

## **METROPOLITAN BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION**

### **MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING**

**August 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, August 2, 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, Ms. Jenn Garcia and Dr. Jo Ann Brannon. Mr. Greg Adkins 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; 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. Katie Downey, representing the Metro Legal Department**. Please note that Ms. Sherry Hipps, representing Metro Parks Community Recreation, was attending in Ms. Sally Davis' absence.

### **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD JULY 5, 2016 APPROVED**

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Dr. Steele, the Board approved the minutes of the board meeting held Tuesday, July 5, 2016 as presented.

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

### **RECOGNITION OF JEANETTE REAMS UPON HER RETIREMENT FROM METRO PARKS AFTER 32 YEARS OF SERVICE**

Mr. Rick Taylor introduced Ms. Reams to the board and thanked her for 32 years of service with the Metropolitan Government with 25 of those years employed by Metro Parks. Ms. Reams began her employment with the General Services Department in 1983 and in 1991 she transferred to the Parks Department where she remained until her retirement in 2016. Ms. Reams began as a Building and Grounds Custodian and advanced to the position of Custodial Services Supervisor. Mr. Lynch thanked Ms. Reams for her dedication to Metro Parks and shared a statement she had made at her retirement celebration describing her time with Metro Parks with those in attendance . . . ***"I have lived a park life"***.

**VI. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS**

**UPDATE ON THE 2016 PARKS AND GREENWAYS MASTER PLAN  
PRESENTED TO THE BOARD BY HAWKINS PARTNERS, INC.**

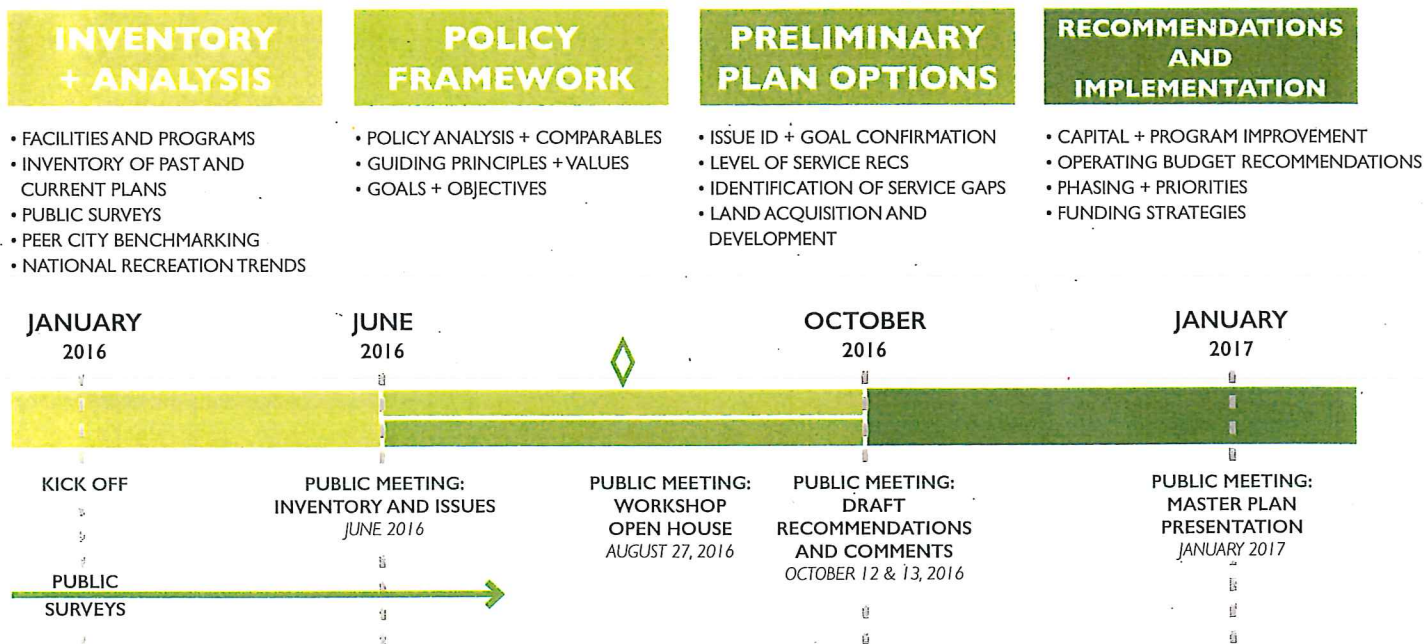
Mr. Gary Hawkins, representing Hawkins Partners, Inc. was in attendance to present an update of the 2016 Parks and Greenways Master Plan to the board. Mr. Hawkins stated that the master plan is at the midway point of the process with a workshop and open house to be held at East Park on Saturday, August 27, 2016. He also stated that the value of parks is currently being collected and will be documented.

Number of survey respondents:

- 451 respondents to telephone survey
- 1200 respondents to the online pre-public survey
- 3300 respondents to date to the community only survey (to close August 15)
- 330 respondents to date to facility user survey (to close August 15)
- 646 respondents to date to online greenway survey and will remain online longer.

Tim Netsch reported that US News and World Reports rated Nashville in the top 5 of cities to visit or have fun outdoors in.

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

**VIII. METRO COUNCIL REFERRALS**

**08-16-01**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST TO NAME BALLFIELD IN WEST PARK  
IN MEMORY OF LUIS CISNEROS**

Councilmember Mary Carolyn Roberts, representing District 20, submitted correspondence requesting board approval to name the ballfield in West Park in memory of Luis Cisneros, a victim of child abuse.

Our department has been aware of a makeshift memorial which has been in place since 2003 when Luis' body was discovered behind an earthen mound in West Park. Therefore, upon motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Fossick, the board at your request approved naming the soon to be completed ballfield in West Park in Luis Cisneros' memory thereby creating a lasting memorial to a child who never received a chance to play a game in this park.

**08-16-02**

**BOARD DEFERS REQUEST OF COUNCILMEMBER SLEDGE  
TO AMEND THE OPERATING HOURS OF RESERVOIR PARK**

Councilmember Colby Sledge, representing District 17, was present to request approval from the board to amend the operating hours of Reservoir Park from daylight to 11:00 pm to daylight to dark because of play on the hard surface courts late at night.

Upon motion of Dr. Brannon, seconded by Mr. Fossick, the board deferred action on this request for one month. During this month signage at Reservoir Park will be removed because of an incorrect time listed as the closing of the park. Also, park police officers will increase patrol, monitor the number of calls received relating to this park and report back to Councilmember Sledge and the board at their September 6<sup>th</sup> board meeting.

**08-16-03**

**BOARD DEFERS REQUEST OF COUNCILMEMBER BLALOCK TO ACCEPT  
PROPERTY LOCATED AT 284 ASH GROVE DRIVE FOR USE AS A POCKET PARK**

Councilmember Davette Blalock, representing District 27, was present to request the board to accept a property transfer from Metro Public Property for use as a pocket park. (Map and parcel no. is 16209007300, .15 total acreage, located at 284 Ash Grove Drive.)

VIII. METRO COUNCIL REFERRALS

08-16-03(con't.)

**BOARD DEFERS REQUEST OF COUNCILMEMBER BLALOCK TO ACCEPT PROPERTY LOCATED AT 284 ASH GROVE DRIVE FOR USE AS A POCKET PARK**

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Dr. Brannon, the board as per park policy 3000.25 deferred your request to the Acquisition and Disposition Committee of the Board to be heard at the September 6<sup>th</sup> board meeting.

**3000.25 ACQUISITION AND DISPOSITION OF PARK PROPERTY**

- 1) The Park Board should establish a committee to evaluate all requests for acquisition and disposition of park property. It should be chaired by the Planning Commission representative who serves on the Park Board.
- 2) The Director or his designee should forward the request to the Metro Planning Commission, if applicable, as soon as received.
- 3) Duties and/or responsibilities of the committee are as follows:
  - A) All requests/issues regarding existing or future park properties will be referred to the committee.
  - B) The committee will thoroughly research all aspects of a request including the seeking of factual information and advice from the Planning Commission and its staff as well as affected Metro agencies and council members, if applicable .
  - C) The committee will make every effort to make a recommendation to the Park Board by the following month's meeting.
  - D) Once the Park Board recommends approval, a request will be sent to the Metro Council for action, if applicable.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

07-16-09

**BOARD APPROVES NAMING PARK PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5605 PETTUS ROAD ORCHARD BEND PARK**

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 suggested **Orchard Bend Park** would be an appropriate name. Therefore, as per recommendation of the naming committee as per **Park Policy 3000.1 Naming of Parks** and upon motion of Dr. Brannon, seconded by Ms. Garcia, the board approves naming park property Orchard Bend Park.

**X. CONSENT AGENDA**

**08-16-04**

**BOARD APPROVES AUGUST CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**AMPLIFICATION APPROVAL**

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|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| • Old Hickory Chamber of Commerce   | Old Hickory Ballfield-festival    | Tues., Aug. 2, 2016  |
| • HCA-ice cream social fair         | Centennial Park Event Shelter     | Fri., Aug. 5, 2016   |
| • North Nashville Annual Reunion    | Z Alexander Looby Center          | Sat., Aug. 13, 2016  |
| • Robert Johnson- picnic            | Shelby Park Mission Shelter       | Sat., Aug. 20, 2016  |
| • E. Nashville Come Together Day    | McFerrin Park-festival            | Sat., Aug. 20, 2016  |
| • Joshua Young-wedding              | Centennial Sunken Garden          | Fri., Aug. 26, 2016  |
| • Diamond Holbert-wedding           | Centennial Park Rose Arbor        | Sat., Aug. 27, 2016  |
| • Briquoia Sweeney-picnic           | Sevier Park Shelter 2             | Sat., Sept. 17, 2016 |
| • Wake Up America-gospel outreach   | Watkins Park-free food/activities | Sept. 23 & 24, 2106  |
| • Julie Berry-picnic                | Warner Shelter 10                 | Sat., Oct. 29, 2016  |
| • Wanderlust 108-walk/race          | Cumberland River Greenway         | Sat., Nov. 5, 2016   |
| • Patrons at Play-walk/race         | Sevier Park-12South Winter WarmUp | Sat., Dec. 3, 2016   |
| • Japan-America Society of TN, Inc. | Public Square Park-Festival       | Sat., April 8, 2017  |
| • Grace Evangelistic Ministries     | Warner Shelter 11-picnic          | Sun., June 25, 2017  |
| • Camil Williams-picnic             | Two Rivers Shelter 1              | Sat., July 22, 2017  |

**FUNDRAISING APPROVAL**

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| • Aspiring Youth Enrichment                     | Cleveland Center-basketball tourney | Sun., Aug. 21, 2016  |
| • Nashville Coalition Against Domestic Violence | Percy Warner Park-5K race           | Sat., Oct. 29, 2016  |
| • Leukemia/Lymphoma Society                     | Southeast Center-fashion show       | Sat., Sept. 17, 2016 |

**AMPLIFICATION AND FUNDRAISING APPROVAL**

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| • Stop the Violence/P.U.S.H    | Watkins Park-charity Benefit | Sat., Aug 6, 2016    |
| • Tuberos Sclerosis Alliance   | Percy Warner Park-walk       | Sat., Nov. 12, 2016  |
| • Raise the Roof Academy       | Warner Shelters 9 & 11-5K    | Sat., April 22, 2017 |
| • Sickel Cell Foundation of TN | Shelby Park-5K               | Sat. June 3, 2017    |

**ALCOHOL APPROVAL**

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| • Percy Priest Yacht Club | Hamilton Creek Marina-regattas | March 25, April 15,<br>April 29, May 20-21, Oct. 7-8, Oct. 21-22 |
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**AMPLIFICATION AND ALCOHOL APPROVAL**

- Michael Kime-wedding reception Percy Warner Golf Clubhouse Sat., Oct. 1, 2016
- Ragnar Relay Tennessee 2017 Walk of Fame Park-200 mile relay race Sat., March 25, 2017
- Music City Jazz Festival Riverfront Park-full footprint May 26, 27, 28, 2017

**AMPLIFICATION, ALCOHOL AND FUNDRAISING APPROVAL**

- Nashville Chapter/Ducks Unlimited East Bank Landing-tailgate party Thurs., Oct. 13, 2016
- Cystic Fibrosis Foundation Walk of Fame Park-corn hole tourney Thurs., Oct. 27, 2016

**OVERNIGHT APPROVAL**

- Middle TN Radio Control Clubs Peeler Park-overnight parking Sept. 9 – 10, 2016

**XI. NEW BUSINESS**

**08-16-05**

**BOARD ACCEPTS DONATION FROM  
THE FRIENDS OF SHELBY PARK AND BOTTOMS**

Upon motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Dr. Steele, the board accepted a donation in the amount of \$3,336.13 from the Friends of Shelby Park and Bottoms for installation of a bike rack and bike repair station in Shelby Park and a drinking fountain in Shelby Bottoms at the Cornelia Fort Trailhead.

**08-16-06**

**BOARD ACCEPTS DONATION FROM  
THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF MIDDLE TENNESSEE**

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Ms. Garcia, the board accepted a donation in the amount of \$1200.00 from the Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee for the purpose of providing a memorial tree to be planted in Centennial Park.

**XI. NEW BUSINESS**

**08-16-07**

**BOARD DEFERS STAFF REQUEST TO ACCEPT A GREENWAY EASEMENT  
CONNECTING EAST GREENWAY PARK TO THE SHELBY BOTTOMS GREENWAY**

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Dr. Brannon, the board deferred the acceptance of a greenway easement on private property - parcels 08405001600 and 08405001500 and acceptance of greenway construction connecting East Greenway Park residential development to the Shelby Bottoms Greenway for one meeting as per park policy 3000.25 Acquisition and Disposition of Park Property.

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  - G) The committee will make every effort to make a recommendation to the Park Board by the following month's meeting.
  - H) Once the Park Board recommends approval, a request will be sent to the Metro Council for action, if applicable.

**08-16-08**

**REQUEST OF THE NASHVILLE MUSIC CITY SOCCER DEVELOPMENT, LLC FOR  
USE OF THE SOCCER FIELDS IN EZELL PARK WITHDRAWN FROM AGENDA**

XI. NEW BUSINESS

08-16-09

**BOARD APPROVES ANNUAL PERMIT WITH GREATER NASHVILLE AREA  
SCHOLASTIC HOCKEY TO DEVELOP A SCHOLASTIC BASED  
YOUTH HOCKEY PROGRAM**

Upon motion Ms. Garcia, seconded by Dr. Brannon, the board approved the establishment of a *Permit for Facility Use* with Greater Nashville Area Scholastic Hockey (GNASH) for use of a designated room and ice rinks at the Centennial Sportsplex for development of a scholastic based youth hockey program effective August 2, 2016. This permit is in effect until December 31, 2016 and renewable on an annual calendar year basis.

08-16-10

**BOARD APPROVES ANNUAL PERMIT WITH THE NASHVILLE JR. PREDATORS  
TO DEVELOP A TRAVEL YOUTH HOCKEY PROGRAM**

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Dr. Brannon, the board approved the establishment of a *Permit for Facility Use* with the Nashville Jr. Predators for use of a designated room and ice rinks at the Centennial Sportsplex for development of a youth travel hockey program effective August 2, 2016. This permit is in effect until December 31, 2016 and renewable on an annual calendar year basis.

08-16-11

**BOARD APPROVES ANNUAL PERMIT WITH THE NASHVILLE YOUTH HOCKEY  
LEAGUE TO DEVELOP A YOUTH HOCKEY PROGRAM**

Upon motion of Dr. Brannon, seconded by Ms. Garcia, the board approved the establishment of a *Permit for Facility Use* with the Nashville Youth Hockey League for use of a designated room and ice rinks at the Centennial Sportsplex for development of a youth hockey program effective August 2, 2016. This permit is in effect until December 31, 2016 and renewable on an annual calendar year basis.

08-16-12

**BOARD APPROVES GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000 FROM THE NASHVILLE  
PREDATORS FOUNDATION THROUGH THE NASHVILLE YOUTH HOCKEY  
LEAGUE FOR THE PURCHASE OF NEW SCOREBOARD  
IN RINK A OF THE CENTENNIAL SPORTSPLEX**

Upon motion Dr. Steele, seconded by Dr. Brannon, the board approved acceptance of a \$10,000 grant from the Nashville Predators Foundation through the Nashville Youth Hockey League to purchase new scoreboards for Rink A of the Centennial Sportsplex. Please note that an additional amount of \$1200 from Metro Parks was approved, as requested, to assist with the installation of the scoreboards.



**XI. NEW BUSINESS**

**08-16-13**

**BOARD APPROVES STAFF REQUEST TO GRANT PERPETUITY  
TO THE CHILDREN'S GARDEN IN CENTENNIAL PARK**

Since 1995, the memory of Davidson County homicide victims, ages 18 and under, have been honored in December at the Children's Garden during an annual **Season to Remember** ceremony. This memorial ceremony, sponsored by the Metro Police Department's Victim Intervention Program, the District Attorney's Office, *You Have the Power*, Tennessee Voices for Victims and the United States Attorney's Office, helps families ensure that homicide victims are not forgotten during the rush of the holiday season. During the service, relatives and friends of the victims will place Christmas ornaments on a tree in the Children's Garden in remembrance of their loved ones. There is also a lighting of the Menorah to commemorate Hanukkah, and the Kinara to commemorate Kwanzaa.

This garden has become an important sanctuary to those who have lost children to violence; therefore upon motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Dr. Brannon, the board grants approval to the request of staff that the Children's Garden will forever remain in Centennial Park.

**08-16-14**

**METRO COUNCIL APPROVES 2016-17 DEPARTMENTAL OPERATING BUDGET  
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$38,381,900 FOR METRO PARKS**

**XII. CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE – Tim Netsch**

Mr. Netsch reported:

- Proposed Ackerman Soccer Complex, now named Orchard Bend Park, along with Mill Creek Greenway will become a neighborhood park. A public meeting is scheduled on August 18th, 6:30 pm, at A. Z. Kelley Elementary School.
- Proposed Casa Azafran site is not open to the public because of security and vandalism problems. At the appropriate time the naming process will begin.
- Master Plan for Kellytown is underway and recommendations for naming of the location are being submitted.
- Design upgrades for the Una Park sportsfield are complete.

**XIII. UPCOMING SPECIAL ACTIVITIES/EVENTS** – Public Information Staff

Ms. Jackie Jones announced the following events for August:

Southeast Farmers Market, Southeast Park, Mondays through October 24  
12South Farmers Market, Sevier Park, Tuesdays through October 25  
East Nashville Farmers Market, Shelby Park, Wednesdays through October 26  
Food Truck Lunch in the Park, 11:00 am in Centennial Park, Wednesdays  
Bellevue Farmers Market, Bellevue Park, Fridays through October 14  
Richland Farmers Market, Richland Park, Saturdays through December 31  
Big Band Dances, Centennial Park, Saturdays through August 27

August 3	West Nashville Night Out Against Crime	Richland Park
	Old Hickory Night Out Against Crime	Old Hickory ballfield
	Madison Night Out Against Crime	Madison Park
August 19	Full Moon Pickin' Party	Warner Park
August 26	Unveiling of Woman Suffrage Monument	Centennial Park
August 27	Cornelia Fort Pickin' Party	Cornelia Fort Airpark

**XIV. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR**

Mr. Lynch reported:

- Marine Week is slated for Metro Council approval on Tuesday, August 16, 2016. This event is scheduled September 7 – 11, 2016 in Nashville and is hosted by a major city in the United States annually (held in Phoenix in 2015) . The public will have the opportunity to check out a variety of Marine Corps' aircraft and other equipment throughout the week. The Marines will host a parade through downtown on Broadway as well as two live Marine Air-Ground Task Force demonstrations at Riverfront Park. In addition to the public events, the attending Marines will participate in community service events during the week that include reading to children during school visits, serving lunch at the Nashville Rescue Mission and visiting the Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt.
- Beginning the process of determining the future for the site of the former Greer Stadium. Various groups have approached Metro Parks with recommendations to use the area as:
  1. Tennis Courts and Tournament Facility
  2. Retail (Kroger Foodstore)
  3. Historical Site
  4. Housing



**XIV. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR (cont.)**

Mr. Lynch reported:

Fort Negley was never open as a park to neighbors or the general public since its existence. From 1977 until 2014 the Sounds dominated usage of the park for approximately 305 days per year with Belmont and Trevecca Universities utilizing the facility during that time as well.

The Parks Board, Metro Planning Commission and 17<sup>th</sup> District Councilmember Sledge will meet before the September Board Meeting to determine a date for the Fort Negley/Greer public meeting.

- Mayor Barry's Infrastructure Committee, Parks, Public Works and Water Services are moving forward as the densification of Nashville evolves. Potential ways to fund Parks and Greenways hopefully will be accomplished with assistance of the Master Plan.
- The Tennessee Woman Suffrage Monument, Inc. has met all requirements as requested and the temporary location of the monument will be just that as TWSM desire their monument to be located permanently symmetrical to the John Thomas monument on the Great Lawn of Centennial Park. Donor names will eventually be listed; however, will just designate prominent Tennesseans currently in the elected process.

**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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**Christy Smith, Chairperson**