

METROPOLITAN BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

August 1, 2017

A meeting of the Board of Parks and Recreation of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee was held on Tuesday, August 1, 2017 at 1:00 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, Ms. Tari Hughes and Ms. Brenda Diaz-Flores. Dr. Jo Ann Brannon was not in attendance.

Staff present were: Mr. Rick Taylor, Consolidated Maintenance; Ms. Sherry Hipps, Community Recreation; Mr. John Holmes, Revenue Producing Facilities; Ms. Cindy Harrison, Greenways; Mr. Jim Hester, Cultural and Outdoor Recreation/Special Events; Ms. Jackie Jones, Superintendent/Public Information; Capt. Chris Taylor/Park Police and **Ms. Macy Amos, representing the Metro Legal Department.**

Mr. Tim Netsch, Assistant Director of Planning and Facilities was not in attendance.

Also in attendance were: **Mr. John Cooper, Metro Councilmember at Large, Ms. Angie Henderson, Councilmember from the 34th District and Mr. Larry Hagar, Councilmember from the 11th District.**

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD JULY 11, 2017 APPROVED

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Ms. Hughes, the Board approved the minutes of the board meeting held Tuesday, July 11, 2017 as presented.

VI. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

THE CLOUD HILL PROPOSAL FOR THE FORMER GREER STADIUM SITE IN FORT NEGLEY PARK WAS PRESENTED TO THE BOARD FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY AS APPROVED BY METRO LEGAL

The Cloud Hill team consisting of Mr. Bert Matthews, Mr. Tom Middleton, Ms. Kim Hawkins, Mr. Clay Adkisson and Mr. Ed Henley were in attendance to present this proposal to the board. Mr. Anderson, board chair, announced that before the Parks Board votes on this proposal there will be 2 public meetings hosted by Metro Parks for the community and all interested parties.

Nashville's stated objectives for this site are:

- Provide publicly accessible active and passive open spaces
- Provide affordable and workforce housing options
- Provide neighborhood scale retail, commercial spaces and other resources
- Create a design sensitive to Fort Negley and its history
- Provide places for neighborhood arts and entertainment
- Deliver a high-quality, neighborhood scale mixed-use development
- Limit financial risk to Metro

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With the Cloud Hill proposal Metro Nashville will receive:

- \$2.6 million in new tax revenues annually
- 600 permanent jobs – over \$20 million in income annually for households
- \$6.5 million in estimated annual economic output for the city
- \$1 million guaranteed payment over term
- Shared revenue from the project with Cloud Hill

Cloud Hill will generate at no cost or tax increase to citizens of Davidson County:

- Open space acreages in line with Metro Parks **Plan to Play** Master Plan
- Needed Parks amenities in line with the **Plan to Play** Master Plan

Greer Stadium currently sits on 21 acres of unkept land, generating no tax revenue, social or neighborhood impact. Since the mid-seventies parking and paving have populated most of the fenced-in site with the exception of days the Sounds play which was estimated to be approximately 70 days a year. Currently 67% of this area is building, roads and parking with 33% un-usable green space.

The Cloud Hill proposal is to turn parking areas into usable park spaces by creating neighborhood parks space, as well as a central lawn, for the community. Cloud Hill also proposes 294 affordable housing units based on the 2016 Nashville AMI (family of 4) of \$68,500. All units are rentals with no condominiums.

Plans are to have:

- One acre of neighborhood retail space
- Community space - 0.6 acre
- Arts/Music Generator - 0.25 acre
- Make Space/Office - 0.85 acre
- Affordable living – 1.40 acres

Cloud Hill proposes 35% of space dedicated to buildings, roads, parking with 65% usable green space.

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Mr. Matthews thanked the board for the opportunity to address and asked if there were any questions.

Ms. Brenda Diaz-Flores, Parks Board member, asked if the area will have to be re-zoned?

Mr. Matthews replied that it will go through SP zoning where design standards established for a specific development are written into the zone change ordinance.

Ms. Tari Hughes, Parks Board member, asked if the dollars received will be one time support or on-going support?

Mr. Matthews replied that the monies are for Metro to decide what to do with.

Ms. Jenn Garcia, Parks Board vice chair, asked what is the number of parking spaces?

Mr. Matthews replied approximately 900 spaces.

Ms. Brenda Diaz-Flores, Parks Board member, asked if the building design can change?

Mr. Matthews replied that they will gather information and develop an optimum plan.

Mr. Anderson thanked the Cloud Hill team for their presentation.

VII. METRO COUNCIL REFERRALS

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

01-17-07

**BOARD DEFERS REQUEST TO REVIST THE FEBRUARY 2017 DECISION
TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE TONY ROSE PARK
UNTIL THE SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING**

Ms. Rachel Zijlstra representing the Edgehill Village Neighborhood Association was present to ask for deferral for one meeting as there are 2 upcoming community meetings scheduled regarding Tony Rose Park and the planned amenities for the park once the area construction is complete.

Therefore, upon motion of Ms. Hughes, seconded by Ms. Garcia, the board deferred this request to September with the stipulation that a permit be granted for partial use of Tony Rose Park in the interim.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

08-17-01

BOARD APPROVES AUGUST 2017 CONSENT AGENDA

Upon motion of Ms. Garcia, seconded by Dr. Steele, the board approved the August 2017 consent agenda as presented.

AMPLIFICATION APPROVAL

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| • The Church of Jesus Christ | Cumberland Park/Praise in the Park | Fri., Aug. 4, 2017 |
| • Zuri Walker- picnic | Hartman Park Picnic Shelter 1 | Fri., Aug. 4, 2017 |
| • Nashville Soccer Club kickoff | Riverfront Park "Plant the Flag" | Sat., Aug 5, 2017 |
| • Charlotte Smith – picnic | Centennial Park Picnic Pavilion | Sat., Aug. 5, 2017 |
| • Akaram Khalifa - picnic | Cane Ridge Picnic Shelters 2 & 3 | Sun., Aug. 6, 2017 |
| • Christian Life Tabernacle | Coleman Park | Sat., Aug. 19, 2017 |
| • Jacques Hargrove – picnic | Sevier Park Picnic Shelter 1 | Sat., Aug. 26, 2017 |
| • Dang Duc Canh-picnic | Cane Ridge Park Picnic Shelter 3 | Sun., Aug. 27, 2017 |
| • Narcotics Anonymous – picnic | Centennial Park Event Shelter | Mon., Sept. 4, 2017 |

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| • The Conservancy-barre3 in the park | Centennial Park Lawn | Sun., Sept. 10, 2017 |
| • Demos Restaurants – picnic | Edwin Warner Picnic Shelters 10 & 6 | Sun., Sept. 10, 2017 |
| • Corizon Health | Edwin Warner Picnic Shelter5 | Fri., Sept. 29, 2017 |
| • Nashville SOLE-small business owner event | Douglass Park | Sat., Sept. 30, 2017 |
| • Sherman Mohr – wedding | Cornelia Fort Airpark-Shelby Hanger | Sat., April 21, 2018 |
| • Jewish Federation of Nashville
and Middle Tennessee | Centennial Park | Sun., April 29, 2018 |
| • Pinnacle Financial Partners | Israel 70 th Anniversary Independence Day Celebration | Sat., May. 5, 2018 |
| | Shelby Park/Pinnacle 5K | Sat., May. 5, 2018 |

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AMP/RALLY APPROVAL

- ACT for America-America First Rally Public Square Park Sat., Sept. 9, 2017

AMPLIFICATION AND FUNDRAISING APPROVAL

- Liberation Yoga-Yoga in the Square Public Square Park Tues., Aug. 1-29, 2017
- Stacy Brooks – walk Litton Park Sat., Aug. 19,, 2017
- Nashville Team Preservation Society Centennial Park-No. 576 75th Birthday Fri., Oct. 13, 2017

AMPLIFICATION AND ALCOHOL APPROVAL

- Destination Nashville-private event Riverfront Park Wed., Oct. 4, 2017
- Juliana Daily-wedding Cornelia Fort Air Park Sat. June 2, 2018
- Tomkats Hospitality-Thunder on the Cumberland Riverfront Court of Flags June 16-17, 2018

AMPLIFICATION, ALCOHOL AND FUNDRAISING APPROVAL

- Universal Music Group Nashville Walk of Fame Park/"Slowheart" Party Sat., Sept. 9, 2017
- Friends of Warner Parks-Ale for the Trail Steeplechase Grandstands Sat., Sept. 30, 2017

X. NEW BUSINESS

08-17-02

**BOARD ACCEPTS DONATION OF WINDSCREENS AND NET SIGNAGE
VALUED AT \$13,000 FROM BELMONT UNIVERSITY**

Mr. Mauricio Antun, men's tennis coach at Belmont University, was present to request the board to accept a donation of signage in the amount of \$13,000 for the following:

- Implementation of 9 ft. customized windscreens around the fences on courts 1-8 with graphic designs including Belmont University approved logos and Ohio Valley Conference approved logos. (Wind Screens will remain up permanently)
- Implementation of net signs with Belmont University approved logos affixed by either zip ties or Velcro. (Net logos are affixed to netting on home match days only)

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Ms. Diaz-Flores, the board accepted the donation contingent upon the Metro Parks' logo being displayed on approved signage.

X. NEW BUSINESS

08-17-03

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS
OF MIDDLE TENNESSE TO PAINT THE EXTERIOR OF THE CLEVELAND
RECREATION CENTER AND ADD LANDSCAPING AT NO COST TO METRO PARKS**

Mr. Dan Jernigan, President and CEO of Boys & Girls Clubs of Middle Tennessee, was present to request approval from the board to paint the exterior of the Cleveland Recreation Center and add landscaping (plants/flowers) at no cost to Metro Parks.

Upon motion of Ms. Diaz-Flores, seconded by Ms. Garcia, the board approved request of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Middle Tennessee to paint the exterior of the Cleveland Recreation Center and add landscaping (plants/flowers) at no cost to Metro Parks. Please note that the board asked that the color selection of paint and type of plants and/or flowers be coordinated with Rick Taylor, Assistant Director of Parks.

08-17-04

**BOARD DEFERS THE REQUEST OF THE YMCA FOR METRO PARKS
TO ACQUIRE AND TAKE OVER OPERATION OF THE NORTHWEST YMCA
FOR ONE MONTH**

At the request of Mayor Megan Barry, upon motion of Mr. Fossick and seconded by Ms. Diaz-Flores, the board deferred request of Mr. Dan Dummermuth, representing the YMCA, for Metro Parks to acquire and take over operation of the Northwest YMCA during the year of 2018 and manage the facility as a regional center.

PLEASE NOTE THAT DR. MICHELLE STEELE RECUSED HERSELF FROM DISCUSSION AND VOTING BECAUSE OF BEING A MEMBER OF THE NORTHWEST YMCA BOARD IN 2016 AND PRESENTLY AN EMERITUS BOARD MEMBER.

08-17-05

**BOARD APPROVES APPLICATION AND ULTIMATE ACCEPTANCE
OF A TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION
FOR A LOCAL PARKS AND RECREATION FUND GRANT FOR THE PURPOSE OF
IMPLEMENTING A MASTER PLAN FOR AAITTIFAMA ARCHEOLOGICAL PARK**

Upon motion of Ms. Hughes, seconded by Ms. Garcia, the board unanimously approved application and ultimate acceptance of a Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation for a Local Parks and Recreation Fund grant in an amount up to \$500,000 for the purpose of implementing the Aaittifama Archeological Park Master Plan. Please note that Friends of Aaittifama Archeological Park have agreed to be the matching organization that the grant requires.

X. NEW BUSINESS

08-17-06

BOARD ACCEPTS DONATION OF 50 SAMSUNG CHROMEBOOKS FROM KIPP NASHVILLE COLLEGE PREP FOR THE AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM AT PARKWOOD RECREATION CENTER

A request by Mr. Stevon Neloms, representing Metro Parks Community Recreation Division, was presented to the board asking board approval to accept a donation of 50 Samsung Chromebooks valued at \$1800.00 from KIPP Nashville College Prep for the Parkwood Recreation Center afterschool program. (Ms. Sherry Hipps represented this request in Mr. Neloms absence.)

Upon motion of Ms. Garcia, seconded by Dr. Steele, the board accepted a donation of 50 Samsung Chromebooks valued at \$1800.00 from KIPP Nashville College Prep for their afterschool program at Parkwood Recreation Center.

XI. UPCOMING SPECIAL ACTIVITIES/EVENTS

Ms. Jackie Jones announced the following upcoming events in Metro Parks:

- Shakespeare in the Park, Centennial Park Bandshell, Thursday – Sunday August 10 – September 17, 2107 and Monday, September 4
- Musicians Corner Fall Series, Centennial Park, Friday and Saturday August 4 – September 16
- Live on the Green, Public Square Park, Thursdays, August 10-Sept. 2
- Yoga on the Square, Public Square Park, Tuesdays, August 1 - 29
- Night Out Against Crime, 5:00 pm, East and Richland Parks, Old Hickory baseball field
- Opening of Climbing Walls at Bells Bend Outdoor Center, Wednesday, August 2nd at 11:00 am
- Health Fair and Backpack Giveaway, 10:00 am, Hadley Park
- Total Eclipse viewing beginning at 11:58 am, Cumberland, Riverfront, Walk of Fame, Public Square, Centennial, Warner, Shelby, Bells Bend and Beaman Parks. Eclipse Glasses will be available.

XII. DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Ms. Cindy Harrison, representing the Greenways Division, reported that a 1 million dollar transportation grant was awarded for the Opry Mills Connector.

XIII. CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE

In Tim Netsch's absence a fact sheet summarizing Metro Parks' major capital projects was distributed to all board members.

XIV. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

Ms. Odom announced:

- With regard to the tree vandalism in Cleveland Park, the Park Police Division will schedule a meeting with the District Attorney's office.
- Cindy Harrison will be representing the Greenways/Open Space Division until Shain Dennison's former position is filled.
- Sherry Hipps and Stevon Neloms will be representing the Community Recreation Division until Sally Davis' former position is filled.
- Reminder that the September Parks Board meeting will be held Tuesday, September 12 instead of the first Tuesday in September.

XV. ANNOUNCEMENTS/ REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/OPEN ITEMS

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

Monique N. Odom, Interim Director

George Anderson, Chairperson