

METROPOLITAN BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

April 4, 2017

A meeting of the Board of Parks and Recreation of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee was held on Tuesday, April 4, 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, Dr. Jo Ann Brannon and Ms. Brenda Diaz-Flores.

Staff present were: 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 MARCH 7, 2017 APPROVED

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Ms. Garcia, the Board approved the minutes of the board meeting held Tuesday, March 7, 2017 as presented.

VI. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

RECOGNITION OF THE MCFERRIN COMMUNITY CENTER STAFF FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE OF DUTIES WITH REGARD TO A RECENT SHOOTING INCIDENT

Ms. Sally Davis introduced Mr. Carlos Cook, Program Coordinator and Ms. Kim McBee, Recreation Leader from McFerrin Community Center to the board. Ms. Davis explained to the board the heroic efforts these two employees took to keep the children who were in the center at that time safe. Ms. Davis thanked Mr. Cook and Ms. McBee for their unselfish actions and leadership shown on Monday, March 13, 2017. The board and all in attendance gave Mr. Cook and Ms. McBee a standing ovation.

MS. JANE MACLEOD, PRESIDENT/CEO OF CHEEKWOOD BOTANICAL GARDENS PROVIDES ANNUAL UPDATE TO THE BOARD

Ms. MacLeod announced that Cheekwood is currently closed for a major restoration and will reopen on June 17. Cheekwood is reclaiming its heritage as a Bryant Fleming Estate. Mr. Fleming designed Cheekwood, as well as the Warner Park Allée. The staff of Cheekwood is currently working with the Friends of Warner Parks to acquaint the public with Bryant Fleming and upon completion of the restoration a day will be declared "Bryant Fleming Day" in his memory.

She also reported that Cheekwood has donated outdoor artwork currently displayed in Riverview Gardens adjacent to Ascend Amphitheater. This artwork will remain at the Riverfront location for a few years and then return to Cheekwood.

VI. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS (con't)

MS. JANE MACLEOD, PRESIDENT/CEO OF CHEEKWOOD BOTANICAL GARDENS PROVIDES ANNUAL UPDATE TO THE BOARD

Ms. MacLeod announced "*Seed Your Future*" is a national initiative to promote horticulture as a vital, viable and exciting career path for the nation's youth and Cheekwood is partnering with Tennessee State University to advance the knowledge of horticulture as the art, technology and science of growing plants. Currently there are 3 interns working with Cheekwood and TSU staff members are bringing their classes there, as well.

MS. MEREDITH BOWEN PROVIDED THE BOARD AN UPDATE OF AREA RESIDENTS' PERSPECTIVE OF RESERVOIR PARK

Ms. Bowen thanked the board and staff for changing the hours of Reservoir Park, lighting at the athletic courts and updating park signage. She stated there has been a dramatic change in park use especially after the brush removal and the removal of tents, mattresses, etc. from the park area.

Ms. Bowen requested that the public alley behind homes be blocked off from traffic and a gate installed, which would be locked during hours the park is closed, because of the presence of drug activity. Staff informed Ms. Bowen that the alley cannot be blocked because it is public alleyway used for trash pickup of area residents. She also stated that park police presence has diminished and safety concerns have once again risen. Captain Chris Taylor stated that police reports indicate no increase in calls for Reservoir Park. Mr. Fossick suggested to Ms. Bowen that she contact the newly opened police precinct in her area and request a meeting with officers to voice her safety concerns regarding her home and adjacent areas. She stated she had reached out to them, but has received no response to date. Mr. Fossick said he will contact the precinct commander regarding increasing Metro Police's patrolling of the area.

Ms. Odom stated that Metro Parks will continue to work with area residents to insure the park is safe for everyone; however, it is a public park and all citizens are welcome. Ms. Odom addressed Ms. Bowen's concern of the homeless sleeping in the park by stating park patrons may sleep in the park during park hours, just not camp overnight.

Ms. Odom suggested that Ms. Bowen contact her office to schedule a meeting with Captain Taylor and Ms. Odom to discuss her concerns regarding Reservoir Park.

VI. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS (con't)

MR. JASON CAMPBELL UPDATES BOARD ON SORBAMIDTN

Mr. Jason Campbell, President of SorbamidTN, was present and reported that in 2016 Sorba logged 2000 volunteer hours which is valued at \$41,840. Sorba has also constructed 2 miles of trail in Bells Bend Park this year with the help of boy scouts and other volunteers. SorbamidTN currently has 250 members and volunteers and was awarded a RCP grant.

VII. METRO COUNCIL REFERRALS

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

04-17-01

BOARD APPROVES APRIL 2017 CONSENT AGENDA

Upon motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Ms. Diaz-Flores, the board approved the April 2017 consent agenda as presented.

AMPLIFICATION APPROVAL

- The Donelson Fellowship Two Rivers Park-Annual Easter Egg Hunt Sat., April 15, 2017
- Back to the Hood for Jesus Kirkpatrick Baseball Field-church event Sat., April 15, 2017
- Nashville Peace & Justice Ctr Public Square Park-Nashville Tax March Sat., April 15, 2017
- Metro Arts Commission Public Square Park-Artwork Dedication Fri., April 21, 2017
- Music City Inc. Walk of Fame Park-Induction Ceremony Thurs., April 27,2017
- Siloam Health Sevier Park Shelter 1 - picnic Sat., April 29, 2017
- Jesus Kingdom is #1 South Inglewood Shelter 1 - picnic Sat., April 29, 2017
- Siloam Health Edwin Warner Shelter 10 - picnic Sat., April 29, 2017
- East Nashville Farmers Mkt Shelby Park-Wednesdays 3:30-7:00 pm May 3-Oct. 25, 2017
- Richland Farmers Mkt Richland Park-Saturdays 9:00am-12:30pm May 6-Dec. 23, 2017
- HardWin Adventures Bells Bend Park – 10 mile trail race Sat., May 6, 2017
- March Against Monsanto Riverfront Court of Flags- Protest Walk Sat., May 20, 2017
- Sheranda Leemoore Centennial Park Picnic Shelter Sun., May 21, 2017
- Davidson County Regents Council City Cemetery-Flag Day Celebration Wed., June 14, 2017
- Success Eidon Cane Ridge Shelter 1-picnic Sat., June 17, 2017
- Alyssa Rachford Percy Warner Golf Pavilion-wedding reception Sat., June 17, 2017
- D'Aundrial Sanders Centennial Park Sunken Garden-wedding Tues., July 4, 2017
- 3rd Annual Back to School Day Southeast Park – Community Festival Sun., July 16, 2017
- Antioch Community Health/Welfare Expo Park @ Antioch Community Cnt Sat., July 29, 2017
- Friendship Missionary Baptist Hartman Park-Praise in the Park Sun., Aug. 6, 2017
- Christopher Bennett Watkins Park-Radio Show Broadcast Sat., Sept. 9, 2017
- Church of the Redeemer Sevier Park-St. Francis Festival Sat., Sept. 30, 2017
- Nashville Sports Council East Park-Sports Festival for ages 6-12 Sat., Oct. 21, 2017
- Superfly Running Inc. Two Rivers Park/Greenway – Walk/Race Sat., March 10, 2017

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04-17-01

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FUNDRAISING APPROVAL

- American Legion Post 5 Elmington Park – Shred event Sat., April 29, 2017
- Sigma Lambda Gamma Sorority Centennial Walking Loop/Event Shelter Sat., July 1, 2017
- Sheneka Davis-walk/race Hadley Bandshell, walking path, shelters Sat., Aug., 19, 2017
- GiGi's Playhouse Nashville Warner Park shelters 9 & 11-fun run Sat., Sept., 23, 2017
- Springboard Landings Centennial Bandshell/walking path-walk Sat., Sept. 30, 2017

AMPLIFICATION AND FUNDRAISING APPROVAL

- Nashville Gurdwara-Vaisakhi celebration Edwin Warner shelters 6&10 Sat., April 22, 2017
- Granbery Elementary Granbery Park-Trucks & Tunes Festival Sat., April 22, 2017
- United Mitochondrial Disease Fdn Centennial Event Shelter-walkathon Sat., April 29, 2017
- Girls on the Run 5K Cumberland Park/East Bank Sat., May 6, 2017
- Run for Wellness 5K Shelby Bottoms Park/Riverview Shelter Sat., June 24, 2017
- What Do You Run For Shelby Park Event Field/5K Course Sat., Aug., 19, 2017
- Learning Matters, Inc. Centennial Park Event Shelter-5K Sun., Sept. 17, 2017
- Neighborhoods Resource Ctr. Elizabeth Park-Neighborhood Celebration Sat., Sept. 30, 2017
- National Kidney Foundation Warner Park-Walk Sun., Oct. 22, 2017

AMPLIFICATION AND ALCOHOL APPROVAL

- Nashville Symphony-concert Centennial Front Lawn Thurs., June 8, 2017
- Cumberland River Compact Cumberland Park-concert Wed., July 12, 2017
- Athens of the South East Park-music/arts festival Sat., Oct. 14, 2017
- Tim Duggan-wedding and reception Cornelia Fort Air Park Sat., Sept. 30, 2017

AMPLIFICATION, ALCOHOL AND FUNDRAISING APPROVAL

- Sylvan Park Neighborhood Assoc. Richland Park-community festival Sat., May 20, 2017
- Teremy Banks-Nu Era Music Festival Riverfront Park Sat., July 29, 2017
- Friends of Green Hills Park Green Hills Park-community festival Sat., Sept. 16, 2017
- Law Enforcement Torch Run Cumberland Park Thurs., Sept. 21, 2017
- Leukemia/Lymphoma Society East Bank Landing-walk Fri., Oct. 20, 2017

X. NEW BUSINESS

04-17-02

**BOARD GRANTS APPROVAL TO MS. TIA ROSE MIRENDA
TO ESTABLISH A FARMERS MARKET IN COLEMAN PARK
ON THURSDAYS FROM MAY 4 – OCTOBER 26, 2017**

Application submitted by Ms. Tia Rose Mirenda, representing Woodbine Farmers Market, requesting permission to enter into a permit with Metro Parks to establish a farmers market on Thursdays, 4:00 – 7:00 pm, at Coleman Park from May 4 – October 26, 2017 with like requirements of current farmers markets which operate in Metro Parks was presented to the board.

Upon motion of Ms. Garcia, seconded by Ms. Diaz-Flores, the board unanimously granted approval to Ms. Mirenda to establish the Woodbine Farmers Market, a community supported market, to be located on the grounds of Coleman Park.

04-17-03

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF THE FRIENDS OF TWO RIVERS MANSION TO
INCREASE EVENT MEMBERSHIP FEES EFFECTIVE APRIL 4 2017**

Mr. Phillip Claiborne, representing Friends of Two Rivers Mansion, was present to request board approval to increase event membership fees effective April 4, 2017 as follows:

	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Monday through Thursday fee	\$800.00	\$1,000.00
Saturday	\$2,000.00	\$2,700.00
Sunday	\$1,500.00	\$2,000.00

Upon motion of Dr. Steele, seconded by Dr. Brannon, the board unanimously approved this request and is in agreement with the Friends of Two Rivers Mansion that increasing said fees is appropriate so that they remain consistent with other venues in this market and with the anticipated growth Two Rivers Mansion.

Mr. Claiborne stated that the Master Plan for Two Rivers Mansion was completed in 2016 at a cost of \$87,000 with \$30,000 covered by Tennessee Historical Grant, \$47,000 by FOTRM and Metro Parks covered the remaining balance.

In 2015 the Mansion secured 95 days of actual calendar events with 8,385 visitors. In 2016 the Mansion secured 96 days of actual calendar events with 12,661 visitors. To date, 57 days have been secured for 2017.

In February a primitive trail to the springhouse was completed, installation of new signage designed with native rock from the property has been installed at the front entrance to the mansion and installation of fencing should be completed by the end of April. Currently the board is developing 2 educational programs regarding the Mississippian Indian Period and Slave Plantation Life and Culture

X. NEW BUSINESS

04-17-04

BOARD GRANTS APPROVAL TO AMENDMENT TWO OF LEASE AGREEMENT WITH BELMONT UNIVERSITY AT E.S. ROSE PARK

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Ms. Garcia, the board approved amendment two to the existing lease agreement between Metro Government, through Metro Parks, with Belmont University for property improvement of the addition of an 80 x 120 foot building in E. S. Rose Park. Belmont University will construct at its own expense an 80 x 120 foot indoor batting facility and related training space, office and meeting room and Metro Parks will continue to schedule use of the facility in the same manner it does now. Other stipulations of amendment are:

Belmont's annual lease payment to Metro Parks will increase by \$5,000 and shall be divided proportionately between Metro Parks, Rose Park Middle School and Carter Lawrence Elementary School.

Belmont agrees to replace any trees that are removed for construction with additional small trees equal to combined total caliper of trees removed. No improvements shall place chain link fencing around park. Access to parking and to the park shall not be limited unless to improve safety of Carter Lawrence or Rose Park dismissal of students. Belmont agrees to:

- Minimize the disruption to adjacent schools and residents.
- Maximize the safety of school children and pedestrians.
- Minimize dust associated with construction.

04-17-05

BOARD APPROVES APPLICATION AND ULTIMATE ACCEPTANCE OF THE NRPA/WALMART FOUNDATION 2017 HEALTHY OUT OF SCHOOL TIME GRANT

Upon motion of Ms. Garcia, seconded by Ms. Diaz-Flores, the board unanimously approved application and ultimate acceptance of the NRPA/Walmart Foundation 2017 Healthy Out-of-School Time Grant in the amount of \$35,000 as an endeavor between the Division of Community Programs, in partnership with the Division of Special Services of Metro Parks.

Sally Davis expressed her appreciation to parks employees, Tiffanie Fletcher and Nethraja Rajaratnam, for writing this grant. This grant will provide kitchen equipment, health education training for staff, nutrition education and physical activity information for our youth and community members, more importantly this grant will continue to increase access to meals in our community and health related education as a whole. By Utilizing these grant funds, Metro Parks' staff looks to promote the development of a health consciousness Nashville by influencing community behavior and wellness, overall reducing rates of hypertension, diabetes, and obesity in our community.

X. NEW BUSINESS

04-17-06

BOARD DEFERS PROPOSAL TO OPERATE
A NATURE FOCUSED PRESCHOOL PROGRAM IN METRO PARKS

Ms. Vera Vollbrecht, representing Warner Park Nature Center, presented a proposal to operate a nature focused preschool pilot program in Metro Parks to the board.

Ms. Vollbrecht stated that this nature focused preschool pilot program can be duplicated in many Metro Parks facilities and would be operated by friends groups as a fee based full day preschool program for children ages three to five. The two locations proposed for the 2017-18 academic year would be located at the Warner Park Nature Center and the Shelby Park Community Center pursuant to a partnership among Metro Parks, Friends of Warner Parks and Friends of Shelby Park. The schools would be operated by a third party, ***A New Leaf*** preschool, under the umbrella of each friends organization.

The pilot programs:

- are proposed on two park sites, one suburban and one urban, opposite sides of Davidson County and will operate 8:00 am – 2:30 pm making the program manageable for working parents. Children would be enrolled annually on the school year calendar and attend classes for two to five days per week.
- offer Scholarships to those in need. A sliding scale for enrollment fees and/or a financial assistance program would ensure that the program remains open and available to all.
- will operate out of existing facilities and because much of the time is spent in the outdoors very few modifications will be needed. During the development of this project, regular opportunities will be provided for other facilities to participate in and learn from the nature-based preschool staff through mechanisms such as mentoring, training, sharing lesson plans, standing committee meetings, periodic briefings and written materials that outline the process and best practices for development of a nature focused preschool program.
- Burden of revenue generation and expenses will fall under the umbrella of the friends groups and they will invest surpluses in the parks and park facilities.

X. NEW BUSINESS

04-17-06 (con't.)

BOARD DEFERS PROPOSAL TO OPERATE
A NATURE FOCUSED PRESCHOOL PROGRAM IN METRO PARKS

The board thanked Vera for her presentation. Ms. Garcia asked how many children will be served and Vera stated in the first year 24 at Warner and 12-24 at Shelby. Dr. Brannon asked if this program could include the public schools early learning centers such as Ross, Casa Azafrán, Davis, and Cambridge and Vera replied, yes, it could be used as a training center for educators.

Upon motion of Ms. Garcia, seconded by Dr. Brannon, the board deferred this request for further evaluation by the Metro Legal Department.

04-17-07

MS. ODOM AND MR. ANDERSON REQUEST DEFERENTIAL
ON PROPOSED REPORTING POLICY FOR METRO PARKS FRIENDS GROUPS
UNTIL THE MAY MEETING OF THE BOARD

Upon motion of Ms. Garcia, seconded by Ms. Diaz-Flores, the board deferred this request to the May board meeting.

04-17-08

ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS
EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 2017 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2018

Upon motion of Ms. Garcia, seconded by Ms. Diaz-Flores, the Board elected:

Mr. George Anderson as Chairperson for one year

Upon motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Fossick, the Board elected:

Ms. Jenn Garcia as Vice-chairperson for one year

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Ms. Diaz-Flores, the Board elected:

Ms. Monique Odom as Secretary for one year

Parks Board Officers to assume office May 1, 2017, as per section 1000.4 of the Metro Parks Policy Manual.

XI. UPCOMING SPECIAL ACTIVITIES/EVENTS

Ms. Jackie Jones announced the following events for April:

Cherry Blossom Festival	Public Square Park	Saturday, April 8
Dedication of Witness Walls	Public Square Park	Friday, April 21
Earth Day	Centennial Park	Saturday, April 22
Walk of Fame Inductees	Walk of Fame Park	Thursday, April 27

There are 10 egg hunts in 8 parks and 16 races in 9 parks scheduled April 8 -30, 2017.

XII. ASSISTANT DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

Jim Hester

Congratulated Jackie Jones for the incredible job she did in researching, promoting, and planning the Frederick Douglass event held on Wednesday, March 15, 2017.

Special Events: This coming Saturday we have 21 permitted events all over the county, these include eight runs or walks, a beer festival, a very large crawfish boil, the Cherry blossom festival, family and community picnics, three Easter Egg hunts, and one wedding. And we have nine Easter Egg hunts next weekend. April 15/16. Ascend season starts with a Thomas Rhett concert April 20. Walk of Fame Induction of Amy Grant and Martha Ingram April 27 at 1 pm.

Natural Resources/Outdoor Rec: Solar Eclipse on August 21st. There hasn't been a total eclipse that came across the United States since 1918. Nature Center Staff and Community Center staff are going through training at the Adventure Science Center and Fort Negley is going to be jointly working with ASC on setting up St. Cloud hill as a city viewing location.

April 14th – 18th we will be one of 16 cities participating in the nationwide City Nature Challenge. This participation is partnership between our nature centers and the Cumberland River Compact to participate. During the challenge you are encouraged to snap a photo and upload your wildlife observations to iNaturalist. It will help us understand what plants and animals call Nashville home and show them to the rest of the country. The Nature Centers are hosting three bioblitz events on April 15 as part of this event, you can register for those online at the Nature Center section of the Parks website.

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

Jim Hester (con't.)

Cultural Arts: The Cultural Arts staff is looking forward to working with our allotment of Opportunity Now youth and are working on a program that expose them to potential careers in the cultural arts by actually providing hands on cultural arts programming. We are coordinating with our community centers to provide this programming created by the youth in the community centers during the Opportunity Now work period and it will all culminate with a performance where the youth will have participated in set design, choreography, music and drama to put on the performance.

John Holmes

Spring is upon us and the season for sports is here. We are proud at the Parks Department to be able to provide facilities that benefit participants of all ages in the enjoyment of sports related activities.

This week is an exciting time for us as the fields opened for play on April 1st. Most sports leagues had their opening days this weekend as well.

We had thousands of users enjoying the following activities and parks:

- **Soccer** games were held at: Ted Rhodes, Dell, Warner, Dudley, E.S. Rose, Shelby, Elmington, and Heartland.
- **Softball** games were being played at: Green Hills, Cedar Hill, East Park, Shelby, South Inglewood, Hadley, Looby, Whitfield, and Watkins.
- **Flag Football** games were played at: Warner, Elmington, and Richland.
- **Rugby** was played at: Dudley and Ezell.
- **Baseball** games were at: Madison, Cleveland, E.S. Rose, Shelby, Looby, Whitfield, and McCabe.
- **Kickball** games at: Cleveland, East Park, Hadley, Morgan, and Whitfield.
- **Cricket** games were held at Whites Creek and Ted Rhodes.
- **Ultimate Frisbee** was played at E.S. Rose and Morgan Park.
- **Volleyball** games were played at Centennial.

John expressed his appreciation to the maintenance staff for all of their efforts in preparing these fields for play this week!

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

Sally Davis

Summer Enrichment Program Sign Ups open at 8:00am on Saturday, April 22nd at all of the community centers.

Parks has applied for and been awarded a grant through the National Recreation and Parks Association for \$25,000.00. The Commit to Health grant will provide the following:

1. increasing the number of meals served through the federal nutrition programs during out-of-school times;
2. providing nutrition education to children and families;
3. implementing nutrition standards at park and recreation sites; and
4. implementation of meal and program efficiencies that increase community sustainability.

Stevon Neloms is working closely with the NAZA coordinators to establish the NAZA program at 10 additional centers this coming fall. That will bring our number to 16 centers participating in this wonderful program. The funding that comes with the NAZA program allows us to provide an extensive and well planned after-school experience for community center children.

Rick Taylor

Staff Recognition

Bryan Morgan and carpenters are working with Alonzo Rhodes at Watkins Park Community Center teaching the kids and basic carpentry skills to assist with various craft making.

Work Orders

- January 316/229
- February 251/176
- March 391/238
- 3rd Quarter 958/643

Projects - Completed

- Ascend Bus Parking
- Exhaust Fans at Greenhouse
- French Drains at Green Hills Ball fields

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

Rick Taylor (con't.)

Projects - In Progress

- River Front West Bank Electrical Renovation
- Condition Assessment of Greenways Bridges and Boardwalks
- Sportsplex Small Pool Filter Equipment Room Renovation
- Summer Pools
- Scoreboards at Cedar Hill Park

Reservoir Park clean-up: Water Services did most of the work at Reservoir with the help of DCSO and Parks staff.

Tim Netsch

Planning/Capital Projects:

- Hadley Tennis construction bid is in and currently in negotiations-should be built and operating Fall 2017.
- Ravenwood/Lytle Park Master Plan is currently underway with a public event slated for 1:00 – 4:00 pm on Saturday, May 20, 2017.
- 500 acre Southeast/Antioch Master Plan underway with a public event slated for 1:0 – 4:00 pm on Sunday, May 21, 2017.
- Edwin Warner/Burch Reserve – agreement resolved and construction should begin this month.

Completed within the last 12 months:

- Site lighting upgrades at Hadley, Hartman and McCabe Centers
- Plan to Play Parks and Greenways Master Plan
- Shelby Bottoms/Cornelia Fort Fitness Equipment

Shain Dennison

The opening of the Whites Creek Greenway is tentatively set to open on Tuesday, May 9, 2017. This is the missing trail link between Hartman and Mullins Parks.

XIII. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

Ms. Odom announced that Tommy Lynch will be honored by resolution for his years of service with Metro Parks and to the Metropolitan Government at the Metro Council meeting scheduled for 6:30 pm tonight in the David Scobey Council Chambers of the Metropolitan Courthouse.

Currently working with Andrea Conte to place a fencing structure around the Children's Memorial Garden in Centennial Park.

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

With regard to conceptual approval for overflow parking at the Page Road lot – this lot will not reopen until Mr. Jim Hunt, Mayor of Belle Meade, appears before the board with regard to a solution to the problem. Mayor Hunt is planning to present a new plan to the board at their May meeting.

XIV. REPORT OF THE CHAIRPERSON

Ms. Smith thanked the board, staff and friends groups for the opportunity to serve Metro Parks. She stated that she has been placed on the board of the Airport Authority. Ms. Garcia voiced her appreciation to Christy for her leadership while serving on the Parks Board.

XV. ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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

Monique Odom, Interim Director

George Anderson, Chairperson