

METROPOLITAN BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

February 7, 2017

A meeting of the Board of Parks and Recreation of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee was held on Tuesday, February 7, 2017 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, Ms. Jenn Garcia, Dr. Michelle Steele and Dr. Jo Ann Brannon. Ms. Brenda Diaz-Flores was not in attendance. **Councilmember at Large John Cooper, 34th District Councilmember Angie Henderson and Ms. Claudia Huskey, representative from Mayor Barry's Office, were 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; John Holmes, Revenue Producing Facilities; and Mr. Jim Hester, Cultural and Outdoor Recreation/Special Events; Ms. Jackie Jones, Superintendent/Public Information and **Ms. Katie Downey, representing the Metro Legal Department.** Ms. Cindy Harrison was present in Ms. Shain Dennison's absence and Lt. Houston Taylor was present in Capt. Chris Taylor's absence.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD JANUARY 3, 2017 APPROVED

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Dr. Brannon, the Board approved the minutes of the board meeting held Tuesday, January 3, 2017 as amended. (The amendment was for rent charged to Cheekwood which was listed as \$500.00 to \$1000.00 and it should have been \$1000.00 to \$2000.00 for the year 2017.)

VI. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

UPDATE ON LIVE NATION/ASCEND AMPHITHEATER 2016 SEASON

46 Events:

- 32 Live Nation Promoted Concerts
- 4 Nashville Symphony Orchestra Concerts
- 10 Nights of Civic Events
- CMA Fest (4 days)
- 4th of July Celebration & Fireworks
- Garth Brooks: 7 Diamond Celebration
- Americana Fest (2 nights)
- The Big 98 Guitar-B-Que Benefit Concert
- The National Museum of African American Music Benefit Concert

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

UPDATE ON LIVE NATION/ASCEND AMPHITHEATER
2016 SEASON

Safety:

- 12 Medical Transports
- Less than 1 transport per show avg. (0.375 vs. LN National Avg. of 2.4)
- 39 Ejections
- 5 Arrests

Diversity:

- 33% DBE Participation

Guest Feedback:

- 95% of guests participating in Post Event Guest Surveys rated Overall Venue Experience as “Excellent” or “Good”
- Live Nation venues national average: 84%
- Top ranked national Live Nation venue in Cleanliness, Security, & Overall Venue Experience based on Post
- Event Guest Surveys

Local Sponsor Partnerships:

- Ascend Federal Credit Union
- Journeys
- Genesco Inc.
- Tennessee Acura Dealers
- Gary Force Acura
- SPEAKeasy Spirits (Pickers Vodka, Whisper Creek Tennessee Sipping Cream)
- Martin’s Bar-B-Que Joint
- Crankees Pizzeria
- Pepperfire Hot Chicken

Achievements:

- 19 Sell Outs
- Over 200,000 Tickets Sold
- National Industry Awards
- 27th Annual Pollstar Award for Best New Major Concert Venue (2015)
- Academy of Country Music Venue of the Year - Medium Capacity (2015)
- International Entertainment Buyers Association Amphitheater of the Year (2016)
- **NOMINATED** – 28th Annual Pollstar Award for Red Rocks Award / Best Small Outdoor Venue (2016)

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

**UPDATE ON LIVE NATION/ASCEND AMPHITHEATER
2016 SEASON**

Community Engagement:

- Mayor Barry's State of Metro Address
- Cheekwood Garden Club Meeting
- Greenways For Nashville Concert Event
- March of Dimes Signature Chef's Preview Party
- IFMA (International Facility Management Association) Nashville Chapter Tour
- Southern Environmental Law Center Private Event
- Mayor's Office Livability Committee Meeting

Economic Impact:

- \$990,192 – Metro Revenue
- \$784,295 (Yearly Base Payment & Seat Fees)
- \$205,897 (The Nashville Parks Foundation & The Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee)
- \$1,136,165 – City/State Tax Revenue
- \$498,586 (State Tax on Net Ticket Sales Revenue)
- \$160,260 (Local Tax on Net Ticket Sales Revenue)
- \$344,412 (Concessions, Food & Beverage Sales Tax)
- \$132,907 (Liquor Tax)
- 275 Seasonal Employees on Live Nation Payroll
- Countless Employees with our 3rd Party Service Vendors
- Legends Hospitality
- Axis Security
- Event Merchandising Inc.
- Vanderbilt LifeFlight Medical Services

**FRIENDS OF WARNER PARKS WILL PRESENT UPDATE
TO THE BOARD AT THE MARCH 2017 MEETING**

VII. METRO COUNCIL REFERRALS - none

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

01-17-04

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF FRIENDS OF KELLYTOWN
TO FORMALLY NAME THE KELLYTOWN PROPERTY
AAITAFAMA ARCHAEOLOGICAL PARK**

As per recommendation of the naming committee as per ***Park Policy 3000.1 Naming of Parks*** and upon motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Dr. Steele, the board approved naming the Kellytown property Aaitafama Archaeological Park based on the following information provided by the Friends of Kellytown:

- As early as 1972 the Tennessee Division of Archaeology (TDOA) recorded that the site now known as Kellytown had a Mississippian Period archaeological component. Prehistoric human graves were also purportedly present. However it was not until 1997 that a proposal was made by the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) that turn lanes be constructed at the corner of Hillsboro Pike and Old Hickory Blvd. By law this necessitated that an archaeological survey be conducted of the affected site. The field investigations took place in 1999 under the direction of Gary Barker, TDOT Archaeologist on land still owned by the Kelly family. Quoting from his final report, Gary Barker said, “The field investigations that provide the basis for this report could not have been conducted without the gracious consent and cooperation of Mrs. Elizabeth Douglass Levine Kelly. While the proposed right-of-way (ROW) needed for the intersection had not been obtained by TDOT at the time of the study, Mrs. Kelly granted permission to conduct excavations in spite of the fact that she was opposed to the planned improvements.” It was because of her interest and kind cooperation that Gary Barker named the site “Kellytown.”
- In archaeological circles, the site has been known as Kellytown since 1997. However, because long range plans call for the park site to be used to educate the public about the importance of the lost history of the Mississippian people who lived on this site long before the arrival of Europeans to America said site needed to have a Native American name.
- The results of a survey conducted by McNeely, Pigott and Fox Public Relations indicated that 91.3% of respondents agreed that a name that better reflects the park’s Native American heritage would be appropriate.
- Mike Moore, the Tennessee State Archaeologist, contacted the Chickasaw Nation in search of a Muskogean language name for the site. They suggested “Aaitafama” which translates to “Meeting Place” in the Chickasaw/Muskogean language. The Board of the Friends of Kellytown voted to request that Metro Parks Board officially rename the present Kellytown site as “Aaitafama Archeological Park”.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

01-17-05

BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF THE LOCKELAND SPRINGS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION TO FORMALLY NAME THE OUTDOOR CLASSROOM IN LOCKELAND SPRINGS PARK THE PARR-POLK OUTDOOR CLASSROOM

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 approved naming of the outdoor classroom in Lockeland Springs Park the Parr-Polk Outdoor Classroom based on the following information provided by the Lockeland Springs Neighborhood Association:

- Bo Parr and Jim Polk spearheaded efforts to revitalize the park property. Over the past 6 years they have organized park clean ups, removal of invasive species, camps and tours. They worked with the State to plant over 100 native trees in the park. Bo personally undertook a grant application through the Maddox Foundation which provided over \$29,000 in park improvements including the outdoor classroom, educational signage and trash receptacles. Bo has also helped coordinate three separate scout projects which resulted in new trails and two new bridges.
- Their tireless efforts for the good of the children of the Lockeland Springs neighborhood recall the message of *Last Child in the Woods* by Richard Louv: the ever growing divide between children and nature must be reversed if we hope to maintain balance and order in our world. Bo and Jim have insured that the children of Lockeland Springs will have the opportunity to interact with nature in myriad ways.

01-17-07

BOARD GRANTS PERMISSION TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE A PORTION OF TONY ROSE PARK DURING CONSTRUCTION PHASE OF AN ADJACENT BUILDING

Upon motion of Dr. Steele, seconded by Mr. Fossick, the board approved staff recommendation to temporarily close a portion of Tony Rose Park located at 8 Music Circle East for an extended period of time during the construction phase of an adjacent building. Once construction is complete and before the construction crew vacates the park, said area will be returned to a park with more amenities than the previous park area at no cost to Metro Parks.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

02-17-01

BOARD APPROVES FEBRUARY 2017 CONSENT AGENDA

Upon motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Ms. Garcia, the board approved the February 2017 consent agenda as presented.

AMPLIFICATION APPROVAL

- Swing Dance Nashville Centennial Park Event Shelter Sat., March 18, 2017
- Southeast Nashville Easter Egg Festival Southeast Regional Center/Park Sat., April 8, 2017
- Bellevue Baptist Church Bellevue Park-Egg Hunt Sat., April 15, 2017
- 12 South Farmers Market Sevier Park-Tuesdays May 2-Oct. 31, 2017
- Mustang Six Association Two Rivers Park-car show Sat., May 20, 2017
- Small World Yoga Cumberland Park-Day of Yoga Wed., June 21, 2017
- Hugh Bennett-RecoveryFest 2017 East Park green space Sat., Sept. 30, 2017
- Blooma Nashville Sevier Park-family yoga festival Sat., Oct. 14, 2017
- Chatman Productions-lunch concerts Centennial Event Shelter May 10,24;June 7,21
July 12,26; Aug. 9,23; Sept. 13,27;Oct. 11

FUNDRAISING APPROVAL

- Nat'l. Eating Disorders Association Centennial Bandshell-1 mile walk Sat., March 18, 2017
- Cathedral of Praise Cedar Hill Park-2K Scholars Walk Sat., April 8, 2017

AMPLIFICATION AND FUNDRAISING APPROVAL

- TN Kurdish Community Council Warner Park-Newroz Sun., March 19/26, 2017
- Nashville Bar Assc.-Race Judicata Warner Park Shelter #11 Sat., April 8, 2017
- Iron Tribe Fitness Sevier Park-Workout for Water Sat., May 13, 2017
- TN Chapter of Scleroderma Walk Centennial Event Shelter Sat., June 10, 2017
- Colon Cancer Alliance-Undy Run/Walk Shelby Park-Riverview Shelter Sat., Aug., 5, 2017
- Jazz on the Cumberland Concert Series Cumberland Park May 14; June 18;
July 1; Aug. 20; Sept. 17; Oct. 22

ALCOHOL APPROVAL

- McCartney/Manzo wedding Hodge House/Percy Warner Park Sun., May 14, 2017
- Crain Construction –rib cook-off Centennial Event Shelter Fri., Oct. 27, 2017

AMPLIFICATION AND ALCOHOL APPROVAL

- Branick/Morrow wedding Centennial Art Center Courtyard Sat., April 29, 2017
- Gabrielle Thornley wedding Centennial Art Center Courtyard Sat., May 20, 2017
- Elexis Peach wedding Centennial Art Center Courtyard Sat., June 24, 2017
- Amaris Greene wedding Centennial Art Center Courtyard Sat., July 1, 2017
- Music City Seafood & Barbecue Festival Walk of Fame Park Sat., July 15, 2017
- Brown/Thomas wedding Centennial Art Center Courtyard Sat., Oct. 21, 2017
- Lengen/Davis wedding Centennial Art Center Courtyard Sat., Oct. 28, 2017

IX. CONSENT AGENDA (con't.)

02-17-01

BOARD APPROVES FEBRUARY 2017 CONSENT AGENDA

Upon motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Ms. Garcia, the board approved the February 2017 consent agenda as presented.

ALCOHOL AND FUNDRAISING APPROVAL

- Cedar Hill Criterium Cedar Hill Park-cycling race Sun., April 2, 2017

AMPLIFICATION, ALCOHOL AND FUNDRAISING APPROVAL

- Cumberland River Compact Cumberland Park/East Bank Landing Sat., Sept. 9, 2017
- Harpeth Hills Flying Monkey Marathon Percy Warner Park-race Sun., Nov 19, 2017

02-17-02

Upon motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Ms. Garcia, the board approved request of Mr. Ed Nutter, representing Nashville Amateur Radio Club, to remain in Lock Two Park overnight, Saturday, June 24 to Sunday June 25, 2017, during a 24 hour Radio Relay Emergency Communication event.

02-17-03

Upon motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Ms. Garcia, the board approved request of Ms. Delana Owen, District Commissioner of the Middle Tennessee Pony Club, to host the 65th consecutive running of the MTPC Horse Trials to be held at the Equestrian Center of Percy Warner Park and the 2017 season with waiver of equestrian and park usage fees. Permission was also granted to serve/consume alcohol during the Competitor and Volunteer Receptions with competitors remaining in the park overnight on October 7 and 8, 2017.

02-17-04

Upon motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Ms. Garcia, the board approved request of Mr. Richard McWhirter, representing the TSSAA, to host the 2017 and 2018 TSSAA State Cross Country Meet, with waiver of all fees and charge admission, on Saturday, November 4, 2017 and Saturday, November 3, 2018 on the Steeplechase Course in Percy Warner Park.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA (con't)

02-17-05

Upon motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Ms. Garcia, the board approved request of Mr. Mark Weller, Executive Director of the Friends of Warner Parks, to host the following fundraising events in Warner Park with waiver of usage fees, alcohol consumption (if applicable) and to remain in park after 11:00 pm for evening events:

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| TN Watercolor Art Show | Spring 2017 with date TBD |
| Full Moon Pickin' Parties | Friday, May 19, 2017 |
| Friday, June 9, 2017 | Friday, July 7, 2017 |
| Friday, August 4, 2017 | Friday, September 8, 2017 |
| Friday, October 13, 2017 | |
| Rock & Road Races | Saturday, October 21, 2017 |
| Sunday in the Park | TBD mid-October or early-November |
| Mountain Bike Camp | June 19-23 and July 10-14, 2017 |

02-17-06

Upon motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Ms. Garcia, the board approved request of Mr. Phillip Claiborne, representing Friends of Two Rivers Mansion, to accept a package of grants in the amount of \$652.45 to fund 2 part time workers (host/hostess for 16 hours each per week for 2 weeks for the purpose of conducting historic tours during the 2017 holiday season at Two Rivers Mansion. Rate of Pay is set at \$9.47 per hour).

02-17-07

Upon motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Ms. Garcia, the board approved request of Mr. Phillip Claiborne, representing Friends of Two Rivers Mansion, to accept a package of grants in the amount of \$3,914.67 to fund 2 part time workers (host/hostess-16 hours each per week for 12 weeks) for the purpose of conducting tours during the months of June, July and August 2017. Rate of Pay is set at \$9.47 per hour).

IX. CONSENT AGENDA (con't)

02-17-08

Upon motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Ms. Garcia, the board approved request of Mr. Phil Claiborne, representing The Friends of Two Rivers Mansion, to host the following events in 2017 at Two Rivers Mansion with waiver of usage fees, consumption and to remain in the park after 11:00 pm, if necessary:

- Two Hearts Antiques and Crafts Show February 17-19
- An Evening of Elegance Dinner Friday, April 28
- Phil the House with Art and Friends Sunday, May 21
- Historic Tours of the Mansion June/July/August
- Southern Vintage Antiques and Crafts Show September 22-24
- Halloween at the Mansion Saturday, October 28
- Historic Holiday Tours December 8-10

December 15-17

X. NEW BUSINESS

02-17-09

REQUEST FROM MR. SCOTT TYGARD DEFERRED ONE MEETING UNTIL MEETING IS HELD WITH ALL STAKEHOLDERS INVOLVED IN RELOCATION REQUEST

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Mr. Anderson, the board approved deferral of Mr. Scott Tygard's request to amend the Parks and Greenways Master Plan to reflect the relocation of the Miracle Field concept from Shelby Park to Warner Park for one month or until a meeting of all stakeholders is scheduled.

02-17-10

BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF LIVE NATION TO HOST PRIVATE EVENTS ON THE SOUTH END OF THE GREE IN RIVERFRONT PARK DURING THE 2017 CONCERT SEASON

Mr. Isaac Thompson, General Manager of Ascend Amphitheater and representing Live Nation, was present to request permission from the board to host private (tented) events on the south end of The Green in Riverfront Park during a select number of their contractually allocated concert event dates (TBD) during the 2017 concert season. The events will include alcohol consumption and Live Nation will pay a fee of \$500 per usage to the Nashville Parks Foundation.

Therefore, upon motion of Ms. Garcia, seconded by Mr. Fossick, the board approved request as submitted.

X. NEW BUSINESS

02-17-11

**BOARD ACCEPTS DONATION FROM FRIENDS OF TWO RIVERS MANSION
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$38,447.00 FOR FENCING AND INSTALLATION
AT TWO RIVERS MANSION**

Upon motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Dr. Steele, the board approved the request of the Friends of Two Rivers Mansion to accept a donation in the amount of \$38,447.00 for fencing to resemble a farm fence reminiscent of the period of the Two Rivers Stock Farm. Fencing to be installed across the front of the property located at 3130 McGavock Pike.

02-17-12

**BOARD ACCEPTS DONATION OF NEW SIGNAGE FROM FRIENDS OF
TWO RIVERS MANSION VALUED AT \$18,228.00 TO BE PLACED
AT ENTRANCE OF TWO RIVERS MANSION**

Upon motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Dr. Steele, the board accepted a donation of new signage for Two Rivers Mansion valued at \$18,228.00 from the Friends of Two Rivers Mansion.

02-17-13

**BOARD ACCEPTS DONATION OF MATERIALS AND LABOR NOT TO EXCEED
\$200,000.00 FROM THE HILLSBORO-WEST END NEIGHBORHOOD
ASSOCIATION TO BE USED TOWARD REHAB AND RESTORATION
OF THE SEA SERPENT IN FANNIE MAE DEES PARK**

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Mr. Anderson, the board accepted a donation from the Hillsboro-West End Neighborhood Association of materials and labor not to exceed \$200,000.00 to be used in the rehabilitation and restoration of the "Two Serpents" sculpture in Fannie Mae Dees Park. The board also granted approval to Hillsboro-West End Neighborhood Association to hire art restoration experts to perform this work on Metro Parks' property. Please note there is no requirement for a cash match from Metro Parks.

02-17-14

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST FROM THE METRO HISTORICAL
COMMISSION/FORT NEGLEY ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR
METRO PARKS TO BECOME A GRANT PARTNER IN THE
FORT NEGLEY CULTURAL LANDSCAPE PLAN**

Upon motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Dr. Brannon, the board approved request of Mr. Tim Walker, representing the Metro Historical Commission/Fort Negley Technical Advisory Committee, for Metro Parks to become a grant partner for the Fort Negley Cultural Landscape Plan. Metro Parks will supply \$10,000 of the grant match.

X. NEW BUSINESS

02-17-15

BOARD ACCEPTS DONATION OF MATERIALS AND LABOR NOT TO EXCEED \$15,000.00 FROM LIVE NATION TO BE USED IN CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION OF SECURITY FENCING AT ASCEND AMPHITHEATER

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Dr. Brannon, the board accepted a donation of materials and labor not to exceed \$15,000.00 from Live Nation to be used in the construction and installation of security fencing at Ascend Amphitheater.

02-17-16

BOARD APPROVES ACCEPTANCE OF APPROXIMATELY 3 ACRES OF LAND LOCATED AT 7134 HIGHWAY 100 FROM FRIENDS OF WARNER PARKS

Upon motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Fossick, the board accepted approximately 3 acres of land located at 7134 Highway 100 from the Friends of Warner Parks. The Friends of Warner Parks (FOWP) acquired the tract, located at 7134 Highway 100, as part of their 448-acre expansion campaign. Metro Parks pledged \$150,000 to fill a gap in the between private funds raised by FOWP and the acquisition price for the tract. Therefore, approval includes acceptance of the land and commitment of \$150,000 in existing land acquisition from Metro Parks' Capital Funds (anticipated to be transferred to FOWP at closing on the transfer of land to Metro Parks).

XI. UPCOMING SPECIAL ACTIVITIES/EVENTS – Jackie Jones

Ms. Jackie Jones announced the following events for February:

Outdoor Ice Rink/Walk of Fame Park	Nov. 28, 2016-Feb. 20, 2017
Richland Park Farmers Market	Saturdays through December 31
Release of the Plan to Play Draft	Monday, February 13 @ Downtown Library
Two Hearts Antique Show	February 17-19 @ Two Rivers Mansion
Groundbreaking for Smith Springs Park	TBD

XII. ASSISTANT DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

Jim Hester-Special Events/Natural Resources/Cultural Arts:

- February runs: Cupids Chase/Shelby, Hot Chocolate/Centennial
- 2017 is 90th Anniversary of Warner Parks
- Full Moon Night Hikes, February 10 at Warner, Shelby Bottoms, Bells Bend
- Burch Reserve Hike on February 24
- Registration has begun for Camp Warner, Camp Bells Bend and Camp Beaman (summer camp for 6-12 year olds)
- Kayaking skills clinics at East Park and Watkins Park

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Jim Hester-Special Events/Natural Resources/Cultural Arts (con't.):

- Visual Arts in full swing with over 300 students each taking pottery and drawing classes
- National Calligrapher's Guild show in the Centennial Art Center Gallery
- Music classes have begun – harmonica, guitar, songwriting and Kids Jamband.
- Theater Production Class- 9-14 year olds, One Act Musical. Performance February 24-26 at the Centennial Performing Arts Studios
- Dance Division has started a new partnership with Dancing through the Curriculum through the afterschool program at Hadley Center. Homework tutoring is provided, GirlTalk, and a free dance class for participants. Students are eligible for scholarships to train in the Centennial Youth Ballet program.
- Metro Dance teams along with New Dialect and new music group, Intermission, will perform new choreography and live music at Centennial Performing Arts Studio on Friday, February 17th.
- Ongoing adult ballet classes and tai chi at Centennial Performing Arts Studio. Dance Fit and West African Dance at Sevier Center.

John Holmes-Revenue Producing Facilities:

- John reported on the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program for Golf Courses. Harpeth Hills was certified in 2014 and Metro Parks first course to be certified. Listed below are components to be met in order to achieve this certification:

- * Environmental Planning
- * Wildlife and Habitat Management
- * Chemical Use Reduction and Safety
- * Water Conservation
- * Water Quality Management
- * Outreach and Education

All of these steps, along with water testing, wildlife inventory, photographs of wildlife and property maps indicating buffers, natural areas and habitat are part of the process to becoming certified. Presently we are working on Two Rivers and in the beginning stages at Percy Warner. Next will be Ted Rhodes and Shelby with McCabe being last as McCabe presents challenges in becoming certified because of the tightness of the course and lack of natural area. Plans are to have all course certified over the next 5 years.

XII. ASSISTANT DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

Sally Davis – Community Recreation:

- The 11th Annual Metro Parks Senior Valentine Ball will be held at the Cathedral of the Incarnation on Friday, February 10 at from 5pm – 10pm. Tyrone Smith Revue will be playing at the ball and has once again donated his time to the event. This event has become so popular; we have outgrown the space at Cathedral and will be looking for a larger space for next year.
- Nashville After-Zone Alliance update – There are now 6 NAZA sites in our community centers and are adding additional sites each year. Three of our Metro Parks community centers were chosen to participate in the STEM program which is a grant funded pilot program that provides afterschool curricula in science, technology, engineering and math. Three community center recreation leaders, Shayla Humphries, Cassie Deas and Laura Branham attended two extensive weekend training sessions for the STEM program. Ms. Deas, Ms. Humphries and Ms. Branham presented a successful program to the Urban Science Exploration Winter Institute at the Nashville Public Library in January. There were eight cities represented at the institute.
- East Community Center has provided a warming shelter for the homeless on two occasions this winter, working with Social Services and the Sheriff's Departments this proved to be a very successful collaborative. To date over 200 people have been served at the shelter. Special thanks to Darlene Morrow and staff at East Community Center.

Rick Taylor-Consolidated Maintenance:

Kirby Biggs – Promoted to Masonry Crew Supervisor-32 Years' service

Terry Gleaves – Retired January 20 after 40 years with Parks

Work Orders

- 2 QTR (Oct, Nov, Dec) – 796/581 Completed
- January 316/151 Completed

Projects

- **Completed**

Looby Gymnasium – New Paint Completed

Hamilton Creek Park Concession New Roof Completed

Picnic Tables 130 Completed

- **In Progress**

Wave Country – Paint Flume Slides and all three of the buildings \$40K

Hodge House in Warner Park – New Floor \$5K

Edwin Warner Paving Old Road \$82K

Ascend Amphitheater - ITS/Live Nation WiFi and HVAC projects

Fuel Masters Installation \$165K

Safety Training – Heavy equipment, bucket truck, lifts, general safety
Baseball/Softball Fields Prep

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Rick Taylor-Consolidated Maintenance (con't.): Projects

- **In Progress**

Marina – Drawings completed this Month Construction to start in April
\$1.6M Drawings complete this month, construction start April,
Estimated Completion in June

Estimates to install a new roof on **Rec Building** \$300-\$400K

Harpeth Greenway – installation of 2 fountains donated by GFN

Tim Netsch – Planning/Capital Projects

- Final draft of **“Plan to Play”** presentation to Mayor Barry is scheduled for Monday, February 13 at the Downtown Library. After the presentation 2 weeks will be allowed for public comment with projected Parks Board review on March 7.
- **Fannie Mae Dees – Dragon Restoration** – initial stabilization underway with tile restoration being completed Fall 2017.
- **New Park in Goodlettsville** – located in the Manskers Creek area, design is underway should be onsite in February with a public event scheduled early 2017.
- **Madison Community Center** – Contracts awarded, groundbreaking to be scheduled with construction to start in February 2017.
- **Oakwood Park – Redevelopment** – Public meeting scheduled February 11th with design complete early 2017.
- **Smith Springs Community Center** – groundbreaking to be rescheduled, contract awarded and construction should begin February 2017.
- **Edwin Warner –Burch Reserve Connector Phase Two** – tunnel renegotiated, CSX contract dispute resolved, Construction restart pending Metro Council approval of CSX contract (late February). Once construction begins it should take 9 months to complete.

Cindy Harrison for Shain Dennison-Greenways/Open Space

- **I-440 Greenway Phase 1 Elmington to Centennial** – Preconstruction meeting Thursday, February 9, 2017. There is a 1 year construction period.
- **Whites Creek Greenway-former Scalf property** – Trail complete with exception of bridge. Abutments currently under construction, West Hamilton @ Clarksville Highway to Mullins.
- **Whites Creek Fontanel to Cedarwood** – Currently in early design and permitting process.
- **Mill Creek Park to Orchard Bend Park/TSRA Canoe Launch** – Final stages of permitting. School connection, blueway connection and park connection.

XII. ASSISTANT DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

Cindy Harrison for Shain Dennison-Greenways/Open Space(con't.):

- **Harpeth River HYSA Soccer to Highway 70** – currently preliminary planning and survey.
- **I-440 Greenway Phase I Gale Lane Park/Granny White Pike to Browns Creek Greenway @ Park Terrace via Lealand and Battlefield** – excess land applications underway.

Monique Odom-Deputy Director of Parks and Finance/Administration

- Currently working with George Anderson on refining guidelines for friends' groups and how they report their financial provision to Metro Parks.
- Parks' HR and Payroll staff working with ITS on implementing the KRONAS time system (scheduled to go live in May).
- Fy18 budget – Capital Budget submitted February 3 with Revenue Projections due February 10, 2017.

XIII. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Lynch made reference to a letter he received from Retired Captain William N. Heard, Jr. that was placed at each board member's seat regarding the USS *Tennessee* (later renamed USS *Memphis*), an armored cruiser commissioned in July 1906 and served the Navy for 10 years until 1916. A section of the ship's bow, including decorative scroll and eagle-and-shield escutcheon is in Centennial Park and Captain Heard has written this letter because of the condition of the monument. He has asked that Metro Parks take the necessary steps to refurbish it, provide an appropriate historical marker and maintain it. A copy of the letter was given to Mr. Tim Walker, Director of the Metro Historical Commission as well.

Mr. Lynch also addressed an issue regarding the name of Fred Douglas Park in East Nashville. The question of was Douglas Park named for Frederick Douglass, human rights leader in the anti-slavery movement and the first African-American citizen to hold a high U.S. government rank, or a native East Nashvillian came up in Nashville media this week. He said that the decades-old Parks Board minutes showed scribbling around the typed name of the park and Douglas written with one S. However, Mr. Lynch stated that the City of Nashville is owed the due diligence to investigate, using Metro Archives as well as the Historical Commission, to find definitive proof as the present board should look into the potential error of the past board and make the correction if warranted.

XIII. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR (con't.)

Mr. Lynch stated that the office has received numerous calls wanting to rename Peeler Park for Metro Officer Eric Mumaw who drowned in the line of duty at the Peeler Park boat ramp. Changing the name of the park may become an issue since Park Policy states once a park has been named, it cannot be renamed; however, we are looking to identify another area within Peeler Park to memorialize Officer Mumaw.

XIV. REPORT OF THE CHAIRPERSON

Ms. Smith announced that the March 7th board meeting will be held at 12:00 noon at the Shelby Bottoms Nature Center. A meeting for all board members regarding the selection process of the next Director of Parks will be held at 11:40 am preceding the board meeting.

XV. ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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

Thomas M. Lynch, Director

Christy Smith, Chairperson