

# **METROPOLITAN BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION**

## **MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING**

**September 6, 2016**

A meeting of the Board of Parks and Recreation of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee was held on Tuesday, September 6, 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. Brenda Diaz-Flores and Dr. Jo Ann Brannon. Ms. Jenn Garcia 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; Capt. Chris Taylor/Park Police; Ms. Jackie Jones, Superintendent/Public Information and **Ms. Katie Downey, representing the Metro Legal Department.**

### **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AUGUST 2, 2016 APPROVED**

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Dr. Brannon, the Board approved the minutes of the board meeting held Tuesday, August 2, 2016 as presented.

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

##### **MS. ANNA HARUTYUNYAN, NEWLY APPOINTED COORDINATOR OF NASHVILLE AFTER ZONE ALLIANCE (NAZA) INTRODUCED TO THE BOARD BY MR. STEVON NELOMS, SUPERINTENDENT OF RECREATION**

Ms. Sally Davis, Assistant Director of Parks/Community Recreation, introduced Mr. Stevon Neloms, Superintendent of Community Recreation, to the board. Mr. Neloms was recently promoted to this position replacing Mr. Jeff Chatman. Mr. Neloms is very familiar with NAZA as he worked closely with this organization while serving as facility manager of Coleman Regional Center.

Mr. Neloms introduced Ms. Harutyunyan to the board as the recently appointed Director of NAZA. Ms. Harutyunyan holds a Master's Degree in Education Policy from Vanderbilt University and joined NAZA in May 2016. She has spent the previous 15 years working in education and child protection sectors in Armenia. Anna has promoted cross-country learning; provided technical assistance to the government in deciding the policy course; assisted with in-depth assessments of children and their families; and has constantly promoted models of case management and professional (educational, social, rehabilitation, etc.) service provision at the community level through reliable community mobilization techniques to ensure that every child maintains the right to grow up in a safe family environment and receives necessary services needed for healthy growth.

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Metro Parks Recreation Centers (Coleman, Hartman, Old Hickory, Paradise Ridge, Southeast) are Anchor Partners with NAZA and oversee individual afterschool sites to meet threshold tests of program quality. Metro Parks, as an anchor partner, agrees to participate in professional development and formal assessment aimed at program improvement.

**METRO ARTS COMMISSION PRESENTS AN UPDATE ON CURRENT PUBLIC ART PROJECTS IN METRO PARKS**

Ms. Jen Cole, Executive Director of the Metro Arts Commission presented an update of Public Art Projects in Metro Parks to the board.

Ms. Cole reported on the Civil Rights inspired artwork, *Witness Walls*, designed by Walter Hood which utilizes iconic photos of the Civil Rights movement in Nashville to honor the events and the people who made history here and created the blueprint for nonviolent protest. The installation will be located on the northwest corner of the historic Metro Nashville Courthouse, steps away from the historic April 19, 1960 student-led protest that led then-Mayor Ben West to disavow segregation of Nashville’s lunch counters. The photographs used were retrieved from the archives of a former Nashville newspaper the ***Nashville Banner***.

*Witness Walls* is a set of fragmented sculptural walls, inspired by the classical sculpted friezes commemorating heroic and mythical events in antiquity. As visitors walk through *Witness Walls* they will encounter numerous images etched into concave and convex walls by a “graphic concrete” technology. The walls guide visitors through different historic aspects of Nashville’s Civil Rights movement and different physical experiences as the walls bend towards and away from one another. Two scenes are depicted on the walls which proclaim *The Power of Sitting and The Power of Marching*.

Ms. Cole announced that three more bike racks will be installed before October 1, 2016 at the following locations:

<b><u>LOCATION</u></b>	<b><u>BIKE RACK TITLE</u></b>	<b><u>ARTIST</u></b>
Hadley Community Center and Park	Bee Cycle	Randy Purcell
Looby Community Center and Library	Shelves	Zach Duensing
1 <sup>st</sup> Tennessee Park/Downtown Greenway	Ground Ball	Kristina Colucci

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

**VIII. METRO COUNCIL REFERRALS**

Councilmember Colby Sledge announced that community meetings have been scheduled to discuss the future of the site of the former Greer Stadium in Fort Negley Park. Meeting dates are:

Wednesday, September 21      5:30 pm      Adventure Science Center

Saturday, September 24      8:30 am      Adventure Science Center

**IX. OLD BUSINESS**

**08-16-02**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF COUNCILMEMBER SLEDGE  
TO AMEND THE OPERATING HOURS OF RESERVOIR PARK  
FOR A 90 DAY TRIAL PERIOD**

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

Several homeowners in the Reservoir Park area were present to report activities such as panhandling, inappropriate behavior, and gunshots occurring in the park near their property to the board. They also reported homeless activity and Mr. Lynch asked them to contact the Parks Office if they see tents in Reservoir Park.

Captain Chris Taylor of the Metro Park Police reported that in the past 3 weeks there have not been many calls for service in or near Reservoir Park and only 1 call has been received after 11:00 pm. He also stated that historically this has been a safe haven for young adults (18-24 years old) and Parks should make an effort to obtain their input regarding the current situation as well.

Therefore, upon motion of Dr. Steele, seconded by Mr. Anderson, the board agreed to remove the lights from the court in question and repair the lights, as well as install a timer, on the 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue Court. The board also agreed to a 9:00 pm closing of the park for a 90 day trial period and will revisit this at the December 6<sup>th</sup> board meeting. Park police officers will continue with their increased patrol, monitor the number of calls received relating to this park and report back to Councilmember Sledge and the board at the October 4<sup>th</sup> board meeting.

**IX. OLD BUSINESS**

**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, requests board to accept a property transfer from Metro Public Property for use as a pocket park

Therefore, by recommendation of the acquisition committee as per ***Park Policy 3000.25 Acquisition and Disposition of park property*** and upon motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Fossick, the board granted approval to request of a property transfer from Metro Public Property to Metro Parks for development as a pocket park (Map and parcel no. is 16209007300, .15 total acreage, located at 284 Ash Grove Drive.)

**08-16-07**

**BOARD ACCEPTS A GREENWAY EASEMENT CONNECTING EAST GREENWAY PARK TO THE SHELBY BOTTOMS GREENWAY**

New residential development East Greenway Park is under construction in the Rosebank Neighborhood of East Nashville that abuts Shelby Bottoms. Developers are requesting a greenway connection that will provide access for over 50 new households. The “trailhead” within the neighborhood will also provide access for neighbors beyond this particular development. The property developer will build the new trail, both the section on private property – the section within the proposed easement – and a section on Metro property. The trail will connect just south of the Shadow Lane trailhead. The Right-of-Entry and accompanying documentation stipulate that the greenway shall meet ADA requirements and be open to public

Therefore, by recommendation of the acquisition committee as per ***Park Policy 3000.25 Acquisition and Disposition of park property*** and upon motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Dr. Steele, the board accepted a greenway easement on private property - parcels 08405001600 and 08405001500 with greenway construction connecting East Greenway Park residential development to the Shelby Bottoms Greenway.

**X. CONSENT AGENDA**

**09-16-01**

**BOARD APPROVES SEPTEMBER CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**AMPLIFICATION APPROVAL**

- HCA- picnic and cornhole tourney Centennial Park Event Shelter Fri., Sept. 9, 2016
- One Generation Away Cleveland Park-food distribution Sat., Sept. 10, 2016
- Rezolve Wellness Center-walk Trail at Ted Rhodes Golf Course Sat., Sept. 10, 2016
- A.F. Bridges Cross Country Event Warner Park Steeplechase area Sat., Sept. 10, 2016
- TN Cross Country Classic Warner Park Steeplechase area Sat., Sept. 17, 2016
- Sylvan Park Neighborhood Assoc. Richland Park-Sylvan Park Movie Night Sat., Oct. 1, 2016
- Music City Inc. Induction Ceremony Walk of Fame Park Wed., Oct. 5, 2016
- Destination Nashville-private event Centennial Park Event Shelter Thurs., Oct. 6, 2016
- United Methodist Communications Centennial Park Pavilion-picnic Fri., Oct. 21, 2016
- Charles Bender-private event Centennial Art Center Sat., Nov. 5, 2106
- 3V3 Live National Soccer Tour Edwin Warner Soccer Fields Nov. 26 & 27, 2016
- I C Events-networking shopping event Centennial Park Event Shelter Sat., April 8, 2017
- Race Nashville-Kick in to Stop Sarcoidosis Shelby Bottoms/Riverview Shelter Sat., April 22, 2017
- Smith/Renewal of Wedding Vows Centennial Park Sunken Garden Sat., April 29, 2017
- Cumberland River Compact Cumberland Park-festival Sat., June 24, 2017

**FUNDRAISING APPROVAL**

- American Legion Post 5 Elmington Park-document shred event Sat., Oct. 8, 2016
- Bellevue Community Fund Harpeth River Greenway-5K walk/run Sat., Oct. 15, 2016
- TSU National Alumni Association Hadley Park-5K Run/Walk Sat., April 8, 2017
- Angelman Syndrome Foundation Centennial Park-fundraising walk Sat., May 20, 2017

**ALCOHOL APPROVAL**

- Powell/Pospisil Wedding Rehearsal Hodge House/Warner Park Thurs., Sept. 22, 2016

**AMPLIFICATION AND FUNDRAISING APPROVAL**

- American Foundation for Suicide Prevention Owen Bradley Park-walk Sat., Sept. 10, 2016
- Cure SMA Nashville Walk-n-Roll Centennial Park Event Shelter Sat., Oct. 8, 2016
- Holy Spirit Ministries-Angel Walk Ted Rhodes Parking area/greenway Sat., Oct. 22, 2016
- Iron Tribe Fitness- 5K Vaughn's Creek /Edwin Warner Sat., Nov. 12, 2016
- Girls on the Run/Middle Tennessee Shelby Park and Bottoms-5K Sat. Dec. 3, 2016
- Miles J. Freeman Memorial Scholarship Foundation-5K Shelby Bottoms/Riverview Shelter Sat., March 18, 2017
- Street Works-5K Unity Run Shelby Park Sat., April 15, 2017
- Music City Doulas LLC Centennial Park Event Shelter-5K Sat., May 27, 2017
- Seriously Awesome Stroke Survivors-5K Shelby Bottoms/Riverview Shelter Sat., May 27, 2017
- Belly Rubs Basset Rescue-picnic Centennial Park Event Shelter Sat., June 3, 2017
- Music City SUP-paddleboard/kayak race East Bank Landing Sat., July 29, 2017

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**09-16-01(con't.)**

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

**AMPLIFICATION AND ALCOHOL APPROVAL**

- Country Music Association Walk of Fame Park-concert Sun., Sept. 25, 2016
- Conservancy for the Parthenon Centennial Park-craft festival Sun., Oct. 15, 2016  
and Centennial Park
- Rosa Madrid/Benjamin Elder Centennial Art Center-private event Sat., Oct. 22, 2016
- Lauren Shipman/George Donance Centennial Art Center-private event Sat., Oct. 29, 2016
- Music City Inc. Nashville New Year's Eve Riverfront Park and Arrival Court Dec. 31, 2016-Jan.1, 2017
- iHeartMedia-NISSAN Taste of Music City Public Square Park Sat., June 17, 2017

**AMPLIFICATION, ALCOHOL AND FUNDRAISING APPROVAL**

- Conservancy for the Parthenon Centennial Park-Sip, Savor & Song Fri., Oct. 14, 2016  
and Centennial Park
- Relay Live, American Cancer Society Centennial Front Lawn Amphitheater Sat., April 1, 2017

**AMPLIFICATION, OVERNIGHT APPROVAL AND PERMISSION TO CHARGE**

- Music City BMX-National Event Hamilton Creek BMX Track May 26 - 28, 2017

**AFTER HOURS APPROVAL**

- Smooth Groove Skaters Antioch Community Center Oct. 7; Nov. 4; Dec. 2  
Adult Roller Skating 8:00 pm – 12:30 am

**XI. NEW BUSINESS**

**09-16-02**

**BOARD AFFIRMS APPOINTMENT OF MS. BRENDA DIAZ-FLORES AS A MEMBER OF THE PARKS BOARD REPRESENTING THE PLANNING COMMISSION**

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Dr. Brannon, the Board affirmed the appointment of Ms. Brenda Diaz-Flores, representing the Metro Planning Commission, as a member of the Parks Board effective August 12, 2016. Ms. Diaz-Flores is replacing Mr. Greg Adkins. (Ms. Diaz-Flores term will expire May 31, 2017.)

**XI. NEW BUSINESS**

**09-16-03**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF TENNESSEE CRAFT FOR METRO PARKS  
TO CO-SPONSOR THE SPRING AND FALL CRAFT FAIRS AND  
ENTER INTO A MULTI-YEAR COMMITMENT TO HOST THE FAIRS**

Ms. Teri Alea, Executive Director of Tennessee Craft, was present to request board approval for Metro Parks to become a co-sponsor of the Spring and Fall Tennessee Craft Fairs and enter into a multi-year commitment of the fairs.

Upon motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Ms. Diaz-Flores, the board granted approval to your request of Metro Parks co-sponsoring the Spring and Fall craft fairs. With Metro Parks as a co-sponsor usage fees for the Spring and Fall craft fairs will be waived; however, out of pocket costs such as Parks Police, maintenance and repairs will be borne by Tennessee Craft.

Please note that the board granted contingent approval for a multi-year commitment based upon determination of legality of said request by the Metro Legal Department.

**09-16-04**

**BOARD APPROVES ANMENDMENT TO THE EXISTING AGREEMENT  
WITH THE NASHVILLE PREDATORS IN REGARD TO SPONSORSHIP  
AT THE CENTENNIAL SPORTSPLEX**

Upon motion of Dr. Steele and seconded by Dr. Brannon, the board approved an amendment to the existing agreement with the Nashville Predators that addresses sponsorship at the Centennial Sportsplex. This amendment defines the Sponsorship Agreement between the Nashville Predators and Parks relating to the Centennial Sportsplex ice rinks as the Predators sponsorship sales services will drive revenues that will benefit the Centennial Sportsplex and the Parks Department.

**09-16-05**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST TO HOLD CANNON FIRING AND SMALL ARMS  
DEMONSTRATIONS DURING GARRISON DAYS AT FORT NEGLEY PARK**

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick and seconded by Dr. Brannon, the board approved request to hold cannon firing and small arms demonstrations during Garrison Days on Friday, September 9 and Saturday, September 10, 2016, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm, at Fort Negley Park. Request meets all obligations of park policy and Fort Negley staff will be on site during event.

**XI. NEW BUSINESS**

**09-16-06**

**BOARD GRANTS APPROVAL TO ACCEPT A FLAG POLE VALUED AT \$2,265 TO BE INSTALLED AT PERCY WARNER GOLF CLUBHOUSE**

Upon motion of Dr. Brannon and seconded by Ms. Brenda Diaz-Flores, the board accepted a donation in the amount of \$2,265 from the Warner Park Improvement Association to be used for the purchase and installation of a flagpole at the Percy Warner Golf Clubhouse.

**09-16-07**

**BOARD APPROVES NEW FEES FOR PUBLIC DONATION AND DEDICATION OF TREES AND BENCHES IN METRO PARKS**

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Dr. Brannon, the board approved amendment of previous fees for public donation and dedication of trees and benches to be placed in Metro Parks with individual bench donations reviewed by staff and not required to be presented for board approval on a case by case basis. These new fees **(Tree: \$200 Bench: \$1200)** reflect the direct and indirect cost associated with the purchase and installation of benches, trees and commemorative plaques.

**09-16-08**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST TO NO LONGER ALLOW AMPLIFICATION AT PICNIC SITES WINDMILL HILL AND MISSION SHELTERS IN SHELBY PARK**

Staff, upon complaints from area neighbors, requests the board to no longer allow amplification at Shelby Park picnic sites Windmill Hill and Mission Shelters because of the close proximity of these 2 sites to neighboring communities.

Therefore upon motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Fossick, the board approves request to no longer allow amplification at Windmill Hill and Mission picnic areas in Shelby Park. PLEASE NOTE: Upon checking with staff there have been no reservations with amplification issued for the remainder of the season.



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

Mr. Netsch reported:

- Hazmet study complete and remediation and demolition is scheduled for Fall 2016 at the proposed **Casa Azafran** site. Casa Azafran is in the early stages of the design phase with Metro Parks partnering.
- Phase Two Schematic design of **Centennial Park** should be complete within 2 months with future design work pending FY17 finding. Conservancy capital campaign kick-off is scheduled for Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup>.
- **County-wide Parks and Greenways Master Plan** is ongoing with the next round of public meetings scheduled in October.
- Dragon Restoration in **Fannie Mae Dees Park** is being contracted through Hillsboro-West End Neighborhood Association, partnering with Metro Parks. Initial stabilization completed Winter 2017 with tile restoration beginning Spring 2017. Tony Silva, son of Pedro Silva-the original artist/sculptor, is working on the restoration.
- Design revisions complete in August for the **Hadley Park Tennis Facility** and construction bidding is in the queue.
- Master Plan for Kellytown is currently under review.
- Design complete and construction bidding underway for soccer complex and the Mill Creek Greenway Segment in Orchard Bend Park.
- Log Assembly should be complete by mid-October on **Fort Nashborough/Riverfront Park** with completion of project in Spring 2017.
- Construction delayed by conflict with CSX and negotiations underway at the **Burch Reserve Connector in Edwin Warner Park.**

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

Ms. Jackie Jones announced the following events for September:

<b>Shakespeare in the Park</b>	<b>Centennial Park</b>	<b>thru September 18</b>
<b>Marine Week</b>	<b>Riverfront, Walk of Fame, Public Square and East Bank</b>	<b>September 7 - 11</b>
<b>Latin American Festival</b>	<b>Coleman Park</b>	<b>September 10</b>
<b>Taste of Wedgewood</b>	<b>Houston Station</b>	<b>September 15</b>
<b>Full Moon Pickin Party</b>	<b>Warner Park</b>	<b>September 16</b>
<b>African Street Festival</b>	<b>Hadley Park</b>	<b>September 17-18</b>
<b>Music City Mutt Strutt</b>	<b>Centennial Park</b>	<b>September 17</b>
<b>Tennessee Craft Fall Fair</b>	<b>Centennial Park</b>	<b>September 23-25</b>
<b>Dinner on the Bridge</b>	<b>Cumberland Pedestrian Bridge</b>	<b>September 29</b>

**XIV. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR**

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 (Greer Stadium) for approximately 305 days per year with Belmont and Trevecca Universities utilizing the facility during that time as well. Therefore, 17<sup>th</sup> District Councilmember Colby Sledge, Metro Planning Commission, Christy Smith, Monique Odom and Mr. Lynch have meet and agreed on the following dates for the community meetings with regard to future use of this park area:

\* Wednesday, September 21 @ 5:30 pm      Adventure Science Center

\* Saturday, September 24 @ 8:30 am      Adventure Science Center

The framework of the meetings will address the following 4 topics:

- \* guitar scoreboard – what happens to it?
- \* use of greenspace
- \* other uses of space
- \* catch all

- Three years ago Mary O’Neil approached the Parks Board about “Saving Our Barn”. Ms. O’Neil donated a portion of the property adjacent to Beaman Park and the board approved supplementing a portion of the barn restoration because of the board/staff commitment to the Beaman/Bells Bend Corridor. Ms. O’Neil was present at the September Board Meeting and announced that she has donated the remaining funds needed to restore and save this barn.
- Signage is up at the Madison and Smith Springs Recreation Center locations, with the Goodlettsville location next.

**XV. ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Ms. Smith, board chair, accepted the following letter of resignation from Mr. Lynch and reported that she has a meeting scheduled with Mayor Barry and Mr. Riebeling to discuss the position of an interim director.

**XV. ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (con't.)**

September 2, 2016

Ms. Christy Smith, Chairperson  
Mr. Stan Fossick, Vice Chairperson  
Mr. George Anderson  
Ms. Jenn Garcia  
Dr. Michele Steele  
Dr. JoAnn Brannon  
Mr. Greg Adkins

Dear Friends:

There comes a time in everyone's life when you decide that the path you have followed, while being an honorable, productive, and fulfilling path, needs to change. The time has come for me to change mine, one that I have followed for more than 45 years. I truly love our City and its Parks and Greenways. I love Nashville, its history, and the direction our City is moving. We have been blessed with a vital spirit within the community that makes our beloved City better than most.

I have thought a great deal about my personal situation and it is time for me to announce to you that I plan on leaving employment with the Metropolitan Board of Parks and Recreation in early March of 2017. I will be meeting with representatives from the Human Resources Department, shortly, in order to map out the exact date and time that my retirement will commence. I greatly appreciate the support, both personally and professionally, that I have received from each of you. I feel with the completion of the Parks and Greenways Master Plan that a solid road map for Nashville and its Parks and Greenways system will be laid out in front of you and my successor and with the Council's cooperation will enable our wonderful Parks system and its overall impact on the City to move forward as a positive aspect of our region.

I hope that I never lost sight of the fact that I was hired to serve our community. Public Service can be an admirable career. Sometimes, just the thought of meeting people from every station in life was a blessing that this job provided to me. I can truly say that I loved my job and coming to work every day has been a blessing for me and my family. I will continue to serve this great City in some capacity if nothing other than being someone to say that I love Nashville.

I feel confident that there are quality people in our department and I recommend that you look within to find a successor. Monique Odom has shown remarkable leadership during the last seven years we have worked together and I suggest that she be given the opportunity to prove to you how capable she is. Monique would be an excellent choice for Interim Director and I feel you, too, will be convinced of her leadership and management capabilities.

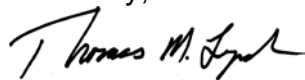
While I thank all of you for your involvement in the Parks' operation, and for your continued support, I must particularly thank George Anderson and Stan Fossick whose support was steadfast and whose advice was always appreciated and insightful. I can never truly express my gratitude to the two of you.

**XV. ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (con't.)**

As the Director of Parks and Recreation, I could not have worked for two finer Mayors than Karl Dean and Megan Barry. I truly appreciate the trust they have shown in me. Finally, I want to state publicly, that the employees of the Parks Department I have worked with and grown to know over the years are the absolute best group of dedicated, caring, and knowledgeable employees in our City. Our parks are in good hands.

In closing, I want to thank you for the service you have provided to the community, as well. Volunteerism is a long standing attribute of our state that is continually reinforced by people such as you.

Sincerely,



Tommy Lynch

Director

c: Mayor Megan Barry

**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**