

METROPOLITAN BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

November 1, 2016

A meeting of the Board of Parks and Recreation of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee was held on Tuesday, November 1, 2016 at 12:00 pm at Sevier Regional Center, 3021 Lealand Lane, Nashville, TN. Board members present were: Ms. Christy Smith, Mr. Stan Fossick, Mr. George Anderson, Ms. Jenn Garcia, Ms. Brenda Diaz-Flores and Dr. Jo Ann Brannon. Dr. Michelle Steele was not in attendance.

Staff present were: Ms. Monique Odom, Deputy Director of Parks; Assistant Directors: Mr. Rick Taylor, Consolidated Maintenance; Ms. Sally Davis, Community Recreation; Mr. Tim Netsch, Planning and Facilities; Mr. Jim Hester, Special Events; John Holmes, Revenue Producing Facilities and Ms. Shain Dennison, Greenways; Lt. Houston Taylor/Park Police in Capt. Taylor's absence; Ms. Jackie Jones, Superintendent/Public Information and **Ms. Katie Downey, representing the Metro Legal Department.**

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD OCTOBER 4, 2016 APPROVED

Upon motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Fossick, the Board approved the minutes of the board meeting held Tuesday, October 4, 2016 as presented.

MS. VICKIE CRAIGHEAD, DIRECTOR OF SEVIER REGIONAL CENTER INTRODUCED TO THE BOARD

Mr. Lynch introduced Ms. Vickie Craighead, Director of Sevier Regional Center to the board. Ms. Craighead thanked everyone for coming and invited all those interested to tour the building after the meeting. She stated that there are activities for all ages from babies to seniors. Vickie and staff noticed all the young families pushing their small children in strollers on the paved path through the park and now offer a class for these families and their children. A strength program has also been initiated for senior adults. She stated that there are various classes for all ages and the schedule can be found online on the Metro Parks website.

VI. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

MR. JIM HARBISON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF MDHA UPDATES BOARD ON ENVISION CAYCE

Mr. Jim Harbison was present to update the board on *Envision Cayce* and its progress with regard to Kirkpatrick Recreation Center. Mr. Harbison stated one of the Envision Cayce goals was for neighborhood amenities to be related to the parks department and the close proximity of the school. It was determined that MDHA headquarters will remain on South 5th because of historical significance and the school will remain adjacent to Kirkpatrick Park. When surveys were returned it was indicated that soccer fields are in more demand than softball/baseball fields on park property.

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

**MR. JIM HARBISON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF MDHA
UPDATES BOARD ON ENVISION CAYCE**

Mr. Harbison stated that Kirkpatrick Center and spray park will remain open while the Regional Center is under construction and once center is completed the land transfer will occur; however, currently a determination will have to be made when and how the park area will be transferred.

With regard to the James Cayce Homes, the MDHA Board voted not to sell the public housing properties as their responsibility is affordable housing. Therefore, Cayce Homes will consist of 968 replacement units, 350 workforce affordable units and 1064 market rate units totaling 2,390 units.

**METRO PARKS SPECIAL SERVICES STAFF
UPDATES BOARD ON METRO PARKS GOLF COURSES**

Mr. John Holmes, Assistant Director of Parks over Special Services presented an update to the board. Mr. Holmes stated that there has been a gradual increase in golf play with a 2% increase in 2015 and a 9% increase in 2016 and this can be attributed to outside improvements of the courses and the larger number of people moving into Nashville. He introduced Mr. Phil Luckett who has been overseeing maintenance resources of the courses since 2009 and emphasizes the importance of his employees attending turf management classes. To date all greenskeepers, but one, have degrees in Turf Management. This summer Two Rivers Golf Course went from bent grass greens to hybrid Bermuda-tif eagle greens and have been met with appreciation from the course golfers.

VII. INTRODUCTION OF STAFF, NEW EMPLOYEES, VOLUNTEERS

MR. JOHN HOLMES INTRODUCES MR. WAYNE EVANS TO THE BOARD

Mr. John Holmes, Assistant Director of Special Services introduced Mr. Wayne Evans, newly promoted Superintendent of Special Services, to the board.

Mr. Evans began his employment with Metro Parks in 1986 as a seasonal employee, became full time in 1996, was promoted to Golf Course Assistant Manager in 1997 and became Golf Course Manager in 2001. In September, Wayne was promoted to Superintendent and is overseeing youth/adult sports, and field reservations.

VII. INTRODUCTION OF STAFF, NEW EMPLOYEES, VOLUNTEERS (con't.)

MR. BILL TROUP INTRODUCES MS. RACHEL ANDERSON TO THE BOARD

Mr. Bill Troup introduced Ms. Rachel Anderson, Metro Parks Naturalist to the board; Ms. Anderson was recipient of the ***State Environmental Educator of the Year Award*** from the TN Environmental Education Association. This award recognized Rachel's work for "conveying the wonders of the natural world so all can understand the importance of preservation."

Mr. Troup stated that Rachel began as a volunteer at the Warner Park Nature Center and now works as a Naturalist for Metro Parks. Rachel is an expert birder, a licensed bird bander and she is an expert at developing and leading environmental education programs and field trips for park visitors of all ages. She wrote, designed, and published the Warner Park Jr. Naturalist workbook, and started a popular and successful Nature Club for children ages 9-12.

VIII. METRO COUNCIL REFERRALS

Councilmember Colby Sledge was present to report on two public meetings held in reference to the Greer Stadium property. A consolidated report of what the meeting attendees voiced as their choice of the use of Greer Stadium was distributed to the board. Councilmember Sledge stated that a total of 220-250 people attended both meetings.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

08-16-02

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF COUNCILMEMBER SLEDGE
TO AMEND THE OPERATING HOURS OF RESERVOIR PARK
TO DAYLIGHT TO 9:00 PM**

Councilmember Sledge reported that with the increased police presence and the installation of the signage there aren't as many incidents occurring. The courts are still used consistently and all rims and backboards have been repaired therefore, he suggests the hours be amended to daylight to 9:00 pm.

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Mr. Anderson, board granted approval to amending the hours of Reservoir Park from daylight to 11:00 pm to daylight to 9:00 pm.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

10-16-04

**BOARD APPROVES ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION OF 10.56 ACRES
ON MILL CREEK (MAP AND PARCEL NO. 16200012300)
FOR THE MILL CREEK GREENWAY SYSTEM**

As per staff and committee recommendation and based on park policy 3000.25 Acquisition and Disposition of Park Property, Mr. Fossick made motion, Dr. Brannon seconded, and the board approved acceptance of a donation of 10.56 acres on Mill Creek at the corner of Blue Hole Road and Bell Road from Bell Road LP - William Cammack, president (map and parcel no. 16200012300) for the Mill Creek Greenway system. The property, which is mostly floodplain, is located in the Mill Creek Greenway corridor has important connectivity opportunity for planned expansions, and also has potential for a trailhead at Bell Road. This property will be quick-claimed to Greenways for Nashville and then transferred to Metro Parks.

10-16-05

BOARD DEFERS PROPERTY EXCHANGE WITH REYES CONSTRUCTION COMPANY

Upon motion of Dr. Brannon, seconded by Mr. Anderson, board has deferred property exchange of map and parcel no. 14816006000, at 2314 Antioch Pike, with Reyes Construction Company (adjacent property owner) at request of staff.

X. CONSENT AGENDA

11-16-01

BOARD APPROVES NOVEMBER CONSENT AGENDA

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

AMPLIFICATION APPROVAL

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| • CHUMP Productions-film shoot | East Bank | Nov. 16-24, 2016 |
| • Fort Negley Staff(Battle of Nashville Event) | Fort Negley Park-cannon firing | Dec. 9 – 11, 2016 |
| • iHeart Media-Sista Strut Nashville | Centennial Park-Parthenon Lawn | Sat., April 8, 2017 |
| • Jodi Wright-wedding | Cumberland Park | Sat., April 22, 2017 |
| • Cumberland River Compact-float | East Bank Landing | Sat., May 27, 2017 |
| • Thomas Boggs-picnic | Edwin Warner Picnic Shelter 10 | Fri., June 23, 2017 |
| • Gregory Jenkins-picnic | Cedar Hill Picnic Shelter 3 | Sat., Aug. 5, 2017 |
| • North Nashville Come Together Day | Looby Center Greenspace-picnic | Sat., Aug. 19, 2017 |

FUNDRAISING APPROVAL

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| • The Vester House of Hope | Centennial Park-Parthenon Lawn | Fri., Nov. 4, 2016 |
| • Purity Dairies Moosic City Dash | Metro Center Greenway/Connector | Sat., April 15, 2017 |
| • Project 615 Nash Spring Bash | Centennial Park-Parthenon Lawn | Sun., April 16, 2017 |

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ALCOHOL APPROVAL

- Tony Mineo – birthday party Percy Warner Golf Clubhouse Sat., Nov., 5, 2016
- Drennan/Vaughn rehearsal dinner Percy Warner Golf Clubhouse Fri., June 16, 2017

AMPLIFICATION AND FUNDRAISING APPROVAL

- Rolita Adams- Women’s Summit Southeast Regional Center Sat., March 18, 2017
- Lionheart-Wellness-dance-a-thon Cumberland Park Sat., April 1, 2017
- Blood:Water-World Water Day 2017 Centennial Bandshell-concert Sun., April 2, 2017
- Bellevue Harpeth Chamber of Commerce Bellevue Park-festival/picnic Sat., May 20, 2017
- Friends of Warner Parks Warner Parks-Camp Warner Park June 5-Aug., 4, 2017
- Back in the Day 5K Stones River Greenway/Kohl’s trailhead Sat. Aug., 26, 2017
- National Parkinson Foundation-walk Warner Park/Shelter 9 Sat., June 3, 2017
- Nashville Humane Association Centennial Park-Dog Day Festival Sat., Sept., 16, 2017
- American Liver Foundation Warner Steeplechase-walk/run Sat., Sept. 23, 2017
- DP Thomas Foundation for Obesity Shelby Park Event Field/Greenway Sat., Sept. 30, 2017
- Alzheimer’s Association-walk Walk of Fame Park Sat., Oct. 14, 2017

AMPLIFICATION AND ALCOHOL APPROVAL

- John Covington-wedding Cumberland Park Sat., May 27, 2017
- Thunder on the Cumberland Riverfront Park, East Bank Greenway June 16-18, 2017
F1 Powerboat Racing and festival and Court of Flags
- Acme Feed and Seed-concert Riverfront Park & Court of Flags Aug., 19-21, 2017
- Hangman Productions Riverfront Park-Red Bull Flugtag Sat., Sept 23, 2017

AMPLIFICATION, ALCOHOL AND FUNDRAISING APPROVAL

- Volunteer State Horsemen’s Fnd Warner Park -2017 Steeplechase May 12-13, 2017
- Nashville Predators Walk of Fame – Winter Skate December 5, 2016 -
February 3, 2017

XI. NEW BUSINESS

11-16-02

BOARD GRANTS APPROVAL TO ACCEPT A DONATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,462.07 FROM THE RED CABOOSE PLAYGROUND, INC.

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick and seconded by Ms. Brenda Diaz-Flores, the board accepted a donation from Mr. Gary Ruskin, representing Red Caboose Playground, Inc., in the amount of \$3,462.07 to be used for the benefit of Red Caboose Playground in Bellevue Park.

11-16-03

BOARD GRANTS APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO AN ANNUAL PERMIT WITH GROW ENRICHMENT FOR USE OF PROPERTY IN TWO RIVERS PARK

Upon motion of Dr. Brannon, seconded by Mr. Fossick, the board approved request of Ms. Ginger-Rose Krueck, representing Grow Enrichment, for use of property in Two Rivers Park to provide a community garden while providing outdoor and environmental educational experiences for youth.

XII. CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE – Tim Netsch

Mr. Netsch reported:

- Casa Azafran moving forward – December 2nd is their Capital Campaign kick-off. Will provide update to board soon.
- County-wide Parks and Greenways Master Plan is ongoing with an update to the board at their December meeting.
- Centennial Park Master Plan Phase 2A design(Great Lawn)complete summer 2017 and lake, bandshell landscape and parking should be complete in November.
- Master Plan for Two Rivers Mansion complete with an update to the board soon.
- Master Plan for Kellytown is complete with an update to the board soon as well as a suggestion for naming.
- Construction on the Stones River Dog Park is complete with the opening event scheduled November 10th.
- Shelby Stream Mitigation is in design phase.
- Site lighting upgrades at Hadley, Hartman and McCabe Centers should be complete Fall 2016.
- Construction bidding for Hadley Tennis Building is out in November.
- Construction bids due in November for Madison Regional Center.
- Schematic design for Oakwood should be complete Winter 2016/17.
- Fort Nashborough cabins have been delivered to construction site.
- Shelby Naval Building lease and Rehab project cancelled.

XIII. UPCOMING SPECIAL ACTIVITIES/EVENTS – Public Information Staff

Ms. Jackie Jones announced the following events for November:

First Folio	Parthenon	Nov.10, 2016-Jan. 8, 2017
Art Center Holiday Sale	Centennial Art Center	Nov. 15-Dec. 13, 2016
Predators Outdoor Ice Rink	Walk of Fame Park	Nov. 28, 2016-Feb. 20, 2017
Richland Park Farmers Mkt	Richland Park	Saturdays thru Dec. 31, 2016
Mayor’s Tree Lighting Ceremony	Public Square Park	Friday, Dec. 2, 2016
Nashville Christmas Parade		Saturday, Dec. 3, 2016
Centennial Ballet Mini-Nutcracker	Harpeth Hall	December 2-4, 2016

XIV. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Lynch reported:

- Various Metro department officials have been meeting about a lot on Jefferson Street currently being referred to as Jefferson Street Civil Rights Pocket Park. This is the first park development on Jefferson Street and this development will have an underground lake that will capture rainwater with the park being built atop.
- The Page Road lot has closed for the winter each year for the last few years and both the City of Belle Meade and the Park Board met on several occasions to discuss the property in question. It was proposed by the city of Belle Meade to invest money into the lot to re-design the park property and to utilize it to “beautify and protect” the general park area across from its location. This proposal was given “conceptual” approval by the Board with the caveat that some form of parking must be provided to access the area, and that none of this would be done until the Parks Department had provided additional parking spaces throughout the park to accommodate for the displacement of the cars utilizing that space as well as to be able to accommodate the additional users of the park. All of these new lots have now been built and spaces added, along with announcements on social Media as well as news coverage of the additions and its “domino effect” in relation to the lots being created, so it is time to fulfill our part of the bargain. The lot will close November 1, 2016 and it will now be up to the City of Belle Meade to determine whether this is a temporary closure, or the area gets the re-design and improvements that the Mayor of Belle Meade had discussed with the Park Board.

XV. ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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

Thomas M. Lynch, Director

Christy Smith, Chairperson