

METROPOLITAN BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

March 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, March 7, 2017 at 12:00 pm at the Shelby Bottoms Nature Center, 1900 Davidson Street, Nashville, TN Board members present were: Ms. Christy Smith, Mr. Stan Fossick, Mr. George Anderson, Ms. Jenn Garcia, Dr. Michelle Steele, Dr. Jo Ann Brannon and Ms. Brenda Diaz-Flores. **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; Ms. Shain Dennison, Greenways; Mr. Jim Hester, Cultural and Outdoor Recreation/Special Events; Capt. Chris Taylor/Park Police; Ms. Jackie Jones, Superintendent/Public Information and **Ms. Katie Downey, representing the Metro Legal Department.**

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 7, 2017 APPROVED

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Dr. Brannon, the Board approved the minutes of the board meeting held Tuesday, February 7, 2017 as presented.

VI. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

Denise Weyer, Director of the Shelby Bottoms Nature Center, welcomed everyone to the nature center and invited all to return and participate in the many activities that are offered. On-site facilities include the nature center which houses natural and cultural history exhibits, programming space, art and photography exhibition space, and a library with many field ID guides, natural and cultural history titles and children's books; an organic demonstration and teaching garden; a Cumberland River Compact rain garden; a children's Nature Play area and trails; and the main trailhead for approximately five miles each of primitive hiking trails and paved ADA accessible trails.

Mr. Lynch thanked for Denise for her dedication to the department and illustrated that fact by telling how during the 2010 flood she accessed the nature center by kayak to investigate for damage and proudly reported the nature center was still intact.

VII. METRO COUNCIL REFERRALS

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

02-17-09

**SCOTT TYGARD REQUESTS AMENDMENT OF THE PARKS AND GREENWAYS
MASTER PLAN TO RELOCATE PROPOSED MIRACLE FIELD
FROM SHELBY PARK TO WARNER PARK**

Mr. Scott Tygard was present to request amendment of the Parks and Greenways Master Plan to reflect the relocation of the Miracle Field concept from Shelby Park to Warner Park.

Mr. Tygard distributed an information packet to the board and informed the board that **More Than Me, Inc.**, a non-profit comprised of former Vanderbilt baseball players have contacted him with the intention of providing \$250,000 to this project. Mr. Netsch, Assistant Director/Planning, stated once the edits to the Plan to Play Master Plan were completed dialogue between parties regarding this request could begin.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

03-17-01

BOARD APPROVES MARCH 2017 CONSENT AGENDA

Upon motion of Dr. Steele, seconded by Mr. Anderson, the board approved the March 2017 consent agenda as presented.

AMPLIFICATION APPROVAL

- Magalei Wedding Centennial Park Sunken Garden Fri., March 17, 2017
- MNPD Victim Intervention Centennial Park Event Shelter Sun., April 2, 2017
- Bridgestone Tower Topping Out Celebration Walk of Fame Park Fri., April 7, 2017
- Metro Social Services Cleveland Park-community awareness Sat., April 8, 2017
- Darvin Family Cookout McFerrin Park Sat., April 8,
- The Belonging Company Centennial Park Event Shelter-Easter Event Sat., April 15, 2017
- SAE Institute Nashville Tony Rose Park-music event Sat., May 6, 2017
- Rose Park Middle PTSO E.S. Rose Track-Family Field Day Sat., May 6, 2017
- Corey Gathings - Picnic Fannie Mae Dees Picnic Shelter 1 Sat., July 1, 2017
- Thomas Childress -Picnic Hadley Park Picnic Shelter 2 Sat., July 1, 2017
- Flores Wedding Centennial Park Sunken Garden Sat., July 22, 2017
- Nashville Striders Picnic/5K Edwin Warner Park Shelter #11 Sat., July 29, 2017
- Harris Wedding Centennial Park Sunken Garden Sat., Sept. 2, 2017
- 35th Annual African Street Festival Hadley Park Sept. 22, 23, 24, 2017

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03-17-01 (con't.)

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FUNDRAISING APPROVAL

- SORBAmidTN-Mountain Bike Race Hamilton Creek-Ned Shelton Trailhead April 1,15,29, 2017
- Paws for a Cause FK Edwin Warner Picnic Shelter 9 & 11 April 23, 2017

AMPLIFICATION AND FUNDRAISING APPROVAL

- Friends of Mill Creek Greenway Mill Creek Park/Greenway Sat., April 8, 2017
- Row for a Reason 2017 Centennial Park Front Lawn Sat., April 8, 2017
- Nashville Track Classic E. S. Rose Track Sat., May 20, 2017
- Nashville Shakespeare Festival Centennial Bandshell Aug.10-Sept.17, 2017
Thursday-Sunday
- Nashville CARES/AIDS Walk/Run Public Square Park Sat., Sept., 23, 2017
- What Do You Run For Riverfront Park Court of Flags Sat., Nov. 11, 2017

ALCOHOL APPROVAL

- Project 615 Nashville Spring Bash Parthenon Lawn Sun., April 30, 2017

AMPLIFICATION AND ALCOHOL APPROVAL

- Dennis/Todd wedding Hodge House-Percy Warner Park Sat., July 22, 2017
- Nashville Bar Association/Metro Legal Walk of Fame Park-picnic Thurs., Sept. 28,2017
- Wildhorse Saloon Best Western Riverfront Park-corporate event Tues., Nov 7, 2017
- JD Events-Music City Winterfest Centennial Park Cockrill Spring Zone Sat., Dec. 9, 2017

AMPLIFICATION, ALCOHOL AND FUNDRAISING APPROVAL

- Play Rec Sports/Nashville Sports Leagues Elmington Park/Field Day Sat., May 20, 2017
- CMA Festival Walk of Fame, Riverfront, June 8-11, 2017
West Riverfront Parks and Dock A
- Friends of Shelby Park/Pickin Party Cornelia Fort Airpark Saturdays, June 24
July 22, Aug. 19 and Sept. 23, 2017

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X. NEW BUSINESS

03-17-02

**BOARD DEFERS REQUEST OF THE TENNESSEE RIVERBOAT COMPANY
TO DOCK AT RIVERFRONT PARK ON A PERMANENT BASIS**

Mr. Mike Cheek, President of Tennessee Riverboat Company, was present to request permission from the board to dock a 600 passenger riverboat at Riverfront Park, location TBD, on a permanent basis beginning with the 2017 season. Mr. Cheek also distributed an information packet to the board.

Mr. Lynch stated that authorizations from other governmental agencies will have to be obtained before the board can act on this request; therefore, upon motion of Ms. Garcia, seconded by Dr. Brannon, the board approved deferral of this request.

03-17-03

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF STONY CREEK COLORS TO ENTER
INTO A PERMIT WITH METRO PARKS FOR USE OF GREENSPACE
IN YET TO BE DEVELOPED PARK IN GOODLETTSVILLE**

Ms. Sarah Bellos, representing Stony Creek Colors, was present to request permission from the board to enter into a permit with Metro Parks for use of approximately 2 acres of the yet to be developed park in Goodlettsville as a grow area for a test crop of Indigo while running an outdoor classroom for school children

Upon motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Ms. Garcia, the board unanimously approved request to enter into a *Permit for Facility Use* with Stony Creek Colors for use of property located in Goodlettsville Park on Old Springfield Highway adjacent to Manskers Creek for a one year period effective March 7, 2017 and renewable at the end of calendar year 2017.

03-17-04

**BOARD ACCEPTS DONATION OF A BATTING CAGE AND BULLPEN AREA
FROM THE FRIENDS OF GREEN HILLS GIRLS SOFTBALL
TO BE CONSTRUCTED IN GREEN HILLS PARK**

Correspondence from Rusty Miller, representing Friends of Green Hills Girls Softball, requesting the board to accept the donation of a batting cage and bullpen area (*the Cage*) and labor valued at \$17,250.00 to be constructed in Green Hills Park (adjacent to John Trotwood Moore Middle School) was presented to the board.

With no opposition from Metro Schools or the Friends of Green Hills Park and upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Dr. Brannon, the board accepted this donation from the Friends of Green Hills Girls Softball.

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BOARD ACCEPTS DONATION OF SEMI-PERMANENT DANCE FLOOR

**FROM THE FRIENDS OF METRO DANCE
TO BE INSTALLED AT Z. ALEXANDER LOOBY THEATER**

Ms. Kathryn Wilkening was present representing Ms. Stephanie Higgins, Board President of Friends of Metro Dance, to request board acceptance of a donation of a semi-permanent dance floor valued at \$20,000.00 to be installed at the Z. Alexander Looby Theater.

Upon motion of Dr. Brannon, seconded by Dr. Steele, the board accepted this donation from the Friends of Metro Dance with the following stipulations:

- The floor is semi-permanent and Friends of Metro Dance will make it available for rent to outside organizations. Friends of Metro Dance will retain 100% of the rental fee when the floor leaves the building. The rental schedule will be closely coordinated with the theater supervisor and the removal will not negatively impact the current occupants.
- If the dance floor is no longer needed at Lobby Theater due to renovation or destruction of said building, Friends of Metro Dance request the floor be returned to the Metro Parks Dance Division.

03-17-06

**BOARD APPROVES ACCEPTANCE OF APPROXIMATELY 1.52 ACRES OF LAND
LOCATED AT 2400 MCGAVOCK PIKE FROM RYMAN HOTELS, LLC**

Upon motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Dr. Brannon, the board granted approval to accept a donation of approximately 1.52 acres from Ryman Hotels, LLC, which includes a boat ramp and parking lot, at the terminus of McGavock Pike at the Cumberland River, 2400 McGavock Pike, map and parcels 06213012700 (.38 acre) and 06213012800 (1.4 acres) for Cumberland River access.

Metro Parks had been in discussion with Ryman Properties requesting an easement on or donation of the boat launch ramp on Ryman property for canoe and kayak access to the Cumberland. In the discussion with Ryman Hotels LLC over their water park development, it has been included in the city's arrangement with Ryman in lieu of tax agreement and amendment of ordinance BL2010-727.

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**BOARD APPROVES ACCEPTANCE OF APPROXIMATELY 1.52 ACRES OF LAND
LOCATED AT 2400 MCGAVOCK PIKE FROM RYMAN HOTELS, LLC**

The ramp and parking has been closed to the public. Tennessee Scenic Rivers Association (TSRA) representatives, who have organized and built with volunteers several access points (Stones River Greenway, Whites Creek Greenway, and Harpeth River Greenway) originally initiated the request for Metro Parks to obtain the easement from Ryman to increase canoe and kayak access points on the Cumberland River.

TSRA and Metro Parks' request has been for both public use and potential outfitter vendor/s use by Metro Parks permit.

This is consistent with recommendations of Plan to Play for development of Blueways to provide more river access for canoe/kayak activities and river recreation.

03-17-07

**BOARD CLARIFIES AND CORRECTS THE SPELLING OF THE FORMER
FRED DOUGLAS PARK NOW RECOGNIZED AS FREDERICK DOUGLASS PARK**

Mr. Lynch recognized and thanked the team of Dr. Reavis Mitchell, Fisk University; Dr. Bobby Lovett, retired from Tennessee State University; Dr. Linda Wynn, Fisk University and the Tennessee Historical Commission; Mr. David Ewing, Historian and Attorney, and Mr. Tim Walker, Executive Director of Metro's Historical Commission for their tireless research to right this mistake. Mr. Ewing was in attendance and thanked the board for amending this 80 year mistake as well as Mr. Walker who concurred and stated findings of the strong evidence available in support for the clarification and correction.

Upon motion of Dr. Brannon, seconded by Mr. Anderson, the board unanimously approved motion to clarify and correct the name of the 7 acre plot of land in East Nashville as **Frederick Douglass Park**. This park, since the late 1930's, was known as Fred Douglas Park. Policy 3000.1 of the Parks Board Manual states that once a park is named, the name cannot be changed; however, this action is viewed as a name clarification.

Extensive research was conducted by the aforementioned team and their conclusion "with relative certainty" was the park was, in fact, meant to be named after Frederick Douglass. This vote restored what is believed to be the originally intended name of the park honoring Douglass, an abolitionist born into slavery in 1818 and who later escaped to freedom and rose to prominence as an orator, author and champion of human rights.

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**BOARD CLARIFIES AND CORRECTS THE SPELLING OF THE FORMER
FRED DOUGLAS PARK NOW RECOGNIZED AS FREDERICK DOUGLASS PARK**

Supported documents include:

- A short article published in The Tennessean on June 7, 1936, which described plans for parade and field day activities at Frederick Douglass Park in East Nashville. The clipping is barely 100 words long and buried on Page 9, but it does mention "Frederick Douglass Park" as "the plot of land, bought for negroes of East Nashville."
- On July 5, 1938, The Tennessean published a story about the "dedication" of the park. It references "more than 1,000 Negroes assembled for the dedication of Fred Douglass Park for Negroes in East Nashville." Oddly, this piece published more than two years after the mention in 1936. And, to further confuse the issue, it uses the shorter first name "Fred." But it also spells "Douglass" with the double S, just as Frederick Douglass did.

Below are new articles reported about Douglass' visits to Nashville and the welcome reception and honoring of the abolitionist.

- During a 1873 visit to Fisk University, Douglass spoke with students and viewed the foundation of Jubilee Hall under construction. He also visited the Tennessee state Capitol and met with Gov. John C. Brown, toured the business section of the city, and visited the tomb of President James K. Polk. A few day later, he delivered an address at the Third Annual Fair of the Tennessee Colored Agricultural and Mechanical Association, [a speech now archived by the Library of Congress](#). In it, he referred to Nashville as a "city famous for its elegance and refinement, and the scene of so many thrilling events and patriotic associations during the late struggle for Union and liberty."
- A 1917 article in the Nashville Globe describes a gathering at Lea Avenue Church to celebrate Douglass' birthday. It also mentions a speech by the Honorable J.C. Napier — a Nashville attorney who was ex-register of the U.S. Treasury and president of the National Negro Business League — that lauded the "hearty reception by the citizens of the city" during Douglass' visits to Nashville. In the article, Douglass is often referred to as "Fred," and, in the headline, the second S is left off his last name.
- **Please note that the above information regarding supporting documents was obtained from article composed by Jessica Bliss of the *Tennessean*.**

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BOARD GRANTS FINAL APPROVAL THE "PLAN TO PLAY" MASTER PLAN FOR PARKS AND GREENWAYS

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick and seconded by Ms. Diaz-Flores, the Board granted conditional approval to the Master Plan. Approval was conditional based on minor

edits (typos, misspellings, etc.) by staff.

03-17-09

**UPDATE ON THE SELECTION PROCESS FOR THE POSITION
OF DIRECTOR OF PARKS**

Ms. Christy Smith, Chairperson of the Parks Board, stated that a second meeting of the board in this continual process was held at 11:30 am preceding board meeting. Their goal is to work with Metro Human Resources and Metro Legal to select the very best director by putting together a sub-committee of 1 board member and members of other park areas. A search firm will not be utilized in this process. She stated that they do not want to drag out the process, but because they want to take the time necessary to select an appropriate candidate the search could take up to a year.

Please note that Metro Parks is governed by a seven-member Board that meets at noon on the first Tuesday of each month. The department employs over 500 regular employees, maintains 15,000 acres of open space, including 187 parks and playgrounds, and 19 greenways. One of the highest priorities of the department is providing safe recreational and cultural activities for the citizens of Davidson County. The mission statement also recognizes the responsibility to preserve and protect the region's natural resources.

03-17-10

**BOARD APPROVES SELECTION OF MONIQUE ODOM
AS INTERIM DIRECTOR OF PARKS**

Upon motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Dr. Brannon, the board recommended ultimate approval of Monique to serve as Interim Director of Parks effective Friday, March 19, 2017.

Ms. Odom, a native of Nashville and a graduate of Whites Creek High School, holds a B.A. degree from Fisk University and a Master of Public Administration from Tennessee State University's College of Public Service and Urban Affairs and has been an employee of Metro Nashville Government for 15 years and with Metro Parks Finance and Administrative Division since 2006.

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**BOARD APPROVES SELECTION OF MONIQUE ODOM
AS INTERIM DIRECTOR OF PARKS**

Monique has also secured the following achievements:

- named Deputy Director of Parks in February 2016;

- successfully completed year one of the National Recreation and Park Association's two-year Directors School;
- Certified Municipal Finance Officer (CMFO) by the Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury;
- has served as the program coordinator for Metro's Human Relations Commission where she supervised all fiscal and administrative functions and oversaw the Commission's programming efforts;
- Certified Diversity Trainer, with expertise in Rule 31 - *Civil Mediation, Public Utility Regulation, Non-profit Program Management, and Corporate Human Resources.*

XI. UPCOMING SPECIAL ACTIVITIES/EVENTS – Jackie Jones

Ms. Jackie Jones announced the following events for March:

Richland Farmers Market Richland Park March 9 @ 11:00 am

Newroz Warner Park Sunday, March 19@10:00 am
(Kurdish New Year celebration)

XII. ASSISTANT DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

Jim Hester

Special Events: Event permitting is picking up as we head into Spring. In 2016 we brought in \$180,175 dollars for permitted special events. We adjusted fees upwards for this year after checking around with some of our peer cities on their event fees and have already brought in \$208,815 dollars on 177 fewer events than in 2016, so are on track to basically double fee revenue from 2016.

XII. ASSISTANT DIRECTOR'S REPORTS (con't.)

Jim Hester

Natural Resources/Outdoor Rec:

Kayak the Cumberland River on April 1. Let me know if you and or your family are interested.

Burch Reserve Hike on March 10, but a Parks Board hike can be planned for Burch Reserve and/or the Hill Forest whenever board would like. Best to do it before the ticks are out.

Cultural Arts:

Jim stated classes and programming are in full swing for the winter session; Theater, Dance and Visual Arts classes are now using online registration and payment systems for those classes, which is a first for the Parks Department. Thanks to Bob Benson for helping set that up.

John Holmes

Aquatics:

February 25th-26th: Excel Southeastern Swimming Region Championships had 619 participants competing at the middle and high school level. They used roughly 24 hours of pool time and will pay about \$7,200 for facility rental and staffing. The estimated economic impact is \$850,000.

March 3rd-5th: Southern Premier Swim Meet had 639 participants competing at the middle school and high school level. They used around 36 hours of pool time and will be paying about \$7,000. The total estimated economic impact was just over \$1,000,000.

Long Course season will be starting this week! This will lead to the start of Long Course swim meets, the first being the Summer Sizzler, June 22nd-24th.

Ice:

March 3-5: Country & Western Showdown Youth Hockey Tournament had 56 teams this weekend (roughly 850 players) with age range of 8 -14. These are B and single A level teams (Novice and intermediate). Teams come in from Atlanta, St. Louis, Indianapolis, Pensacola, Louisville, Huntsville and Knoxville, as well as several local teams. Estimated economic impact is \$1,000,000.

March 17-19: Country & Western Showdown Youth Hockey Tournament will have 20-25 teams (300-400 players) and will be AA and possibly AAA level teams (Advanced and Elite). Estimated economic impact is \$500,000.

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XII. ASSISTANT DIRECTOR'S REPORTS (con't.)

John Holmes

Ice (con't.):

March 24-26: Weekend Adult Hockey Tournament will have 28-32 teams (375-425 players). This company is based out of Canada and normally brings several Canadian teams, as well as teams from Buffalo, Chicago, Detroit and Tampa Bay. Estimated economic impact is \$800,000.

March 31 - April 2: Can/Am adult hockey tournament will have 24-28 teams (325-375 players). Normally have 2-3 Canadian teams, and also bring in teams from similar locations as weekend hockey. Estimated economic impact is \$750,000.

Sally Davis

Metro Parks Youth Council - The youth council has met twice since its inception. There are 14 youth serving on the council representing Community Programs, Nature Centers, Cultural Arts and Outdoor Recreation. Darlene Morrow, Facilities Manager at East Community Center, and Cassie Deas, Recreation Leader at Coleman Community Center, are serving as co-advisers to the youth council. Our youth council will be attending the Mayor's Youth Council Meeting in April. Metro Parks Youth Council is also planning a community service project for Morgan Community Center. Their plans are to create a community garden at Morgan Park. Shatika White, Program Coordinator at Morgan, had a request from the community to build a garden. The youth council determined that this garden will be a Sensory Garden that is designed with the purpose of stimulating the senses. They have diverse interests and have taken on different roles to research what this garden project entails. As the project proceeds, their progress will be updated. We have a wonderful group of talented youth that are serving on our youth council.

During the summer, a visit to a Parks Board meeting will be scheduled so that they can experience a board meeting and the procedures that are followed.

NAZA Program - (Nashville After Zone Alliance) - Presently, we have 6 community centers that successfully implemented the NAZA program. Stevon Neloms, Superintendent of Community Programs, has been diligently working with the NAZA coordinators to bring the NAZA program to an additional 10 Metro Parks centers. The NAZA program started in Mayor Dean's office and found a permanent home in the Metro Public Library Department at the end of Mayor Dean's term. We have worked closely with them to establish the NAZA curriculum in Parks after school programs. The NAZA program also brings needed funding to our after school programs. We are given a budget of \$1000.00 per child served for a school year.

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XII. ASSISTANT DIRECTOR'S REPORTS (con't.)

Sally Davis

Summer Enrichment Program - Sign-ups for the summer enrichment program will be on Saturday, April 22nd beginning at 8:00 a.m. All 25 of our community centers will offer a summer enrichment program and we anticipate serving over 2700 children.

Rick Taylor

Employee Recognition

- Randall Lantz, Superintendent - 2017 Nashville Lawn and Garden Show
28th Year - 150 Vendors 250 exhibits 14,000 in attendance

“With this year’s show, we will showcase the traditional gardens our visitors have come to love, in addition to new ideas in sustainability, gardening for those living in urban areas, and even ways in which our next generation can become involved in gardening, recycling, and preserving the landscape,” said Randall Lantz, co-manager of the Nashville Lawn & Garden Show.

Work Orders

- January 316/151 Completed; 316 208
- February 251/120

Projects

- **Completed**
 - Scoreboard Installation At Sportsplex \$3000
 - Athletic Fields Pre-Emergent Application \$20,000
 - Greenway Fencing at First TN Ballpark Sounds should be completed today
 - Frederick Douglass Park Sign Completed and ready for installation
 - Cattle off of Lytle Farm
- **In Progress**
 - Cleveland Pool Renovation \$100K
 - Gymnasium HVAC: Looby, Old Hickory, Shelby, Antioch \$425K
 - Ascend Bus Parking is close to completion \$50K
 - Live Nation Wi-Fi project has started
 - Ascend Fencing
 - Marina – Construction to start mid- April/Complete end of August \$1.6M
 - Wave Country Flume Slide painting

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XII. ASSISTANT DIRECTOR’S REPORTS (con’t.)

Rick Taylor

Projects

- **Planning Phase**
 - Old Hickory CC – Tennis Court Remodel and New Basketball Court \$150K
 - Heery HVAC Consulting for Hartman, Hadley and McCabe Centers
 - New Roof Rec Building cost estimate \$400K
 - Dell Soccer Parking Lot Re-Striping \$8000

Shain Dennison

Greenways

- Whites Creek at Clarksville Highway ready to open, planning spring ribbon cutting
- Whites Creek Greenway at Fontanel Phase II designed
- 440 Greenway Phase I construction delayed but should start in spring
- 440 Greenway Phase II ROW process underway with TDOT
- Harpeth River Greenway Soccer to 70 designed, will include separation of parking for greenway and soccer

Tim Netsch

Planning/Capital Projects

- Hadley Tennis bid is in and currently in negotiations.
- Goodlettsville Park – design complete, begin construction this summer.
- Madison Community Center –groundbreaking held and construction should be complete Spring 2018.
- Shelby Stream Mitigation – public meeting will be held in April.
- Smith Springs Community Center – groundbreaking held and construction should be complete Spring 2018.
- Edwin Warner/Burch Reserve – construction contractor to remobilize within 2 weeks and should be completed by end of calendar year 2017.

Monique Odom

Thanked the board, Tommy Lynch and staff for their support and confidence in being named Interim Director of Parks.

- Acknowledged the attendance of Ms. Chinita White and Ms. Rose Hirschy, Budget Analysts from the Office of OMB.
- Budget hearing with Mayor Barry and the Metro Finance Department is scheduled for Tuesday, March 14 at 11:15 am in the Mayor’s Media Room.

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Monique Odom (con’t.)

- Reported that the department is moving forward by converting to the Kronos time keeping system, thereby doing away with paper timecards.
- Continuing to work with George Anderson on the development of collecting financial information from our friends groups.

XIII. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Lynch, with great emotion, thanked everyone for their support during his 46 years of service with Metro Parks and stated that the department will continue to do fine with the corporation of the Finance Department.

XIV. REPORT OF THE CHAIRPERSON

Ms. Smith read the following to the audience with regard to Mr. Lynch:

“On behalf of the board of directors, I would like to thank Tommy for all he has done over the last 46 years for our city, our parks, and our people. When thinking about a replacement for his position, many things come to mind. Tommy has the history of the parks and people and the programs, he has connectivity to all facets of Metro Government. He has seen the inception and growth of all the friends’ groups. His calm and understated strength is pervasive in every conversation he has. People of all walks of life respect him. Still – Tommy has a vision for where parks will be; he understands the opportunities and makes things happen every day – even still working on plans as of this morning.

In looking for a replacement for him – I know that we will not find a Tommy Lynch. There is no one else like him. We wish him the very best as he starts the next chapter of his life with his family and friends and even his new opportunities professionally and philanthropically.”

Upon completion, all in attendance gave Mr. Lynch a standing ovation.

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XV. ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Anderson invited all in attendance to the Retirement Celebration scheduled for Tommy on Thursday, March 23, 5:30 – 7:30 at the West Stadium Club of Nissan Stadium.

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

Monique Odom, Interim Director

Christy Smith, Chairperson

