driving range balls as well as generating a very cost effective measure for Metro Parks. Signage at the Range Building was also approved and McCabe Golf Course staff will assist on the installation of signage.

07-16-06

**BOARD APPROVES ANNUAL PERMIT
WITH UNITED NASHVILLE SPORTS ACADEMY**

Upon motion Mr. Fossick, seconded by Dr. Steele, the board, at its meeting held Tuesday, July 5, 2016, approved request of United Nashville Sports Academy to enter into an annual permit for use of park property located at 2314 Antioch Pike to be utilized as overflow parking for United Nashville Sports Academy's Sports Complex for a one year period and renewable annually on a calendar basis. The effective date of this permit is July 5 – December 31, 2016.

07-16-07

**BOARD DEFERS REQUEST TO ENTER INTO AN ANNUAL PERMIT
WITH NASHVILLE UNITED SOCCER ACADEMY, INC.
UNTIL THE AUGUST BOARD MEETING**

At the request of staff the board deferred action for one month on request to establish an annual permit between Metro Parks and Nashville United Soccer Academy, Inc. for use of the soccer fields located at Ezell Park.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

07-16-08

**BOARD APPROVES LICENSE AGREEMENT FOR THE 440 GREENWAY
RIGHT OF WAY BETWEEN METRO PARKS AND
THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

Upon motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Fossick, the board granted approval to the license agreement for the 440 Greenway Right of Way from the Tennessee Department of Transportation between the Metro Government of Nashville and Davidson County (Metro Parks Department). The License Agreement from the Tennessee Department of Transportation, requested by Metro Parks, authorizes Metro Parks to construct and maintain the 440 Greenway for phase I of the 440 Greenway project located between Centennial Park and Elmington Park on TDOT excess lands and right of way. The renewable term is for 10 years and there is no cost to Metro Parks.

07-16-09

BOARD DEFERS REQUEST TO NAME PARK PROPERTY ORCHARD BEND PARK

Upon motion of Dr. Brannon, seconded by Mr. Anderson and based upon Park Policy 3000.1 Naming of Parks the board deferred request to name **park** property, located at 5605 Pettus Road **Orchard Bend Park**, for one meeting. Because there is no known historical significance in the area of this property and an old orchard is located right on a bend of Mill Creek in the corner of the property, staff has suggested this would be an appropriate name.

XII. CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE – Tim Netsch

Mr. Netsch reported:

- Five (5) meetings have been held in the Countywide Parks/Greenway Master Plan process and staff is currently soliciting public input by attending various park events. Currently 2000+ comment cards have been received. The next round of public meetings will begin in October.
- Fitness equipment will be installed at Cornelia Fort in Shelby Park once public events have concluded.
- Currently working with Friends of Woodmont Park on the addition of a picnic pavilion. (this pavilion was approved 2 years ago by the board)

XIII. UPCOMING SPECIAL ACTIVITIES/EVENTS – Public Information Staff

Ms. Jackie Jones announced the following events for July:

July 6,13,20,27	East Nashville Farmers Market	Shelby Park
July 1,8,15,22,29	Bellevue Farmers Market	Bellevue Park
July 2,9,16,23,30	Richland Farmers Market	Richland Park
July 2,9,16,23,30	Big Band Dances	Centennial Park
July 11,18,25	Southeast Farmers Market	Southeast Park
July 5,12,19,26	12South Farmers Market	Sevier Park
July 15	Movies in the Park	Southeast Park
July 23	Full Moon Pickin' Party	Warner Park
July 30	Cornelia Fort Pickin' Party	Cornelia Fort Airpark

XIV. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Lynch reported:

- A recommendation will be brought back to the board in regard to the friends group Nashville MADE.
- To insure perpetuity of the Children's Garden in Centennial Park it will be submitted as an agenda item in August.
- Final budget figure passed by the Metro Council will be presented at the August board meeting.
- That 150 individuals attended the **"Plan to Play"** meeting on Thursday June 30th held at Hartman Regional Center.

XV. ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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

Thomas M. Lynch, Director

Christy Smith, Chairperson