

METROPOLITAN BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

May 2, 2017

A meeting of the Board of Parks and Recreation of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee was held on Tuesday, May 2, 2017 at 12:00 pm in the Centennial Park Boardroom, 2565 Park Plaza, Nashville, TN. Board members present were: Mr. George Anderson, Ms. Jenn Garcia, Mr. Stan Fossick, Dr. Michelle Steele, Dr. Jo Ann Brannon and Ms. Brenda Diaz-Flores. **Councilmember at Large John Cooper was in attendance.**

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 APRIL 4, 2017 APPROVED

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Dr. Brannon, the Board approved the minutes of the board meeting held Tuesday, April 4, 2017 as presented.

Mr. Anderson recognized and welcomed Ms. Tari Hughes to the meeting and informed everyone that she will officially be a member of the Parks Board at the June meeting.

Mr. Anderson also welcomed Mr. John Cooper, Councilmember at Large, to the meeting. Councilmember Cooper urged everyone to attend the budget hearing on Tuesday, May 23 because both operating and capital budgets will be presented. He also asked that everyone please read the editorial written by Betsy Phillips in the **Nashville Scene** in regard to Greer Stadium. Councilmember Cooper asked the board to be very careful as a steward of the city and not sell off what historical greenspace Nashville has left.

VI. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

RECOGNITION OF MR. JOE GOLDTHREATE FOR HIS LONGTIME COMMITMENT TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF YOUTH TENNIS IN NASHVILLE

Ms. Sherry Higgs, Superintendent of Recreation, introduced Mr. Goldthreate to the board with an expression of gratitude and thanks for all of the years he served as Director of the Hadley Junior Tennis Program, fundraising for youth scholarships, mentoring young players and continued support of youth tennis in Nashville. Mr. Goldthreate stated he has been involved with junior tennis programs for approximately 50 years and had retired from tennis; however, when Miss Andy Clayton asked him to coach her as a teaching professional he didn't refuse. After coaching Miss Clayton for 4 years she has now received a tennis scholarship to Florida A&M University. Mr. Goldthreate's daughter is the coach for both the men's and women's tennis teams at Florida A&M and this year the men won their conference championship.

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INTRODUCTION OF MISS ANDY CLAYTON-A STUDENT OF MR. GOLDTHREATE'S

Mr. Goldthreate introduced Miss Andy Clayton, a 2017 graduate of Big Picture High School in Nashville, TN. Miss Clayton has grown and matured as a student of Mr. Goldthreate for the past 4 years and has received a full tennis scholarship to Florida A&M University. Andy read one of her college entrance compositions to the board and received a round of applause from all in attendance. Mr. Anderson, board chair, congratulated her and wished her much success at Florida A&M.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE WINNER OF THE JEFF CHATMAN AWARD
DEFERRED UNTIL THE JUNE MEETING**

**RECOGNITION OF MR. TROY HENDRICKSON FOR PROVIDING CPR AND AED
ASSISTANCE TO A GOLFER WHO SUFFERED A HEART ATTACK**

Mr. John Holmes introduced Mr. Troy Hendrickson to the board and stated that on Monday, April 10 Troy provided CPR and AED assistance to a golfer who suffered a heart attack at Harpeth Hills Golf Course. Troy performed multiple rounds of CPR chest compressions, rescue breathing, AED shocks and continued until rescue personnel arrived. The gentleman was alive upon reaching the hospital, but due to previous heart ailments, he did not survive. Troy was very appreciative and gave credit to parks employee, Jon Dodson, for providing this training to employees.

**MR. CHRIS GUERIN RECOGNIZED BY SORBAMIDTN
FOR HIS HELP WITH THE MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAILS AT BELLS BEND PARK**

Mr. Jason Campbell, President of SORBAmidTN, stated that Chris regularly goes above and beyond his normal duties to secure volunteers, create more recreational opportunities and promotes Bells Bend as a top notch outdoor recreation and conservation area. He partners with SORBAmidTN to help create and grow the mountain bike trails and program at Bells Bend Park. As a thank you Mr. Campbell presented Chris with an official SORBAmidTN trail crew shirt and a SORBAmidTN trail jersey.

THE PROPOSED FAIRGROUNDS PLAN PRESENTED TO THE BOARD

Mr. Larry Atema, representing Commonwealth Development, introduced Ms. Laura Schloesser, Director of The Fairgrounds Nashville, Mr. Jonathon Snyder, Project Manager and Ms. Kim Hawkins, representing Hawkins Partners Nashville, to the board.

Ms. Hawkins began her presentation stating that the proposed 46 acre park to be developed within the existing Fairgrounds Nashville property will create the first phase of the Brown's Creek Greenway. This park will be a shared product of Metro Parks and The Fairgrounds Nashville governed by a MOU.

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THE PROPOSED FAIRGROUNDS PLAN PRESENTED TO THE BOARD (con't.)

Because 31 of the 46 acres are in the Brown's Creek flood plain, a stormwater variance will have to be approved by Metro Water Services. Within the 31 acres:

- 14 acres are impervious
- 2.5 acres are semi-impervious
- 20 acres are compacted (gravel underneath)
- 3.8 acres are uncompacted

The following amenities are proposed for this park:

- 1.3 miles of greenway and trailhead beginning at Bransford Avenue
- 1 acre dog park (using similar materials as used at the dog park at Riverfront Park)
- 8 multi-use fields
- 237 permanent parking spaces
- 2 picnic pavilions
- 492 semi regular lawn spaces (use of 8 times monthly)
- 875 occasional use lawn spaces (use of 4 times monthly)
- Restrooms
- Sidewalks on Bransford Avenue
- Multi-use path all along Craighead Avenue instead of a sidewalk
- Vehicular access to park is from Craighead Avenue
- Daily park access is from Bransford Avenue

Ms. Hawkins stated that this identical presentation will be presented on Tuesday, May 9 to the Fair Board and Ms. Odom will join Ms. Schloesser for that meeting.

FRIENDS OF WARNER PARKS PROVIDES AN UPDATE TO THE BOARD

Mr. Mark Weller, Executive Director, was present to provide the following information on behalf of the Friends of Warner Parks to the board:

- The last 4 historic WPA shelters have been restored – 3 in Edwin Warner and 1 in Percy Warner.
- Installed 30 stone steps to connect the Allè to the White Trail.
- Paul Fowler was recognized as volunteer coordinator (9,000 man hours)
- 30,000 visitors to the Warner Nature Center
- Since 1987 FOWP has invested over 30 million dollars in Warner Parks
- Clare Armistead was honored by the Center of Nonprofit Management for establishing the Friends of Warner Parks
- 2017 is the 90th Anniversary of Warner Parks
- Currently replacing exhibits at the Warner Nature Center

VII. METRO COUNCIL REFERRALS

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

11-13-02

**BOARD DEFERS REQUEST OF THE CITY OF BELLE MEADE
WITH REFERENCE TO A PAGE ROAD LOT LOCATED IN WARNER PARK**

Monique Odom and Jim Hester met with the Friends of Warner Parks, Jim Hunt, Mayor of Belle Meade, and other Belle Meade officials with regard to the Page Road lot. Ms. Odom reported that it was a very productive meeting and the City of Belle Meade reported that they are working to finalize the landscaping plan and will introduce this plan to the board at a future date.

04-17-06

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

A meeting to include Metro Park's staff and a representative from Metro Legal has been scheduled to discuss the proposed nature focused preschool program resulting in deferral of this request until the June Parks Board meeting

04-17-07

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

A proposed reporting policy for Metro Parks friends groups was distributed to board members at the May board meeting. Deferral to committee for review preceding the June board meeting was requested by Ms. Odom and Mr. Anderson.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

05-17-01

BOARD APPROVES MAY 2017 CONSENT AGENDA

Upon motion of Ms. Diaz-Flores, seconded by Dr. Steele, the board approved the May 2017 consent agenda as presented.

AMPLIFICATION APPROVAL

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| • NCA-cricket games | Whites Creek Park | Sat., May 6, 2017 |
| • Tennessee Citizen Action | Riverfront Park Court of Flags | Mon., May 8, 2017 |
| • Raetisha McReynolds | Shelby Park Naval Hill picnic shelter | Sat., May 13, 2017 |
| • Sameka Hambrick | Cedar Hill Park picnic shelter 7 | Sat., May 13, 2017 |
| • Evans Hill MBC | Centennial Event Shelter-church picnic | Sun., May 21, 2017 |

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- Southeast Nashville Farmers Mkt Southeast Park Greenspace-Mondays 4:00-7:00 pm
May 22-Oct. 9, 2017
- The Belonging Co Church Centennial Event Shelter-church picnic Thurs., May 25, 2017
- Kim Calloway Edwin Warner picnic shelter 9 Sat., May 27, 2017
- Middle TN Jobs with Justice Centennial Event Shelter - festival Sun., May 28, 2017
- Nashville Aquatic Club green space @ Sportsplex natatorium Fri., June 2, 2017
- Spikeball, Inc. Elmington Park-spikeball tournament Sat., June 3, 2017
- Matt Lowney Productions Bellevue Park-community appreciation day Sat., June 10, 2017
- Damon Davoudpour E.S. Rose Soccer Field-flag football event Sat., June 17, 2017
- Marquis Robinson Cane Ridge picnic shelter 2 & 3 Sat., June 17, 2017
- Kenneth Radley/Race Nashville Shelby Bottoms pavilion/running course Wed., July 5, 2017
- OutCentral, Inc Shelby Park - 5K Sat., July 22, 2017
- HCA Clinical Services Group Centennial Event Shelter-picnic Thurs., Aug. 10, 2017
- barre3 Nashville-yoga event Centennial Park Parthenon Lawn Sun., Sept. 10, 2017

FUNDRAISING APPROVAL

- Friends of Warner Parks Warner Mtn. Bike Trails-Mtn. Bike Camp June 19-23, 2017
July 17-21, 2017
- Owen Chapman LST325 Riverfront East Bank Dock-ship tours Aug. 31-Sept.4, 2017

AMPLIFICATION AND FUNDRAISING APPROVAL

- Tennessee Kidney Foundation Shelby Park-5K & 1 mile walk Sun., July 23, 2017
- Children's Tumor Foundation Edwin Warner Park-walk Sat., Sept. 30, 2017
- Pancreatic Cancer Network Edwin Warner Park shelters 9 & 11-walk Sat., Oct. 28, 2017
- Tuberous Sclerosis Alliance Edwin Warner Park shelters 9 & 11-walk Sun., Oct. 29 2017
- Safe Haven Family Shelter Edwin Warner Park shelter 11-walk Sat., Nov 4, 2017
- Boy Scouts of America Warner Park Cross Country Course-5K Sat., Nov 11, 2017

AMPLIFICATION AND ALCOHOL APPROVAL

- Beneath the Canvas Mullins Park-Civic Art Unveiling/Art Crawl Sat., June 10, 2017
- Bronson Lewis-wedding Centennial Art Center Sat., July 1, 2017
- SouthComm/Firehouse Expo Walk of Fame Park-private event Thurs., Oct. 19, 2017

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AMPLIFICATION, ALCOHOL AND FUNDRAISING APPROVAL

- Friends of Shelby Park/Bottoms East Park-Hot Chicken Festival Tues., July 4, 2017
- Alliance Francaise de Nashville Sevier Park-Bastille Day Celebration Fri., July 14, 2017
- Smith Marketing LLC Riverfront Park-Old School BBQ Fest Sat., Sept. 2, 2017

X. NEW BUSINESS

05-17-02

**BOARD ACCEPTS THE TRANSFER OF SIX (6) WORKS OF ART
FROM THE CHEEKWOOD MUSEUM OF ART**

Upon motion by Dr. Steele, seconded by Ms. Garcia, the board accepted the transfer of six (6) works of art from the Cheekwood Museum of Art to Metro Parks. Art will be housed at the Parthenon as an addition to their permanent inventory.

- ***Benjamin West*** created by George Henry Harlow Value: undetermined
- ***Stone Wall Jackson*** created by George Zolnay Value: \$ 500
- ***Edgar Allen Poe*** created by George Zolnay Value: \$ 500
- ***Walter Sheldon*** created by George Zolnay Value: \$ 400
- ***Sam Davis*** created by George Zolnay Value: \$ 600
- ***War Memorial Study*** created by George Zolnay Value: \$2,500

The works by George Zolnay are especially meaningful to Metro Parks since he created models used for the ornamentation on the Parthenon building which was built for the Tennessee Centennial Exposition held in 1897. Mr. Zolnav was also responsible for the Gold Star Monument in Centennial Park.

XI. UPCOMING SPECIAL ACTIVITIES/EVENTS

Ms. Jackie Jones announced the following Metro Parks events for May:

Tennessee Craft Spring Fair-Centennial Park May 5, 6, and 7
Iroquois Steeplechase-Warner Parks May 13

Opening of Mullins Park/Whites Creek Greenway May 20 @ 9:00 am
Stones River Regional Park Hay Rides/Hikes May 20 1-4 pm
New Southeast Davidson Regional Park Hay Rides/Hikes May 21 1-4 pm

XII. ASSISTANT DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

Jim Hester

Special Events:

- Farmers Markets at Sevier, Shelby, Coleman, Bellevue, start this month, Richland Park Farmers market continues on Saturday mornings.
- Tennessee Craft Festival at Centennial May 5, 6, and 7
- Musicians Corner begins May 12
- Steeplechase on May 13
- Vanderbilt Rowing Regatta at the East Bank Landing on May 12 and 13
- Bellevue Picnic May 20
- BMX Nationals at Hamilton Creek on May 27
- Music City Jazz Festival at Public Square Park Memorial Day weekend
- Annual City Cemetery fundraiser, the Memorial Day Dash, a 5k through Fort Negley and the City Cemetery happens May 29.

Natural Resources/Outdoor Rec:

- Climbing wall in the Bells Bend Silo at the Outdoor Center started construction yesterday, should be completed in about one month.
- Shelby Nature Center has launched a Monarch program and will be planting five acres of wildflowers provided by the Friends of Shelby Park and Piedmont Gas. Also, they have been working with Two Rivers golf course on Audubon Certification plans for that course.
- It is field trip season for schools, so many schools visiting the centers during the week.

Cultural Arts:

- Dragon Music Sundays begin May 21st, free concert series put on in conjunction with Hillsboro West End Neighbors.
- Summer Classes begin May 8th, ten-week sessions. 30 classes per week—24 classes at Centennial Art Center and 6 weekly classes in the Bellevue Pottery Studio at the Bellevue Community Center. Ongoing Gallery Exhibit “A Walk in the Woods” on display through May 25th. Improvements have been made to Bellevue studio by the way of new pottery wheels (partly funded by help of Metro Parks).
- Dance is collaborating on a Fashion of Dance exhibit with the Gordon JCC that will feature costumes used in the Mini-Nutcracker and Spring Concerts, with designs and costumes from dance faculty Tony Perrin and Jennifer McNamara. It will also include paintings from Art Center guest instructor Sandy Spain.

XII. ASSISTANT DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

Jim Hester (con't)

Cultural Arts:

- On Friday, May 12, the Chinese Arts Alliance of Nashville is performing in Studio A at CPAS at 7:30 pm. Pre-Show activities will include a short Tai Chi lesson and a Chinese tea ceremony demonstration. The performance will include dances from several different Asian cultures as well as live music.

John Holmes

- The 26th annual Skate Nashville was held at the Sportsplex April 21-23.
- The Centennial Tennis Center hosted the OVC Tennis Championships.
- Harpeth Hills Golf Course is closing in mid-June for re-grassing of the greens.
- Point of Sale is now live at Shelby Golf Course

Sally Davis

Summer Enrichment Program:

In 2016, we provided summer enrichment programs for 2314 children. In 2017, we were able to add an additional 50 children to our programs. Southeast Community Center was able to increase their numbers because of the size of their facility and extra staff. Antioch also added an additional 20 children because the demand is so high in that part of the county. When we Smith Springs Community Center, we will be able to serve more children from that part of the county.

Aquatics – Summer Pools

Jon Dodson and staff will be teaching a life guard training class at Hartman pool May 8 - 24. We have 35 participants signed up for the class, but not all show up that sign up. We have contacted all of the people who have signed up and reminded them about the class. Lifeguards continue to be the most difficult position to fill.

XII. ASSISTANT DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

Sally Davis (con't.)

First Tee Program

Joseph Brown graduated from historic Fisk University in Nashville this past week. Joseph found The First Tee chapter in Shelby Park at age 12. He had a single mother who was in and out of jail, he had been evicted from apartments numerous times, he was failing in school and he was headed down the wrong path.

The First Tee adopted him, mentored him, helped him study, let him work for extra money, and along the way helped him to learn to play a credible game of golf. Joseph ultimately received an RBS \$10,000 Jack Nicklaus college tuition grant. The Vinny and the Tennessee Golf Foundation have since matched this grant a total three times over to assist Joseph on reaching the graduation stage.

Rick Taylor

Work Orders

- Total Calendar YTD 1330 Work Orders; 902 Completed
- April 372 total/187 Completed

Projects

- Summer Pools on schedule to be ready. Napier and Rose have been painted. Cleveland pool liner scheduled to be installed this month.
- Wave Country – Wave Tek Machine will be delivered today. Installation completed 7-10 days. Painting of the three buildings and flume slides are completed.
- Gymnasium HVAC for Antioch, Looby, Old Hickory, and Shelby were rebid. Bid closes tomorrow May 3.
- Hamilton Creek Marina Anchoring Design is complete. Project will start this month
- Richland Creek Bridge Repair near Wyoming Trailhead
- Stone Hall Roof Completed
- Small Cell Installation – Citywide project. Projected to have 500 cell towers installed over the next 5 years in downtown corridor. Still working out the details.

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Tim Netsch

Capital Projects Update:

- Phase 2 design (Great Lawn) in Centennial Park should be complete Fall 2017.
- Funds from a private donor resulted in the schematic design for a new playground and adjacent greenspace/garden for victims of violence in Centennial Park.
- Dragon restoration in Fannie Mae Dees Parks is running ahead of schedule and tile restoration should begin in Summer 2017 instead of Fall 2017.
- Hadley tennis contract award and entry building should be complete end of 2017.
- Orchard Bend contract awarded and construction should begin once the site has dried out.
- Tennis Court refurbishment underway at Fannie Mae Dees Park and Neely's Bend Middle School-should be complete Summer 2017.

Shain Dennison

- Construction of the I-440 greenway has started on the Parks Administrative Office campus.
- Emmie Thomas has resigned as Director of Greenways for Nashville effective May 24; she is leaving to assist her husband in his business.

XIII. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

Ms. Odom announced:

- The Metro Parks Budget Hearing before the Metro Council is scheduled for Tuesday, May 23 @ 4:00 pm in the David Scobey Council Chambers. Mayor Barry has recommended 1 million dollars for improvements for Parks next fiscal year.
- Attending a special executive level Diversity and Inclusion session entitled ***Embracing the Role of Leadership in D&I Success*** on Monday, May 8th. This session will address:

*The Executive's Role in Leading D&I

*Success Understanding Unconscious Bias

*Modeling Inclusion

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

- Because construction of the I-440 greenway is temporarily eliminating parking spaces at the administrative office complex the June board meeting will be held at the East Regional Center

XIV. REPORT OF THE CHAIRPERSON

Mr. Anderson announced:

- The next meeting of board members regarding the search for Parks Director will be held in June preceding the board meeting.
- Because the July Parks Board meeting is scheduled on Tuesday, July 4th, Mr. Anderson asked if board members could attend the meeting on Tuesday, July 11th. Therefore, upon motion of Dr. Brannon, seconded by Ms. Garcia, the board approved moving the July Parks Board Meeting to July 11, 2017.

XV. ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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

Monique Odom, Interim Director

George Anderson, Chairperson