

# **METROPOLITAN BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION**

## **MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING**

**May 1, 2018**

A meeting of the Board of Parks and Recreation of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee was held on Tuesday, May 1, 2018 at 12:00 pm in the Centennial Park Boardroom, 2565 Park Plaza, Nashville, TN. Board members present were: Mr. George Anderson, Mr. Stan Fossick, Dr. Michelle Steele, and Dr. Jo Ann Brannon. Ms. Tari Hughes, and Mr. Jeff Haynes were not in attendance.

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; Mr. Jim Hester, Cultural and Outdoor Recreation/Special Events; Ms. Cindy Harrison, Greenways; Ms. Jackie Jones, Superintendent/Public Information; Capt. Chris Taylor, Park Police and **Ms. Macy Amos, representing the Metro Legal Department.**

### **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD APRIL 3, 2018 APPROVED**

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Dr. Brannon, the Board approved the minutes of the board meeting held Tuesday, April 3, 2018 as presented.

#### **V. METRO COUNCIL REFERRALS**

##### **COUNCILMEMBER BILL PRIDEMORE ADDRESSES THE BOARD REGARDING PEELER PARK BOAT RAMP/DOCK**

Councilmember Bill Pridemore, representing Metro Council District 9, was present to address the board regarding the Peeler Park Boat Dock. Councilmember Pridemore is proposing to raise funds to construct a gazebo and courtesy boat dock in Peeler Park to be named in memory of MNPD Officer Eric Mumaw who drowned trying to rescue a suicidal woman. The woman's vehicle rolled down the boat ramp into the river causing the officer to lose his balance and fall into the river on February 2, 2017. Councilmember Pridemore was very clear in stating that he was not asking for any funding from Metro Government. He stated that he needed to raise \$30,000 - \$40,000 and that hopefully will come in the form of donations. Mark Bradfield, Metro Parks' employee, has been working with Councilmember Pridemore and has met with a dock manufacturer and is currently awaiting approval from the Corps of Engineers. This project will go through the normal Metro procurement process.

Therefore, upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Dr. Brannon, the board approved moving forward with this project.

**VI. OLD BUSINESS**

**03-18-11**

**BOARD DEFERS REQUEST FROM THE FRIENDS OF KIMBRO STATION TO  
NAME SOUTHEAST REGIONAL PARK MILL RIDGE PARK**

Because there was not a quorum of the Naming Committee, the board deferred this request for one meeting. The Naming Committee of the Parks Board will review this request and present their recommendation to the full board at their June meeting.

**03-18-12**

**BOARD DEFERS REQUEST OF GLOW NASHVILLE FOR APPROVAL OF A MULTI-  
YEAR LICENSE FOR USE OF RIVERFRONT PARK FROM THANKSGIVING TO  
NEW YEAR'S EVE TO THE MAY PARKS BOARD MEETING**

Upon motion of Dr. Brannon, seconded by Dr. Steele, the board deferred this request until the June board meeting because the license has not been completed.

**04-18-07**

**BOARD DEFERS REQUEST FROM STAFF AND THE OPEN SPACE COMMISSION  
TO BRAND THE URBAN GREENWAY CORRIDOR SYSTEM  
CITY CENTRAL GREENWAY**

Because there was not a quorum of the Naming Committee, the board deferred this request for one meeting. The Naming Committee of the Parks Board will review this request and present their recommendation to the full board at their June meeting.

**X. CONSENT AGENDA**

**05-18-01**

**BOARD APPROVES MAY 2018 CONSENT AGENDA**

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Dr. Brannon, the board approved the May 2018 consent agenda as presented.

**AMPLIFICATION APPROVAL**

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| • Shimiy Janualya-picnic                 | Cane Ridge Park shelter 3       | Sat., May 5, 2018  |
| • Life Dream Ctr/Training Institute      | Cumberland Park-festival        | Sun., May 16, 2018 |
| • Marquisha Yancy-picnic                 | Hadley Park shelter 2           | Sat., May 19, 2018 |
| • MTA/Sherry Smith-picnic                | Cedar Hill shelters 1 & 2       | Sun., May 20, 2018 |
| • Ollie Life Youth Program-kickball game | Antioch Community Center        | Sun., May 20, 2018 |
| • Holy Trinity Montessori-picnic         | Edwin Warner shelter #10        | Fri., May 25, 2018 |
| • Jequay Gray-picnic                     | Cedar Hill shelter 1            | Sat., May 26, 2018 |
| • Benchmark Realty-picnic                | Centennial Park Picnic Pavilion | Sun., June 3, 2018 |
| • BCAN-Nashville Bladder Cancer Walk     | Two Rivers Park                 | Sun., June 3, 2018 |
| • HCA Design/Construction-picnic         | Centennial Park Event Shelter   | Fri., June 8, 2018 |
| • Lydia Hubbell-picnic                   | Two Rivers Park shelter 2       | Sat., June 9, 2018 |

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**AMPLIFICATION APPROVAL**

- Lowes (Heidi Schmidt)-picnic Two Rivers Park shelters 1,2,3,4,5 Sun., June 10, 2018
- Tashaundra Bailey- picnic Two Rivers Park shelter 5 Sat., June 23, 2018
- Bruce McMillan-Neighborhood Reunion Clinton B. Fisk Park Sat., June 23, 2018
- Grace Evangelistic Ministries-picnic Edwin Warner shelter 11 Sun., July 1, 2018
- Felecia Teasley-picnic Cedar Hill Park shelters 1 & 2 Fri., July 27, 2018
- MNPD Nashville Night Out Against Crime East Park Tues., Aug. 7, 2018
- Nashville Downtown Partnership Walk of Fame Park-Corporate Tug of War Thurs., Sept. 13, 2018
- NEOS Youth/NFCN Shelby Park – 5k Sat., Sept. 22, 2018
- Grace Chapel-Sacred Assembly prayer gathering Public Square Park Sun., Sept. 30, 2018
- DXC Technology (Kalisha Moore)-picnic Centennial Park Picnic Pavilion Sat., Oct. 6, 2018
- John Tarman-picnic Shelby Park Mission Shelter Sat., Oct. 13, 2018
- Nashville 1<sup>st</sup> Church of the Nazarene East Park-Eggstravaganza 2019 Sat., April 20, 2019

**FUNDRAISING APPROVAL**

- Meharry Medical College-health walk Ted Rhodes Park/Cumberland Greenway Fri., May 18, 2018
- TN Association of Dance CPAC-National Tap Dance Day May 25 & 26, 2018
- Metro Historical Commission-walk Fort Negley/Nashville City Cemetery Mon., May 28, 2018
- Conquer Chiari Walk Across America Cane Ridge Park Sat., Sept. 15, 2018

**ALCOHOL APPROVAL**

- Katie Downey-engagement party Percy Warner Golf Course Pavilion Sat., June 30, 2018

**AMPLIFICATION AND FUNDRAISING APPROVAL**

- What Do You Run For?- 5K Walk of Fame Park Sun., June 17, 2018
- Hickman County Organization Centennial Event Shelter Sun., July 15, 2018
- American Foundation for Suicide Prevention Two Rivers Park shelters 1,2,3,4,5 Sat., Oct. 13, 2018
- Every Girl Counts, Inc. – walk Percy Warner Park Vaughns Creek Course Sat., Nov. 10, 2018
- Superfly Children’s Foundation Two Rivers Park Sat., March 9, 2019

**AMPLIFICATION AND ALCOHOL APPROVAL**

- Reformed University Fellowship Sevier Park Greenspace-picnic Wed., May 2, 2018
- Nashville Soul Music Festival Public Square Park Sat., July 14, 2018
- Tiffany Williams-wedding/reception Cumberland Sat., Aug. 4, 2018
- Howl at the Moon Indie Music Festival Two Rivers Mansion Sept. 15 &16, 2018

**AMPLIFICATION AND OVERNIGHT STAY IN PARK**

- Awaken the Dawn-48 hour prayer vigil Public Square Park Sept. 27-29, 2018

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**AMPLIFICATION AND POLITICAL EVENT**

- Freedom Rights-March for our Rights Riverfront 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue Plaza Sat., May 19, 2018
- The Pearl Society-political day of prayer Steeplechase Grandstand Sat., June 2, 2018
- Wings Lifted-domestic violence protest Public Square Park Sat., Oct. 20, 2018

**AMPLIFICATION, ALCOHOL AND FUNDRAISING APPROVAL**

- Friends of Fort Negley-fireworks viewing Fort Negley Park Wed., July 4, 2018
- Friends of Green Hills Park-festival Green Hills Park Sat., Sept. 15, 2018
- Rhizome Productions-12South Winter Warmer Sevier Park Nov. 30/Dec. 1, 2018

**05-18-02**

**BOARD APPROVES RENEWAL OF ANNUAL PERMIT  
WITH BIG WILLIES ACTION SPORTS**

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Dr. Brannon, the board approved renewal of an annual permit with Big Willies Action Sports for use of the Shelby Bottoms boat ramp and East Bank Park during standup paddleboard season.

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

**05-18-03**

**BOARD ACCEPTS GRANT IN AN AMOUNT NOT EXCEED \$2500.00  
FROM THE FRIENDS OF SHELBY PARK AND SHELBY BOTTOMS  
FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING A FENCE TO PROTECT THE BEES  
LOCATED AT CORNELIA FORT AIRPARK**

Upon motion of Dr. Brannon, seconded by Dr. Steele, the board accepted a grant from The Friends of Shelby Park and Shelby Bottoms in an amount not to exceed \$2500.00 for the purpose of constructing a fence to protect the bees located at Cornelia Fort Airpark. Staff at Shelby Bottoms Nature Center and area beekeepers have also recommended this fencing.

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

**05-18-04**

**BOARD ACCEPTS DONATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,000.00 FROM  
THE GARDEN CLUB OF AMERICA TO SUPPORT  
THE IMPROVEMENT OF PARKS IN NASHVILLE**

Correspondence received from Ms. Jennifer Barnette Cohen, representing the Garden Club of America requesting the board to accept a donation in the amount of \$2,000.00 was presented to the board.

Upon motion of Dr. Brannon, seconded by Dr. Steele, the board accepted this donation in the amount of \$2,000.00 to be deposited into the Metro Parks' Gift Fund to support improvement of parks in Nashville. This donation was given in appreciation for a parks tour led by Tim Netsch during a conference that was held in Nashville in 2017.

**05-18-05**

**BOARD DEFERS STAFF REQUEST TO NAME METRO PARKS' PROPERTY  
KNOWN AS RAVENWOOD, PARCEL 085000021700,  
LOCATED AT 3401 CENTRAL PIKE AS RAVENWOOD PARK**

As per Park Policy 3000.1 Naming of Parks, the board deferred request for one meeting. The Naming Committee of the Parks Board will review this request and present their recommendation to the full board at their June meeting.

**05-18-06**

**BOARD DEFERS STAFF REQUEST TO NAME METRO PARKS' PROPERTY  
KNOWN AS SMITH SPRINGS, PARCEL 13600007100,  
LOCATED AT 2801 SMITH SPRINGS ROAD AS SMITH SPRINGS PARK**

As per Park Policy 3000.1 Naming of Parks, the board deferred request for one meeting. The Naming Committee of the Parks Board will review this request and present their recommendation to the full board at their June meeting.

**IX. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS**

**MR. MARK WELLER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF FRIENDS OF WARNER PARKS,  
PRESENTS ANNUAL UPDATE TO THE BOARD**

Mr. Weller presented the following facts:

- In 1987 the first FOWP meeting was held with Warner Bass elected President and he held that position for 12 years.
- Mark has held the position of Executive Director of FOWP since 2013.

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

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- Currently have 5 year-round and 9 seasonal positions approved by grant from the Parks Board.
- Received 28 grants in 2017.
- 800 people contribute annually
- Warner Parks is host to the oldest continuously running blue bird box program.
- The Burch Reserve opened April 14, 2018.
- Warner Parks now has approximately 3200 acres.
- FOWP funded construction of a new horse stable/barn for the Park Police
- Sandstone Gates have been fully restored.
- Warner Park Nature Center has recently installed new exhibits with an opening reception slated for Thursday, May 17.
- In 2017 3100 volunteers worked over 9,000 hours at a value of \$225,000.
- Current projects are stream mitigation, trail signage, trail erosion, and restoration of the historic alleè staircase
- Updating stewardship goal to develop strategic plan.

**METRO PARKS GROUP “SONGS THRU SIGN” RECOGNIZED BY BOARD**

This group, ***Song thru Sign***, formed 5 years ago through a collaboration of the Metro Parks DisABILITIES Program and the Metro Parks Performing Arts Program was recently awarded the Arts Award as presented by the Mayors Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities.

The DisABILITIES Day Programming serves nearly 80 individuals on a weekly basis with a variety of primary disabilities and functionality levels and the Song thru Sign program has brought them all together to perform on one stage and raise a “voice” through their interpretation of song. They have learned to work as a team, they have developed deeper friendships and appreciation for each other and they have boosted their sense of self-worth and belonging through their practices and performances. Many of the participants have learned basic sign language and have become better able to communicate with each other and especially those who are limited with their verbal communication. Currently this group has approximately 30 members who practice weekly together performing a choreographed routine that interprets music through American Sign Language.

After this group was introduced to the board they performed for all in attendance and received a standing ovation. Mr. Anderson congratulated the group for their accomplishments.

**X. CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE – Tim Netsch**

- **Azafran Park** – May opening date with a volunteer day scheduled May 12th;
- **Bellevue-Red Caboose Playground Replacement** – Demolition currently underway.
- **Centennial Park Master Plan** – Phase One was awarded SITES certification Phase Two (Great Lawn) in the queue for construction bidding.
- **Fannie Mae Dees – Dragon Restoration** – Unveiling set for Sunday May 20.
- **Fort Negley – Cultural Landscape Plan** – Should be complete Fall 2018.
- **Goodlettsville/New Park** –Design complete, construction bids out.
- **Hadley Tennis Building** – Should be ready for summer tennis camps and will be available for special events.
- **Jefferson Street Park** – Design contract underway.
- **Madison Community Center** – Complete – awaiting opening date.
- **Oakwood Park** – construction underway, scheduled completion Fall 2018
- **Wharf Park** – 11 acre site below Rolling Mill Hill on the Cumberland River. RFP in the queue at Purchasing. A public engagement planning “Meet Wharf Park” is underway.

**XI. UPCOMING SPECIAL ACTIVITIES/EVENTS**

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

**May 9-October** Brown Bag Lunch Concert Series, Centennial Park  
**May 13-October** Jazz on the Cumberland, Cumberland Park  
**May 11-June 30** Musicians Corner, Centennial Park  
**Full Moon Pickin’ Parties**, Warner Park  
**May 31, June 7, 14, 21** Movies in the Park, Elmington Park  
**Sunday, May 20** Unveiling of the Dragon, Fannie Mae Dees Park and  
Kick-off of the 2018 Dragon Music Sunday Series

**XII. DEPARTMENT UPDATES - none**

**XIII. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR**

Ms. Odom introduced Ms. Chinita White, Metro Parks Assistant Director of Administration and Finance, to the board. Ms. White comes to Parks from the Metro Finance Department and has 16 years’ experience with Metro Government.

Ms. Odom reminded everyone that the Parks Budget Hearing before the Metro Council is scheduled for Tuesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 4:00 pm in the David Scobey Council Chamber in the Historic Metro Courthouse.

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

Ms. Odom reported that the Mayor's Office issued a press release announcing the results of the first quarterly report of the Nashville-Davidson County Resident Survey which was administered by ETC Institute between February and March. This survey also offers a gauge on resident perceptions of the government services areas that are of priority interest in their lives. The key issues most cited by residents are: maintenance of city streets, sidewalks and infrastructure, public transportation, public education, social services and police.

This survey was a first for Nashville/Davidson County and Metro Parks was a Metro department which received high scores. Other services receiving the most positive feedback, when compared to peer cities were libraries, fire and emergency services, police and water.

There will be 3 additional surveys and they will be issued quarterly. Data from each survey will be released to help to enhance current work, inform future initiatives and track progress over time.

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

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

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**Monique N. Odom, Director**

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**George Anderson, Chairperson**