

METROPOLITAN BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

November 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, November 7, 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, Ms. Tari Hughes, Dr. Jo Ann Brannon and Mr. Jeff Haynes.

Staff present were: Mr. Rick Taylor, Consolidated Maintenance; Ms. Sherry Hipps and Mr. Stevon Neloms, Community Recreation; Mr. Tim Netsch, Planning and Facilities; 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; Lt. Houston Taylor / Park Police and **Mr. Tom Cross, representing the Metro Legal Department.**

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD OCTOBER 3, 2017 APPROVED

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Dr. Steele, the Board approved the minutes of the board meeting held Tuesday, October 3, 2017 as presented.

V. METRO COUNCIL REFERRALS

VI. OLD BUSINESS

09-17-05

**BOARD APPROVES SLOPE EASEMENT AT AZAFRAN PARK
TO PERMIT GRADING AND LANDSCAPING ON ADJACENT PROPERTY**

Upon motion of Ms. Hughes, seconded by Dr. Brannon, the board granted approval of a slope easement at Azafran Park to permit grading and landscaping on the adjacent property subject to the third signature being obtained. This request was deferred from the September Board Meeting because said request required a third party agreement.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

11-17-01

BOARD APPROVES NOVEMBER 2017 CONSENT AGENDA

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Dr. Brannon, the board approved the November 2017 consent agenda as presented with the amendment that between the two (2) sessions of Musicians Corner the staging is to be removed from Centennial Park.

AMPLIFICATION APPROVAL

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| • Church of the Hills-student night | Bellevue Park - stage area | Sun., Nov. 12, 2017 |
| • Paige Presley/wedding | Cornelia Fort Airpark | Sat., April 14, 2018 |

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11-17-01 (con't.)

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AMPLIFICATION APPROVAL

- Jane Wilson Moses Edwin Warner Park Shelter 10 Sat., April 28, 2018
- Small World Yoga/Festival Cumberland Park Thurs., June 21, 2018
- Central Labor Council of Nashville Cumberland Park-Labor Day Celebration Sat., Sept. 1, 2018
- Vanderbilt Rowing/Nashville Rowing East Bank-Music City Head Race October 5-6, 2018

FUNDRAISING APPROVAL

- Sorba/Hattie B's Racing Stones River/Ravenwood Park Sun., Dec. 7, 2017

ALCOHOL APPROVAL

- Union Group Investments Hall of Fame/Conference Dinner Wed., May 9, 2018

AMPLIFICATION AND FUNDRAISING APPROVAL

- Music City BMX National Event Hamilton Creek Park May 25-27, 2018
- Nashville Pagan Pride Day, Inc. Two Rivers Park-festival Sat., Sept. 29, 2018
- Vanderbilt Hearing and Speech Chalk Fest Centennial Park Event Shelter Sept. 29-30, 2018
- Nashville Humane Assoc. Dog Day Festival Centennial Park Front Lawn Oct. 28, 2018

FUNDRAISING AND ALCOHOL APPROVAL

- Presbyterian Campus Ministry, Inc. Percy Warner Golf Clubhouse Fri., Feb. 9, 2018

AMPLIFICATION AND ALCOHOL APPROVAL

- Morgan/Korfhage wedding Centennial Art Center Sat., May 12, 2018
- iHeartMedia-Nissan Taste of Music City Public Square Park Sat., June 16, 2018
- Cook/Tseng wedding Centennial Art Center Sat., June 23, 2018
- iHeartMedia-Music City Brewers Fest Walk of Fame Park July 28, 2018
- Tuned In Broadcasting-Live on the Green Public Square Park Thurs., Aug. 9, 16, 23 and Aug. 30 – Sept. 1, 2018 (rain date Sept. 2, 2018)
- Victoria Endsley-wedding Centennial Art Center Sat., Sept. 15, 2018
- Abena Ka Dumasane-wedding Centennial Art Center Sat., Oct 13, 2018

AMPLIFICATION, ALCOHOL AND FUNDRAISING APPROVAL

- Musicians Corner/Kidsville/Centennial Craft Fest Centennial Park May 11, 12, 18, 19, 25, 26; June 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23, 29, 30; Sept. 6, 8, 13, 20, 27; Oct. 13 and 20, 2018

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AMPLIFICATION AND RALLY APPROVAL

- The School Superintendents Assoc. Walk of Fame Park Fri., Feb. 16, 2018
I Love Public Education Campaign Rally during their National Conference on Education
in Nashville, February 15-17, 2018 at the Music City Center.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

11-17-02

**BOARD GRANTS PERMISSION TO HIP DONELSON TO HOST
THE HIP DONELSON COMMUNITY FARMERS MARKET ON FRIDAYS
FROM MAY 4 – OCTOBER 26, 2018 WITH AMPLIFICATION
AND CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL**

Ms. Maggie Sidlinger, representing Hip Donelson, was present to request the use of the grounds of Two Rivers Mansion to host the Hip Donelson Community Farmers Market with amplification and the sale and consumption of alcohol on Fridays, 4:00 – 7:00 pm, May 4 through October 26, 2018 from the board.

Upon motion Dr. Brannon, seconded by Ms. Garcia, the board granted approval to Hip Donelson to host the Hip Donelson Farmers Market with the following conditions:

- operate market on Friday evenings, 4:00 – 7:00 pm, May 4 – October 26, 2018.
- use vendors only selling goods that are agricultural based products originating in Tennessee or from within a 150 mile radius of Nashville; thereby, eliminating the sale of jewelry, arts and crafts. .
- be responsible for liability insurance, comply with use agreement and provide for the general safety of event.
- no one, including vendors, may park or drive under the drip line of trees, if applicable, on the grounds of Two Rivers Mansion.
- no signage, crates, or debris should be leaning or stacked against trees.
- acquire all appropriate permits from the Metropolitan Beer Board and/or the Alcoholic Beverage Commission.
- Hip Donelson Farmers Market will be assessed a weekday use fee of \$50.00 per day, per week. (\$50.00/week x 26 weeks = \$1300 for the 2018 season)

VIII. NEW BUSINESS (con't.)

11-17-03

**BOARD APPROVES MOU BETWEEN METRO PARKS
AND THE DAVIDSON COUNTY JUVENILE COURT**

Mr. Tommy Bradley and Mr. Raymond Jenkins representing the Division of Community Programs of the Davidson County Juvenile Court were present to request approval to enter in an MOU with Metro Parks for use of space in certain community centers to enhance services to youth from the board. This MOU will allow Juvenile Court to utilize space in Parkwood, McFerrin and Watkins Community Centers. Juvenile Court officers will use the designated space to conduct business and work cooperatively with Metro Parks Community Center staff to enhance services to youth.

Upon motion of Ms. Hughes, seconded by Dr. Brannon, the board approved entering into a MOU between Metro Parks and the Davidson County Juvenile Court.

11-17-04

**BOARD APPROVES APPLICATION AND ULTIMATE ACCEPTANCE FOR
GRANT FUNDING UP TO \$10,400 FROM THE NASHVILLE PARKS FOUNDATION
TO THE METRO PARKS CULTURAL ARTS, DANCE AND MUSIC DIVISION**

Ms. Rachel Hamilton and Ms. Kathryn Wilkening, representing the Metro Parks Cultural Arts, Dance and Music Division, were present to request board approval for application and ultimate acceptance for grant funding of up to \$10,400 from the Nashville Parks Foundation for preschoolers and their caregivers to experience a free, high quality arts performance in their own community. This request is an extension of the "Spectator/Creator Phase 1 project" in which 15 weeks of multidisciplinary arts workshops were created to engage preschoolers and their caregivers in an artistic process as creators and spectators of art. This phase of the project will give young audiences and their caregivers a chance to participate in a production designed entirely for them and by them as well.

Upon motion of Ms. Garcia, seconded by Ms. Hughes, the board granted approval for application and ultimate acceptance of grant funding submitted by the Metro Parks Cultural Arts, Dance and Music Division from the Nashville Parks Foundation

11-17-05

**BOARD ACCEPTS DONATION FROM THE FRIENDS OF WARNER PARK
TO ASSIST IN AN ENGINEERING STUDY FOR THE RESTORATION OF
THE ALLEÉ IN PERCY WARNER PARK**

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Dr. Steele, the board accepted a donation in the amount of \$23,539 from the Friends of Warner Parks to assist in a developed engineering study of the restoration of the Bryant Fleming designed Alleè in Percy Warner Park. (Please note that Metro Parks and the Friends of Warner Parks will divide this cost equally.)

VIII. NEW BUSINESS (con't.)

11-17-06

**BOARD ACCEPTS DONATION FROM THE FRIENDS OF GREEN HILLS PARK
TO FUND IMPROVEMENTS IN GREEN HILLS PARK**

Upon motion of Dr. Brannon, seconded by Dr. Steele, the board accepted a donation in the amount of \$75,000 from the Friends of Green Hills Park to fund the following improvements in Green Hills Park:

- Grassy berms and a log obstacle course, to be located in the northwestern section of the Park, berms will be graded at a 3:1 pitch, to allow lawnmower access.
- Crepe myrtles in five clusters of three plants each, spaced at intervals of 12-15 feet over about two hundred running feet. These will run parallel to the northern side of the walking path.
- Split rail fencing, to replace the chain link fencing currently in place.
- Flower beds near the entrance to the park off Lone Oak.

11-17-07

**BOARD APPROVES APPLICATION AND ULTIMATE ACCEPTANCE
OF 2018 GRANT FUNDING FOR TIGER IX FUNDS
WITH METRO PARKS AS APPLICANT AND/OR PARTNER AGENCY**

Upon motion of Ms. Hughes, seconded by Ms. Garcia, the board approved application and ultimate acceptance of 2018 grant application for TIGER IX (2018) funds with Metro Parks as the applicant and/or partner agency.

Metro Parks would seek up to \$15 million for continuation of the 440 Greenway Corridor. Planning Commission transportation staff is taking the lead in the grant application development. A 20% match is required, which would be drawn from 2018-2021 greenway capital funds if the project is awarded. Awards range from \$1 million to \$25 million and can be spent over three years. Similar projects previously awarded in other states include the Atlanta Beltline Greenway, Arkansas Razorback Greenway, and Indianapolis Cultural Trail. The 440 Greenway fits the catalyst alternative transportation goals of the program. (Metro currently has an open Tiger grant awarded to MTA.)

VIII. NEW BUSINESS (con't.)

11-17-08

**BOARD APPROVES APPLICATION AND ULTIMATE ACCEPTANCE
OF 2018 GRANT FUNDING FOR TAP FUNDS
WITH METRO PARKS AS APPLICANT AND/OR PARTNER AGENCY**

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Ms. Garcia, the board approved application and ultimate acceptance of 2018 grant application for TAP (2018) funds with Metro Parks as the applicant and/or partner agency.

Metro Parks in collaboration with other departments seeks up to \$1 million for a continuation of the 440 Greenway from Oman Street at Park Plaza to the 28th Avenue Connector at Centennial Park. Planning Commission transportation staff is taking the lead in the grant application development. A 20% match is required, which would be drawn from 2018-2021 greenway capital funds if the project is awarded. Maximum award is \$1 million and can be spent over three years. The segment of 440 Greenway fits the catalyst alternative transportation goals of the program. (Metro Parks was awarded a \$1 million TAP grant this year for the Cumberland River Greenway - Opry Mills Connector.)

11-17-09

**BOARD ACCEPTS DONATION FROM GREENWAYS FOR NASHVILLE
TO SUPPORT THE I-440 GREENWAY CONSTRUCTION PROJECT
FROM ELMINGTON PARK TO OMAN STREET**

Upon motion of Dr. Brannon, seconded by Ms. Hughes, the board accepted a donation in the amount of \$120,000 from Greenways for Nashville in support of the I-440 Greenway construction project from Elmington Park to Oman Street.

In support of the Greenway initiative, Greenways for Nashville has secured \$120,000 in support from HCA Healthcare for the section of the 440 Greenway currently under construction from Elmington Park to Oman St. (Phase 1). These funds were received by Greenways for Nashville, a non-profit friends group for the Greenways Division of Metro Parks and at this time, Greenways for Nashville would like to award the funds to Metro Parks for the stated project.

11-17-10

OPEN DISCUSSION REGARDING WALK OF FAME PARK AND BRIDGESTONE

Ms. Odom began an open discussion with the board regarding sponsorship opportunities for Bridgestone Corporation in Walk of Fame Park. She stated that Metro Parks is in support of public/private partnership; however, we need to approach these opportunities very carefully.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS (con't.)

11-17-10 (con't.)

OPEN DISCUSSION REGARDING WALK OF FAME PARK AND BRIDGESTONE

Bridgestone Corporation has inquired about the renaming of Walk of Fame Park; however, in consideration of policies already in place at Metro Parks, features within parks can be named; however, once a park has been named, it cannot be renamed. With regard to features within Walk of Fame Park, there are three options available to Bridgestone:

- Naming of the Plaza area
- Naming of the Pavilion within the Plaza area
- Naming of the great lawn

Mr. Anderson stated that more than one million dollars have been spent on the Walk of Fame medallions and Metro Parks has to remain cognizant of their location. Ms. Odom also reported that phase 2 improvements are already in place for the park. Ms. Hughes was concerned with the Bridgestone signage already in place in that immediate area of downtown Nashville (on the arena and the newly constructed office building)

Mr. Anderson stated that a committee meeting will be scheduled to discuss all of the concerns expressed.

IX. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

**MS. TERRI SHORT ADDRESSES THE BOARD REGARDING
THE PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF THE NORTHWEST YMCA FACILITY**

Ms. Terri Short, representing supporters of "Save the Northwest Y", was present to address the board regarding the proposed acquisition of the Northwest YMCA facility.

Ms. Short stated that there are three (3) community centers within a 3 mile radius of the Northwest YMCA, Hadley, Hartman and Looby and the group respectfully asked the Metro Parks utilize the money to upgrade these centers instead of acquiring the Northwest YMCA. She said the Northwest YMCA members have received no information from the YMCA and they (YMCA) have not scheduled the meetings promised with members and the community. There has not been a meeting since the initial meeting that was held in July 2017. Ms. Short then asked the Parks Board to vote no with regard to the acquisition of the Northwest YMCA.

Mr. Anderson reported that the YMCA of Middle Tennessee has asked that the Parks Board consider their request in January 2018.

X. CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE – Tim Netsch

Countywide – FY18 Capital Projects Planning and design proposals underway:

- Antioch Community Center renovations
- Jefferson Street Park
- Red Caboose Playground in Bellevue Park (replace/community build)
- Old Hickory Community Center (expansion and enhancement)
- Sunnyside Mansion restoration
- Two Rivers Mansion Events Pavilion (consistent with Master Plan)
- Wharf Park - South of Rolling Mill Hill on the Cumberland River
Nashville Rowing Club Boathouse to be anchor tenant

Construction bidding underway for Oakwood Park.

Master Plan for Southeast Park – final public meeting December 9th

Master Plan for Stones River – final public meeting December 6th

Stones River and Southeast Master Plans will be presented to Mayor Barry on Tuesday, December 5th.

XI. UPCOMING SPECIAL ACTIVITIES/EVENTS

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

- **Student/Teacher Holiday Sale Opening Reception**
November 10, 5:00 pm at the Centennial Art Center
- **Centennial Jam Band Showcase**
November 17, 7:00 pm at Centennial Performing Arts Center,
- **Nashville’s Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony**
December 1, 6:00 pm, Public Square Park
- **Mini-Nutcracker**
December 1 – 3 at Harpeth Hall
- **Wedgewood/Houston Art Crawl**
December 2 – Fort Negley is on the tour
- **Reenactment of the Battle of Nashville**
December 9, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm, Fort Negley

XII. DEPARTMENT UPDATES

XIII. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

- On Monday, November 6 Sherry Higgs, Darlene Morrow and Monique Odom attended the opening of a music studio in Cleveland Community Center. Notes for Notes Foundation and the Boys and Girls Club working together established this full music studio for the children. This event generated a large community turnout.

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

Mr. Anderson announced:

- The contractor using Tony Rose Park should return to the board in December 2017 to update the board on their progress and payment for use of the park.
- Friends groups will now report to the board on an annual schedule.
- Deadline for financial reporting of Friends groups may change to August 1 so that the reports may be reviewed before the group appears before the board. Ms. Hughes will chair this committee.
- Because of the monies (50 cents per seat) from the Ascend Amphitheater being deposited into the account of the Metro Parks Foundation, Mr. Anderson did not think the chairperson of the Nashville Parks Board should serve on the foundation. Therefore, Mr. Anderson appointed Ms. Hughes to the Nashville Parks Foundation to replace himself. Ms. Hughes background in non-profit management will provide much assistance to the Nashville Parks Foundation.
- Board orientation may be scheduled before the December Parks Board meeting (this is dependent upon Metro Legal and their availability).
- Scheduling a board tour of Fort Negley as a group, email forthcoming.

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

Monique N. Odom, Director

George Anderson, Chairperson