

# **METROPOLITAN BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION**

## **MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING**

**July 10, 2018**

A meeting of the Board of Parks and Recreation of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee was held on Tuesday, July 10, 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, Ms. Tari Hughes, and Mr. Jeff Haynes. Dr. Michelle Steele and Ms. Susannah Scott-Barnes were not in attendance.

Staff present were: Ms. Chinita White, Administration and Finance; Mr. Jerry Terfinko for Rick Taylor, Consolidated Maintenance; Mr. Stevon Neloms, Community Recreation; Mr. Mark Bradfield for 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; Capt. Chris Taylor, Park Police; Ms. Jackie Jones, Superintendent/Public Information and **Ms. Macy Amos, representing the Metro Legal Department.**

**Metro Councilmember at Large Erica Gilmore, Councilmember Burkley Allen representing the 18<sup>th</sup> district and Councilmember Colby Sledge representing the 17<sup>th</sup> district were in attendance.**

### **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD JUNE 12, 2018 APPROVED**

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Mr. Haynes, the Board approved the minutes of the board meeting held Tuesday, June 12, 2018 as presented.

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

#### **VI. OLD BUSINESS**

**03-18-11**

### **BOARD APPROVES REQUEST TO NAME SOUTHEAST REGIONAL PARK, MILL RIDGE PARK, AS REQUESTED BY THE FRIENDS OF THE PARK AT KIMBRO STATION**

Mr. Darrell Hawks, Executive Director of the Friends of Kimbro Station, was present to requests approval from the board to name Southeast Regional Park, Mill Ridge Park.

As per recommendation of the naming committee per ***Park Policy 3000.1 Naming of Parks*** and upon motion of Ms. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Haynes, the board approved the request of the Friends of the Park at Kimbro Station to name the 600 acres of park land currently unnamed and referred to as Southeast Regional Park, Mill Ridge Park, based on the following characteristics:

- Relates to the geographic location and natural features of the park.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

03-18-11(con't.)

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST TO NAME  
SOUTHEAST REGIONAL PARK, MILL RIDGE PARK, AS REQUESTED  
BY THE FRIENDS OF THE PARK AT KIMBRO STATION**

- Located in the Mill Creek Watershed and Mill Creek Valley with Mill Creek, Mill Creek Park and Mill Creek Greenway in close proximity.
- This acreage features two prominent ridges with a ridgeline running through the center of the park area.

06-18-10

**BOARD GRANTS APPROVAL TO PIEDMONT NATURAL GAS COMPANY  
FOR A PERMANENT EASEMENT ON MCCABE PARK PROPERTY**

A request of Ms. Tami Sturges, representing Piedmont Natural Gas Company, requesting board approval of a permanent easement that will allow Piedmont Natural Gas Company to perform a deep drill under a corner of McCabe Park property was presented to the board for approval.

As per recommendation of the acquisition committee, as per Parks Policy **3000.25 ACQUISITION AND DISPOSITION OF PARK PROPERTY**, and upon motion of Ms. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Fossick, the board granted approval of a permanent easement allowing Piedmont Natural Gas Company to perform a deep drill under a corner of McCabe Park property. This upgrade/replacement of an existing line serving the surrounding area connects to an existing station along Cherokee at Highway 70. The new line will ultimately replace an existing easement Piedmont has across the McCabe property that terminates at a station on the HOA property of the Lion's Head Condominiums across Richland Creek.

06-18-11

**BOARD GRANTS APPROVAL TO PIEDMONT NATURAL GAS COMPANY  
FOR A PERMANENT EASEMENT AS PART OF A PIPELINE PROJECT  
AT 0 WEST HAMILTON ROAD TO ADJOIN THE WHITES CREEK GREENWAY  
NEAR HARTMAN PARK**

A request of Ms. Tami Sturges, representing Piedmont Natural Gas Company, requesting board approval of a permanent easement as part of a pipeline project to locate a line within the existing TVA easement at 0 West Hamilton Road and adjoin part of the Whites Creek Greenway near Hartman Park was presented to the board for approval.

**VI. OLD BUSINESS**

**06-18-11 (con't.)**

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As per recommendation of the acquisition committee, as per Parks Policy **3000.25 ACQUISITION AND DISPOSITION OF PARK PROPERTY**, and upon motion of Ms. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Fossick, the board granted approval of a permanent easement as part of a pipeline project to locate a line within the existing TVA easement at 0 West Hamilton Road and adjoin part of the Whites Creek Greenway near Hartman Park. This easement is part of a large, new transmission line project that will allow Piedmont to increase their supply to meet the increasing demands of the growing Nashville service area.

**X. CONSENT AGENDA**

**07-18-01**

**BOARD APPROVES JULY 2018 CONSENT AGENDA**

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Mr. Haynes, the board approved the July 2018 consent agenda as presented.

**AMPLIFICATION APPROVAL**

• Maya Sanchez-picnic	Edwin Warner Park Shelter 3	Sat., July 14, 2018
• Katura Fennell-picnic	Centennial Park Pavilion	Sun., July 15, 2018
• Bethel World Outreach Church	Southeast Center-picnic/movie	Sun., July 15, 2018
• Greater Christ Temple Church	Sevier Park-church in the park	Sun., July 15, 2018
• Ghost Rydaz Car Club-picnic	Cedar Hill Park Shelters 5 & 6	Sat., July 21, 2018
• Aras Musa-picnic	Edwin Warner Park Shelter 5	Sun., July 29, 2018
• Pathway Outreach, Inc.Community Day	Cedar Hill Park-back to school event	Sat., Aug. 4, 2018
• Pleasant Green Baptist Church-picnic	Centennial Park Pavilion	Sun., Aug. 5, 2018
• Knockout Prostate Cancer-walk	Cane Ridge Park	Sat., Sept. 8, 2018
• The Princess Club-family festival	Centennial Event Shelter	Sat., Sept. 29, 2018
• Maddox Charitable Fund-picnic	Casa Azafran Park	Tues., Oct. 16, 2018
• Heather Rigdon-picnic	E. S. Rose Park Shelter 1	Sat., March 2, 2019
• Prevent Child Abuse TN	Sevier Park-pinwheel festival	Sat., April 13, 2019
• Pinnacle Financial Partners-5K	Shelby Park 5k route/Riverview Shelter	Sat., May 11, 2019
• Small World Yoga	Cumberland Park	Fri., June 21, 2019

**FUNDRAISING APPROVAL**

• Nashville State Community College	Richland Creek Greenway-6K	Sat., Nov. 3, 2018
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**ALCOHOL APPROVAL**

- iHeart Media-Wine on the River Riverfront Park Sat., Sept. 8, 2018

**AMPLIFICATION AND FUNDRAISING APPROVAL**

- Take Heart 5K Richland Park Greenway-McCabe Loop Sat., Aug. 25, 2018
- Neverthirst Workout for Water East Park Sat., Aug 25, 2018
- Tuberosus Sclerosis Alliance Walk Edwin Warner Park Shelter 6 Sat., Oct. 27, 2018
- Tennessee Kidney Foundation-walk Centennial Park Sat., Nov. 3, 2018
- Music City Doulas/Nashville Diaper Dash Shelby Bottoms/Riverview Sat., May 18, 2019
- Nashville Humane Association Shelby Park – Music City Mutt Strut Sun., May 19, 2019

**AMPLIFICATION AND ALCOHOL APPROVAL**

- Premise Health Corporate Reception Walk of Fame Park Mon., Sept. 10, 2018

**POLITICAL EVENT**

- Voting IS lit-voter registration/block party Southeast Community Center Sat., July 28, 2018

**AMPLIFICATION AND POLITICAL EVENT**

- STAND 4 Students-gun awareness rally Public Square Park Sat., Sept. 22, 2018

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

**07-18-02**

**BOARD DEFERS APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT THREE TO THE EXISTING LEASE AGREEMENT WITH BELMONT UNIVERSITY WHICH INCLUDES THE ADDITION OF AN 80 X 135 FOOT INDOOR BATTING FACILITY TO E. S. ROSE PARK**

Mr. Jason Rogers, representing Belmont University, was present to request board approval of amendment three to the existing lease agreement between Metro Government, through Metro Parks, with Belmont University for property improvement of the addition of an 80 x 135 foot indoor batting facility to be constructed in a different location within E. S. Rose Park than previously approved.

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

**07-18-02 (con't.)**

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Mr. Rogers stated that this batting facility was not included in the 2007 lease agreement because Belmont had been using their current facility located at Greer Stadium since 2003. Greer Stadium is slated for demo this year which necessitates the need to relocate. In 2017 amendment two to the lease agreement was approved by the board to locate the batting facility on the north side of E.S. Rose Park, however due to historical significance in this area a location on the south side of the park was sought.

Mr. Rogers reported that the approximate cost of the facility is 3.5 million dollars funded in full by Belmont University and as per the lease will become the property of Metro Parks. He also said that one community meeting and four meetings with selected community leaders, Metro Park's staff and Metro Council officials had been held regarding the relocation of the batting facility. Since 2011 Belmont University has invested 2.84 million dollars in maintenance, repairs, annual payments to fund programming at Easley Center and to the PTO at Carter Lawrence Elementary and Rose Park Middle Schools. With the approval of this request Belmont would like to fund the opening of Easley Center on Saturdays, making it the only neighborhood center operating on regional center hours.

Mr. Anderson, board chair, looking for a win-win situation for all concerned has requested the following information:

- how the proposed facility will be shared with the community
- when the center will begin opening on Saturdays
- comparison percentages related to Metro Parks, Belmont University and the community's use of the park.

Therefore, upon motion of Ms. Hughes to defer one month, seconded by Mr. Haynes, the board questioned if one month would give Belmont enough time to submit necessary information to the board. With that question, Ms. Hughes amended previous motion to defer for two meetings with the option that Belmont can appear next month if all requested information is available, Mr. Haynes seconded and the board approved deferral for two meetings with the option that Belmont can appear next month if all requested information is available.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

07-18-03

**REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EDGEHILL NEIGHBORHOOD COALITION ADDRESS  
THE BOARD REGARDING THE INDOOR BATTING FACILITY  
PROPOSED BY BELMONT UNIVERSITY IN E. S. ROSE PARK**

The following representatives of the Edgehill Neighborhood Coalition appeared before the board in regard to the proposed amendment submitted by Belmont University to add an indoor batting facility in E. S. Rose Park.

**Rachel Zijlstra** stated that private use of public land is a serious matter and the original agreement is not in the public's best interest. Because half of the proposed facility will not be available to the public and it is part of a 30 year lease which is well below current market rate Ms. Zijlstra asked for deferral of request.

**Avy Long** presented a petition of neighbors who oppose the proposed facility to the board. Ms. Long stated that this request does not meet Parks Policy 3000.29 Public/Private Partnerships as it is fiscally irresponsible and Metro assets cannot financially be encumbered. She is also in agreement with Ms. Zijlstra that the lease is below market rate. Ms. Long also added that the agreement does not afford equal accessibility or availability to the general public. She opposes this amendment because no community meetings were held to ascertain the need for services and the plan was misrepresented as an outdoor batting cage instead of a two- story indoor batting facility.

**Joe Staler** is a RBI league volunteer and stated that 3 years ago there were 10 youth leagues and currently there are no community leagues offered to youth in the Edgehill area. He now has 30 individuals playing in E. S. Rose Park and had to have a number of community leaders call the Parks office in order for this group to use the field at no cost. He remarked that Metro cannot give a 99% discount to a rich, white school and take away from poor black children.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

**MEMBERS OF THE METRO COUNCIL ADDRESS THE BOARD REGARDING  
THE INDOOR BATTING FACILITY  
PROPOSED BY BELMONT UNIVERSITY IN E. S. ROSE PARK**

**Councilmember Colby Sledge**, representing the 17th district, stated that he has been in conversation with neighbors since 2017 on the proposed north location and when it was determined there was significant war history in that location he, the Edgehill Coalition and Belmont University began the conversation of identifying another location for the batting facility. Once an area on the southern part of the park was located, negotiations with Metro Schools began the process to amend their current easement at the site of the current outdoor basketball courts.

Councilmember Sledge reported that Belmont has agreed to fund access to Easley Center on Saturdays as part of the amendment. This will make Easley the only neighborhood center operating on the schedule of a regional center. If and when the hours of neighborhood centers change to regional center hours as a result of funding by Metro, Belmont will discontinue payment for opening the center on Saturdays.

**Councilmember at Large Erica Gilmore** stated that as the former councilmember of the 19<sup>th</sup> district she does not support this amendment and stands with the Coalition. She also said the 2<sup>nd</sup> story of the facility violates lease as the public no longer has access and area youth should not have to sacrifice use of the basketball courts because Belmont wants a batting facility that only staff/students can access.

**Councilmember Burkley Allen**, representing the 18<sup>th</sup> district, stated that she did not realize this was a 2-story facility and Belmont should make facility available to all. She also stated:

- The fields should be made available to the public and all should know how to schedule, if interested.
- Metro Council cannot approve funding to open the center on weekends at this time; however, Belmont has proposed grant funding for this purpose.
- Basketball Courts will be put back at the completion of the facility.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

07-18-04

**BOARD DENIES REQUEST OF AIRBOAT NASHVILLE TO OBTAIN PERMIT TO UTILIZE THE EAST BANK DOCK FOR PASSENGER LOADING AND UNLOADING DURING RIVER TOURS**

Mr. David L. Hudson, Jr., Attorney at Law on behalf of Les Richardson and Alan Earls of Airboat Nashville, was in attendance to request permission from the board to obtain a permit for Airboat Nashville to utilize the East Bank Dock to load and unload passengers for river tours. Mr. Hudson addressed the board and stated his clients were willing to utilize the boat ramp at Lock Two Park instead of the East Bank Dock and would like to enter into a permit similar to Cumberland Kayak or River Queen Voyages since the Pontoon Saloon was currently permitted to use the East Bank Dock.

Mr. Holmes, Assistant Director of Parks, stated that Pontoon Saloon was the first group to approach Metro Parks about using the dock and didn't begin using the dock until 2017. Pontoon Saloon was used as a test case and it has been determined that the East Bank Dock isn't appropriate for this type of use. The permit for Pontoon Saloon ends December 31, 2018 and will not be renewed.

Upon motion of Mr. Haynes, seconded by Ms. Hughes, the board supported staff recommendation based on the following reasons and denied request of Airboat Nashville:

- After the 2018 season Metro Parks will no longer issue commercial permits for boats at Riverfront Park because of not having the proper accommodations and/or resources to service the commercial demand.
- Permitted kayaking groups allow Metro Parks to offer more of a type of outdoor programming, which is an important part of our Natural Resource Division, without additional expenditures to the department.

07-18-05

**BOARD DEFERS STAFF REQUEST SEEKING APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE WHITES CREEK GREENWAY CONSERVATION EASEMENT AND AMENDMENT TO AN EXISTING WHITES CREEK LICENSE AGREEMENT AS PER PARK POLICY 3000.25 ACQUISITION AND DISPOSITION OF PARK PROPERTY**

Upon motion of Mr. Haynes, seconded by Ms. Hughes, the board deferred staff request seeking approval of an amendment to the Whites Creek Greenway Conservation Easement between Metro Government and John E. Ingram and approval of an amendment to an existing Whites Creek License Agreement between TDOT and Metro Government in order to accommodate a project by the State of Tennessee to improve a bridge over Whites Creek that also passes over the Whites Creek Greenway to the Acquisition Committee as per Parks Policy 3000.25.



**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

**07-18-06**

**BOARD APPROVES FEES FOR HADLEY PARK TENNIS CENTER  
AND OUTDOOR COURTS AS SUBMITTED BY STAFF**

Upon motion of Mr. Haynes, seconded by Ms. Hughes, the board granted approval to the fees established for Hadley Park Tennis Center and outdoor courts as submitted by staff effective Wednesday, July 11, 2018.

**Hadley Park Tennis Center**

Description	Resident Rate	Non-Resident Rate	2018 Rate	Proposed Single Rate	Notes
Tennis Outdoor Courts per/hour			\$ 5.00	\$ 7.00	40% Increase
Tennis Indoor Courts per/hour			\$ 10.00	\$ 15.00	50% Increase
Tennis Tournaments - Hadley Managed/USTA				\$35-\$80 per entry	New Item/Rate Same as Sportsplex
Tennis Teaching Pro Commission (Staff) - (hourly)			\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	No Change
Tennis Outdoor Courts ( Members: \$2.00/hour w/t Membership Fee \$250				\$ 2.00	New Item
Tennis Indoor Courts ( Members: \$7.00/hour w/t Membership Fee \$250				\$ 7.00	New Item
Tennis Indoor Courts - High School or College Matches (regular hourly rate) Booked at 1 hours			\$ 10.00	\$ 15.00	50% Increase
Tennis Outdoor Courts League Rates - Hadley, (regular hourly rate)			\$ 5.00	\$ 7.00	40% Increase
Tennis Indoor Courts League Rates - Hadley (regular hourly rate)			\$ 10.00	\$ 15.00	50% Increase
Tennis Tournaments - All Others (NTA, etc.) - 25% of each entry fee				*	New Item/Rate Same as Sportsplex
Tennis Miscellaneous Fees Tournament Center Cleaning (if not left in satisfactory condition)	\$ 100.00	\$ 110.00			* New Item/Rate Same as Sportsplex
Tennis Miscellaneous Fees Indoor Courts (if not left in satisfactory condition)	\$ 100.00	\$ 110.00			* New Item/Rate Same as Sportsplex
Tennis Miscellaneous Fees Indoor Court Rental (hourly) (must be made in 1 hour increments)					* New Item/Rate Same as Sportsplex
Tennis Clinic Fees Adult (per hour)	\$ 20.00	\$ 22.00			* New Item/Rate Same as Sportsplex
Tennis Clinic Fees Junior (per hour)				\$ 10.00	New Item/Rate Same as Sportsplex
Tennis Racket Stringing (10% per racket)				*	New Item
Tennis Ball Machine Commission (per hour)				\$ 10.00	New Item/Rate Same as Sportsplex
Tennis Teaching Pro Commission (Non-Staff)- Outdoor Court time (hourly)			\$ 10.00	\$ 12.00	20% Increase
Tennis Teaching Pro Commission (Non-Staff) - Indoor Court time (hourly)			\$ 10.00	\$ 20.00	100% Increase

**IX. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS**

**MR. DARRELL HAWKS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE FRIENDS OF THE PARK AT KIMBRO STATION, PROVIDES ANNUAL UPDATE TO THE BOARD**

Mr. Hawks began his presentation by stating the purpose and mission of the Friends of the Park at Kimbro Station.

**PURPOSE:** To allow the Parks Department to expand resources, create effective collaborations, and deliver meaningful results for residents and visitors of Southeast Davidson Regional Park.

**MISSION:** To enhance and preserve outdoor space in Southeast Nashville for the health, recreation and cultural enrichment of the community.

600+ Acres of Opportunity will create:

- Anchor park for all people in fast growing Southeast Nashville
- More family-friendly place to live and close to many employers
- Programs that inspire outdoor recreation, education and cross-cultural interaction
- Highlight the significant role of African Americans in the history of Nashville
- Large scale public-private partnership
- Green space conservation in an area of mass development

As a new friend's organization, the following timeline was established and met:

- 2011** Nashville Open Space Plan envisioned an anchor park in Southeast Nashville
- Jan. 2014** Metro Parks and the Joe C. Davis Foundation began selecting and acquiring land for an anchor park in Southeast Nashville
- Jan. 2017** Design team began development of a Master Plan  
Joe C. Davis Foundation and the Maddox Charitable Fund created a friend's organization
- July 2017** Metro Parks approved the Friends of the Park at Kimbro Station as an official friend's group for Southeast Davidson Park
- Dec. 2017** Metro Parks unveiled Southeast Davidson Regional Park Master Plan.  
Darrell Hawks was hired as Executive Director of the friend's group and began working in that role in January 2018

The following priorities have been established:

**INCREASING COMMUNITY AWARENESS AND INVOLVEMENT**

- Convened a Regional Advisory Committee from districts 26-33
- Involved the community and their input in the naming process

**IX. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS**

**MR. DARRELL HAWKS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE FRIENDS OF THE PARK AT KIMBRO STATION, PROVIDES ANNUAL UPDATE TO THE BOARD (con't.)**

**DEVELOPING SUSTAINABLE RESOURCES**

- In May 2018 80 8<sup>th</sup> graders visited the park to learn of bio-diversity (to some of these students this was the largest dose of nature they had ever experienced)

**BUILDING MEANINGFUL PARTNERSHIPS**

- Corporate Volunteer Day – 17 volunteers from DeLoitte met at the 1931 farmhouse and cleared weeds from heirloom iris beds and at local cemeteries on the property
- Participated in Mill Creek Family Day and the Southeast Egg Hunt and Festival
- Convened a local business coalition with plans to host an event later this summer to include the Mayor as well as the Parks Board – details to come

**ESTABLISHING OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE**

- 2018 budget established, 2019 fundraising plans and implemented internal controls while growing a Board of Directors from local civic and business leaders

**COMING SOON . . .**

- Business Coalition event and partnership
- Website and social media launch
- Trail mapping of existing trails and building of new trails
- Community garden and educational programming with Parks staff

**MR. CLAY BAILEY, REPRESENTING THE FRIENDS OF FORT NEGLEY, PRESENTS ANNUAL UPDATE TO THE BOARD**

Mr. Bailey began his presentation by looking at things related to Fort Negley in 3's, not in isolation, but connected. In the first triad, he integrated Fort Negley, E. S. Rose and Reservoir together; the second triad he united Adventure Science Center, Fort Negley Visitor's Center and the City Cemetery into an Urban Educational Campus and in his third triad he included the Cities of Nashville, Murfreesboro and Franklin as a heritage tourism dynamic because of their Civil War history.

In 2016 Friends of Fort Negley generated \$9,600 in revenue with \$3,200 in donations and in 2017 \$32,000 was generated in revenue with \$22,000 in donations and memberships. Formal memberships are at 200 with attendance up 40% this year. There were 32,000 visitors in 2017 up from 23,000 in 2016 and the 2017 figure does not include the Eclipse event.

Friends of Fort Negley received the Commissioner's Award from the Metro Historical Commission and Fort Negley is celebrating its 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a Metro Park this year.

**X. CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE**

In the absence of Mr. Netsch a copy of the capital projects report was distributed to board members.

**XI. UPCOMING SPECIAL ACTIVITIES/EVENTS**

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

July 11	11:00 am	Hadley Park Tennis Center Grand Opening
July 21	10:00 am	Smith Springs Community Center and Park Grand Opening

**XII. DEPARTMENT UPDATES - none**

**XIII. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR**

Ms. Odom thanked maintenance staff, Jim Hester and the Parks Police for their assistance in coordinating the viewing of the July 4<sup>th</sup> Fireworks for Metro Parks employees at Fort Nashborough.

Ms. Odom reported:

- Deconstruction of Greer Stadium should occur around the end of the summer.
- Update from the Tennessee Golf Foundation – proposed project at Warner Golf Course is on hold because of an upcoming change in leadership.
- Metro Parks' DisABILITIES group won a Gold Medal in volleyball in the Special Olympics USA Games held in Seattle, Washington.
- Metro Parks has three new Parks Police Officers and they are doing a great job.
- Recently attended and participated in the Metro Parks PenPals camp.

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

Mr. Fossick applauded the Friends of Warner Parks for their programming with children during the summer months.

**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**