

METROPOLITAN BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

December 5, 2017

A meeting of the Board of Parks and Recreation of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee was held on Tuesday, December 5, 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, and Dr. Jo Ann Brannon. Mr. Jeff Haynes was not in attendance.

Staff present were: Mr. Rick Taylor, Consolidated Maintenance; Ms. Sherry Hipps, 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; Capt. Chris Taylor, Park Police and **Ms. Macy Amos, representing the Metro Legal Department.** Ms. Jackie Jones, Superintendent/Public Information and Mr. Stevon Neloms, Community Recreation were not in attendance. **Mr. John Cooper, Councilmember at Large, was in attendance.**

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 7, 2017 APPROVED

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

V. METRO COUNCIL REFERRALS

VI. OLD BUSINESS

08-17-05

BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF THE YMCA OF MIDDLE TENNESSEE TO DEFER ACTION UPON THEIR PROPOSAL FOR METRO PARKS TO ACQUIRE AND TAKE OVER OPERATION OF THE NORTHWEST YMCA UNTIL THE FEBRUARY 2018 BOARD MEETING

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Jenn Garcia, the board approved request of Mr. Jimmy Granbery, Chair-Middle Tennessee YMCA, to defer proposal until the February 2018 parks board meeting.

X. CONSENT AGENDA

12-17-01

BOARD APPROVES PERMITS FOR FACILITY USE FOR 2018

Upon motion of Dr. Brannon, seconded by Ms. Hughes, the board approved the following Permits for Facility Use for a period of one year contingent upon all 2017 permit obligations being met.

Bike the Greenway, Inc. – Wave Country Parking Area
Boys & Girls Clubs of Middle Tennessee – Cleveland Community Center
Cane Ridge Community Club-building in Cecil Rhea Crawford Park
Charlotte Park Little League-Charlotte Park ballfields
Donelson Community Club – Heartland Park
East Nashville Little League – 3 youth athletic fields in Shelby Park
GNASH – Centennial Sportsplex Ice Rinks
GROW Enrichment – Two Rivers Park
Harpeth Youth Soccer – Harpeth River Park Soccer Complex
Hands on Nashville – Mill Creek Greenway (Wimpole Drive property)
Joelton Community Club-Joelton-McDowell Community Park
Lakewood Dixie Youth – Lakewood Park
Metropolitan Action Commission-Dudley Community Center
MGD Elite Hockey – Centennial Sportsplex Ice Rinks
Middle Tennessee Baseball Foundation-Seven Oaks Baseball Field
Mid State Sports Leagues – Fred Douglas Sports Field
Mid State Sports Leagues – Two Rivers Softball Field 1 & 2
Music City BMX--BMX Track-Hamilton Creek Park
Nashville Amateur Radio Club-Corps of Engineers Bldg/Lock II Park
Nashville Aquatic Club-Centennial Sportsplex Aquatic Center
Nashville Baseball Training Academy- Pitts Park
Nashville Junior Predators – Centennial Sportsplex Ice Rinks
Nashville Old Timers Baseball Association-Shelby Park Baseball Field
Nashville Paddle Company – Hamilton Creek Beach
Nashville Skating Academy – Centennial Sportsplex Ice Rinks
Nashville Sports Leagues – Paragon Mills Softball Field
Nashville Youth Hockey League – Centennial Sportsplex Ice Rinks
Nashville Youth Soccer League-Heartland Park Soccer Complex
Old Hickory Girls Softball League – Old Hickory Park (2 fields)
Oxbow Tourism, LLC-Pontoon – East Bank
RBI Association-2 youth ballfields-Seven Oaks Park
Southern Off Road Bicycle Association of Middle TN-Mountain Bike Trails in parks
Stones River Woman’s Club-Two Rivers Mansion
Stoney Creek Colors – Goodlettsville Park
Swim America – Centennial Sportsplex Aquatic Center
Una Recreation Center, Inc.-youth football fields–Una Park
West Nashville Sports League – baseball and softball fields - Warner Park
Whites Creek Community Club – 3854 Whites Creek Pike
Whites Creek High School – athletic fields at Whites Creek High School

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X. CONSENT AGENDA

12-17-02

BOARD APPROVES DECEMBER 2017 CONSENT AGENDA

Upon motion of Dr. Brannon, seconded by Ms. Hughes, the board approved the December 2017 consent agenda as presented.

AMPLIFICATION APPROVAL

- Music City Inc.-New Year's Eve Celebration Walk of Fame Park Dec. 30 & 31 2017
- Destination Nashville-5k fun run Two Rivers Park/Greenway Fri., Jan. 5, 2018
- Explore Community School-5k Shelby Bottoms Greenway Sun., May 6, 2018
- Vanessa Moore – wedding Centennial Sunken Garden Sun., May 27, 2018
- HCA Employee Event Centennial Park/The Ellipse Fri., Aug. 10, 2018

FUNDRAISING APPROVAL

- Greenways for Nashville Richland Creek Greenway Sat., April 21, 2018

ALCOHOL APPROVAL

- Crain Construction BBQ competition Centennial Park Event Shelter Fri., Oct. 26, 2018

AMPLIFICATION AND FUNDRAISING APPROVAL

- Rebuilding Together Nashville 5k Shelby Park Mon., March 26, 2018
- The Puppy Up Foundation-walk Edwin Warner Park Sat., May 5, 2018
- Hattie B's Racing Cedar Hill Park-2018 Criterium Sun., May 6, 2018
- Williams Syndrome Association-walk Centennial Park Event Shelter Sat., May 12, 2018
- Free for Life International-walk Centennial Park Event Shelter Sun., Sept. 16, 2018
- Free to Breathe 5k Edwin Warner Park, Shelters 9,10,11 Sat., Nov. 3, 2018

FUNDRAISING AND ALCOHOL APPROVAL

- Spark Theatre Company - play Centennial Performing Arts Studio Dec. 15-17, 2018

AMPLIFICATION AND ALCOHOL APPROVAL

- Yardprojectmusic Corporation Cumberland Park-Caribbean Festival Sat., May 19, 2018
- C3 Presents-Music City Food/Wine Festival Walk of Fame Park Sat., Sept. 15, 2018
- C3 Presents – Harvest Night & Gospel Brunch Walk of Fame Park Sun., Sept. 16, 2018
- The Taco Festival Centennial Park front lawn Sat., Sept. 29, 2018

AMPLIFICATION, ALCOHOL AND FUNDRAISING APPROVAL

- John Smith Marketing and H and S Entertainment LLC Riverfront Park-Old School BBQ Festival Sun., Sept. 2, 2018

X. CONSENT AGENDA

12-17-02 (con't.)

BOARD APPROVES DECEMBER 2017 CONSENT AGENDA

Upon motion of Dr. Brannon, seconded by Ms. Hughes, the board approved the December 2017 consent agenda as presented.

AMPLIFICATION AND RALLY APPROVAL

- YWCA Nashville/Middle TN Public Square Park Fri., April 27, 2018
Stand Against Racism

CANNON FIRING DEMONSTRATION

- Fort Negley Visitors Center Fort Negley Park Sat., Dec. 9, 2017
Cannon firing demonstrations as part of the annual commemoration of the Battle of Nashville taking place each hour between 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

12-17-03

BOARD DEFERS REQUEST OF THE NASHVILLE OLD TIMERS BASEBALL ASSOCIATION TO NAME BASEBALL DIAMOND #2 IN SHELBY PARK

Mr. Tommy Lynch, representing The Nashville Old Timers Baseball Association appeared before the board to request approval to name Shelby Park baseball diamond #2 in honor of native Nashvillian and baseball enthusiast, Mickey Hiter.

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Dr. Brannon, the board deferred this request one meeting as per park policy 3000.1 to the naming committee of the Parks Board.

12-17-04

BOARD APPROVES THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CREATIVE PARKS NASHVILLE AS AN OFFICIAL VOLUNTEER SUPPORT GROUP TO THE METRO PARKS CULTURAL ARTS DIVISION

Correspondence submitted by Mr. Tim Pierce, representing Creative Parks Nashville, requesting the establishment of Creative Parks Nashville as a volunteer support group to the Metro Parks Cultural Arts Division was presented to the board for approval. Mr. Jim Hester, Assistant Director of Parks represented this request to the board and stated that all necessary paperwork required of a friends group had been submitted.

Upon motion of Ms. Garcia, seconded by Ms. Hughes, the board approved this request to officially recognize Creative Parks Nashville as a support group to Metro Parks.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

12-17-05

BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF CREATIVE PARKS NASHVILLE FOR APPLICATION AND ULTIMATE ACCEPTANCE FOR FY2019 GRANT FUNDING FROM THE TENNESSEE ARTS COMMISSION TO SUPPLEMENT A YEAR OF FREE BIG BAND DANCES

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Ms. Garcia, the board approved application and ultimate acceptance of FY2019 grant funding of up to \$5,000 from the Tennessee Arts Commission Arts Project Support grant to supplement a year of free big band dances for the public by Creative Parks Nashville.

12-17-06

BOARD DEFERS REQUEST TO APPROVE ACQUISITION OF 118 ACRES ON THE CUMBERLAND RIVER, MAP 53, PARCELS 1, 21, 136 AND 137 AS PRESENTED BY THE CONSERVATION ASSISTANCE GRANT FUND

Upon motion of Dr. Steele, seconded by Ms. Hughes, the board deferred the acquisition of 118 acres on the Cumberland River, map 53, parcels 1, 21, 136 and 137 as presented by the Conservation Assistance Grant Fund as per Park Policy 3000.25 Acquisition and Disposition of Park Property.

12-17-07

BOARD DEFERS REQUEST TO APPROVE ACQUISITION OF 4.6 ACRES ON HIGHWAY 100, MAP 143, PARCEL 029 AS PRESENTED BY THE CONSERVATION ASSISTANCE GRANT FUND

Upon motion of Dr. Brannon, seconded by Dr. Steele, the board deferred the acquisition of 4.6 acres on Highway 100, map 143, parcel 029 as presented by the Conservation Assistance Grant Fund as per Park Policy 3000.25 Acquisition and Disposition of Park Property.

12-17-08

BOARD APPROVES APPLICATION AND ULTIMATE ACCEPTANCE OF 2018 NRPA INSTRUCTOR TRAINING GRANTS FOR THE SPORTSPLEX AND COMMUNITY CENTER STAFF

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Ms. Hughes, the board approved the application and ultimate acceptance of NRPA 2018 Instructor Training Grants for Physical Activity Programs for Sportsplex and Community Center staff. If awarded, training and materials valued at \$5,460 will be provided to 6 staff members. Staff will be trained in 3 programs to improve greater physical activity within the community.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

12-17-08 (con't.)

**BOARD APPROVES APPLICATION AND ULTIMATE ACCEPTANCE
OF 2018 NRPA INSTRUCTOR TRAINING GRANTS FOR THE SPORTSPLEX
AND COMMUNITY CENTER STAFF**

These Instructor Training Grants will:

- Help people in the community become and maintain physically active lifestyles
- Provide a safe location for physical activity in our service area
- Attract new audiences to our facilities
- Provide opportunities for funding and community partnerships
- Increase the probability of reaching adults struggling to become physically active

IX. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

Award Winners from the 2017 Tennessee Recreation and Parks Association State Conference held in Franklin, TN:

The **4-Star Award for Athletic Programming** went to **Metro Parks' disABILITIES Office** for their **disABILITIES Sports Leagues** Program. 4-Star awards recognize the best overall programs, facilities and marketing strategies by TRPA members. Metro Parks' disABILITIES Sports Leagues were started for the participants to have access to competition year round instead of the annual Special Olympics event. This group now competes in bowling, flag football, soccer, and basketball year round and has over 30-80 participants weekly. The basketball program is an all-inclusion league and plays on Saturdays.

The **Wayne Hansard Award** went to **Randall Lantz** (Consolidated Maintenance). This award was developed by the Municipal/County Section of the TRPA recognizing personnel who have demonstrated excellence in the maintenance of parks, facilities, and/or grounds in a cost effective and efficient manner for the safety of the citizen user or user group.

The **Dennis Rainier Award** went to **Dana Allen** (disABILITIES Office). This award was developed by the Athletics Branch of the TRPA to recognize personnel who have demonstrated excellence in athletic planning and programming. Dana Allen put the sports league program together in 2 years and has worked diligently to obtain PR, sponsorships, and uniforms for this successful activity.

IX. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS (con't.)

The following recognitions were also announced:

The **Benefactor Award**, nominated by Metro Parks, went to **Belmont University** for their considerable contributions to **our parks system and to sports and athletics in Nashville**. The public/private partnership that Metro Parks and Belmont share has had a positive influence on the community. E.S. Rose Park Athletic field facilities promote new and improved collaborations between Metro Parks, Carter Lawrence Elementary School, Rose Park Middle School, local neighborhood organizations, and nearby Belmont University. The park is open to the public from dawn to dusk except when a scheduled event is reserved at the facility. Over the past 12 months elementary, middle and high school sports teams, youth recreational and travel sports teams, as well as adult sports programs use these fields. During those months that Belmont is not in a particular sport, access to the fields is only limited by the high demand from these groups. Please note that most non-Belmont user hours occur after 3:00 p.m. on weekdays and on weekends. Belmont on the other hand uses a large portion of their hours during the day, Monday through Friday when the demand is low.

Unique features of the E.S. Rose Park Athletic Fields include: a 750-seat synthetic turf baseball field, a 250-seat natural grass softball field, a new 300-seat track, soccer facilities with synthetic turf for safety and speed, relocated basketball courts, a single-story 5,150-square-foot center providing public restrooms and concession stand, and a new playground with canopy and safety cushions.

Belmont University's financial investment at Rose Park includes \$9,718,897 for the initial improvements, as well as an average of \$134,182 each year for regular maintenance, one-time expenses and vandalism costs. The university has also awarded \$1,234,287 in scholarships to residents of the Edgehill Community.

Attending from Belmont University to accept this award were Mr. Jason Rogers, Ms. Joyce Searcy, Mr. Scott Corley, and Ms. Hope Butner.

Ms. Sherry Hipps presented the **Volunteer Service Award** to **Ms. Adrie Rhodes** for her dedication and volunteer service at **Watkins Park Community Center**. Ms. Rhodes is Alonzo Rhodes' mother (Watkins Park Community Center Director) and she is very committed to the children and their programs at Watkins Park Community Center – Metro Parks and the participants at Watkins Park are extremely fortunate to have her as a volunteer with our program.

Mr. Glen Adkins presented the **Volunteer Service Award** to Ms. Kris Salisbury, board chair of the **Sports 4 All Foundation**, for their work with the **Metro Parks disABILITIES Office**.

In 2008, Ms. Salisbury recognized the need for regular exercise and sport specific training—for participation in Special Olympics and that need was met with the creation of Project HEALTH (Helping Every Ability Learn to be Healthy). Today, Sports 4 All programming meets the needs of over 1500 people annually through donated equipment, classes and leagues focused on health and wellness.

IX. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS (con't.)

Mr. Randall Lantz was the recipient of the **Tennessee Urban Forestry Council's 2017 Government Employee Award of Excellence.**

Randall is the Superintendent of Horticulture at Metro Parks. He and his crews provide all the landscape services needed in the city from parks and greenway properties, to schools and street right of ways. He also coordinates the Nashville Lawn and Garden Show each year.

**LT. HOUSTON TAYLOR HONORED FOR 36 YEARS OF SERVICE
WITH THE METRO PARKS POLICE**

Captain Chris Taylor presented Lt. Houston Taylor with a certificate to retain his service weapon in honor of his retirement with Metro Parks after 36 years of service. Mr. Taylor will again be honored at a retirement celebration in his honor on Friday, December 8, 2017.

**MR. THOMAS WOLTZ, REPRESENTING NELSON BYRD WOLTZ LANDSCAPE
ARCHITECTS, PRESENTS THE STONES RIVER AND SOUTHEAST MASTER
PLANS TO THE BOARD**

STONES RIVER - The master planning process kicked off with an open house at the location of the future regional park. Metro Parks' staff hosted activities which included orientation to the site, hikes, games, face painting, music, and hayrides. In addition, each participant was given a 'Park Passport' (right) which included a scavenger hunt that provided information on the site and solicited feedback from the community on what the future park might become. A number of surveys were also handed out to participants. Later, results were tallied to be incorporated into the master plan study.

Midway through the master plan process, the design team developed a series of master plan draft theme boards to be presented to the community by the Metro Park staff and other members of the design team. Feedback on these various themes was solicited, collected, analyzed and summarized by the team members present. The feedback was then incorporated into the final master plan document.

Transforming 800 acres is a grand undertaking that will require careful consideration dependent on circumstances beyond the scope of the master plan document. All of these phases will be contingent on future budgets and the direction of Metro Parks. Each phase will likely be divided into sub phases to be determined as funds become available.

- **Phase 1** includes the active hilltop and the entry drive to get there, as well as extended greenway access through the former Ravenwood property.
- **Phase 2** covers all areas west of the entry drive beyond the hilltop area.
- **Phase 3** includes Ravenwood East and Stone Hall.

IX. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS (con't.)

MR. THOMAS WOLTZ, REPRESENTING NELSON BYRD WOLTZ LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS, PRESENTS THE STONES RIVER AND SOUTHEAST MASTER PLANS TO THE BOARD (con't.)

SOUTHEAST - In May 2017 Metro Parks hosted a kickoff event for Southeast Davidson Regional Park titled "Hikes and Hayrides." The event introduced the park to the community by providing fun and engaging activities that would not only heighten awareness about the park, but also demonstrate the potential in the new public land. Activity stations, such as a plant-a-seed tent and a games tent, kept children and younger community members interested, while informational hayrides and guided hikes introduced the site's interesting and complex history and natural features of the parkland. The event also provided critical insight into the community's regional park needs. Surveys and suggestion boards at the event indicated the activities and facilities community members wanted -- or didn't want -- in the park, allowing for Southeast Davidson Regional Park to become the best possible park for the surrounding community. The Hikes and Hayrides open house event encouraged the community to discover the park by inviting all to the new property. Over sixty participants engaged in a variety of activities and gave their input through a survey and post-it-note system.

Over the course of the project, the design team made an extra effort to meet the community and invited public input from groups that are often under-represented in the public planning process. Creative labs were held at schools, places of worship, and private homes, where immigrant and refugee communities shared their hopes for the new park. Besides the general desire for all manner of recreational facilities, other themes rose to the top from the community input. First among them was food: growing, sharing, and cooking food as a way to celebrate community, sharing special occasions, and learning about different cultures.

Second was a desire for a place to spend all day with family and friends; not just a trip to the playground, but an entire afternoon or day-long outing with activities, as well as facilities that support this desire.

Third was an appreciation for and desire to preserve the rural and agrarian character of the property. It is a reflection of where the community came from and is now a shrinking landscape in this part of the county.

In the second open house, the design team met with interested community members in small groups to explain the draft master plan and answer questions. Children created a collage of their dream playground.

IX. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS (con't.)

MR. THOMAS WOLTZ, REPRESENTING NELSON BYRD WOLTZ LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS, PRESENTS THE STONES RIVER AND SOUTHEAST MASTER PLANS TO THE BOARD (con't.)

Transforming 575 acres is a grand undertaking that will require careful consideration dependent on circumstances beyond the scope of the master plan document. All of these phases will be contingent on future budgets and the direction of Metro Parks. Each phase will likely be divided into sub phases to be determined as funds become available.

- **Phase 1** includes the festival grounds of Kimbro Station Park, its pavilions, the regional playground, the wetland to the north, and the greenway south through the Moore Farm Grasslands.
- **Phase 2** covers the Moore Homestead and surrounding gardens, Collins Creek Park, and the trails and forested areas in between. The Moore Farm Cultivation Gardens will be developed throughout all phases in an ongoing process.
- **Phase 3** includes the sport corridor, the softball fields adjacent to Cane Ridge High School, and Crossings Park to the north.

MR. WOLTZ WILL PRESENT THE STONES RIVER AND SOUTHEAST MASTER PLANS TO MAYOR MEGAN BARRY ON TUESDAY AFTERNOON, DECEMBER 5, 2017. STONES RIVER MASTER PLAN WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE PUBLIC ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2017 AND THE SOUTHEAST MASTER PLAN WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE PUBLIC ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2017.

X. CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE – Tim Netsch

The grant with the Metro Historical Commission is currently in the queue for bidding for the Fort Negley Cultural Landscape Plan.

XI. UPCOMING SPECIAL ACTIVITIES/EVENTS

In Ms. Jones absence Ms. Odom announced the following events for December:

- 6:** Final Public Meeting for Ravenwood Master Plan, 6 pm, Hermitage Library
- 9:** Oakwood Park Groundbreaking Ceremony, 12:15 pm, Oakwood Park
- 14:** Season to Remember, Metro Police Victim Intervention Program, 5:45 pm, Centennial Park
- 16:** Final Public Meeting for Southeast Park Master Plan, 10 am, Southeast Library
Annual Homeless Memorial Ceremony, 9 am, Riverfront Park Court of Flags

XII. DEPARTMENT UPDATES

XIII. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

Ms. Odom reported that Parks' staff is working with Metro Social Services and other Metro Agencies with regard to the winter warming shelters. Two regional centers, East and Hadley, have been designated as warming shelters and will not be utilized until all other facilities are full. Ms. Odom expressed her appreciation to those parks employees who are assisting the facilitation of these shelters.

Metro Parks is currently in discussion with representatives of the Finance Department regarding the FY19 budget.

Metro Parks Employee Holiday Celebration is scheduled, 11:00 am - 2:00 pm, on Friday, December 8, 2017. New toys and canned goods will be collected from employees with the canned goods being donated to the Jean Crowe Center and the 2nd Harvest Food Bank and the toys to the Metro Nashville Police Department's Christmas Charities program.

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

Mr. Anderson has called a meeting at 11:15 am before the February board meeting to begin discussion on private groups using public lands.

Upon motion of Ms. Hughes, seconded by Dr. Brannon, the board voted to change the date of the January 2018 board meeting from Tuesday, January 2 to Tuesday, January 9, 2018.

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

Monique N. Odom, Director

George Anderson, Chairperson