

# METROPOLITAN BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION

## MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING September 4, 2018

A meeting of the Board of Parks and Recreation of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee was held on Tuesday, September 4, 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, Ms. Tari Hughes, Ms. Susannah Scott-Barnes, Mr. Jeff Haynes and Ms. Jill Speering.

Staff present were: Ms. Chinita White, Administration and Finance; Mr. Rick Taylor, Consolidated Maintenance; 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; Capt. Chris Taylor, Park Police and **Ms. Macy Amos, representing the Metro Legal Department.** Ms. Jackie Jones, Superintendent/Public Information was not in attendance.

**Metro Councilmember at Large John Cooper and Councilmembers Burkley Allen and Colby Sledge were in attendance.**

### MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AUGUST 7, 2018 APPROVED

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Ms. Hughes, the Board approved the minutes of the board meeting held Tuesday, August 7, 2018 as presented.

#### V. METRO COUNCIL REFERRALS

#### VI. OLD BUSINESS

07-18-02

### BOARD APPROVES 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 CONTINGENT UPON COUNCILMEMBER SLEDGE HOSTING A COMMUNITY MEETING NOTICING ALL PRIOR TO FILING COUNCIL LEGISLATION

Prior to board discussion regarding proposed amendment three to Belmont's existing lease the board heard from individuals in support of this amendment.

**Joyce Searcy, Director of Belmont University Community Relations and resident of Edgehill for 17 years.** Ms. Searcy stated that the athletic facility built at a cost of 9.7 million dollars opened in 2011 and since that time Belmont University has paid \$445,000 in lease payments; \$719,000 in maintenance, not including 69% of utilities; provided 1.2 million dollars in scholarships for a total of 14.5 million dollars for property owned by Metro Parks and used by the community and Belmont University. In 2017 Metro Parks notified Belmont that the batting facility (built and funded by Belmont) located at Greer Stadium would need to be demolished. Later in

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2017 the Metro Parks Board and the Metro Council approved a location on the north side of E.S. Rose Park for the batting facility; however, because of concerns of area neighbors Councilmember Sledge notified Belmont that another site at E. S. Rose Park would have to be identified. After 6 meetings a site on the south side of the park was selected. Belmont has also agreed to fund the opening of the Easley Center on Saturdays for 4 hours with an annual \$28,000 grant. With Metro Schools, Metro Parks, area churches and neighbors an Edgehill Extended Learning Program is planned where Belmont students will tutor in math, science and English and RBI will implement the baseball program and Saturday sports. An enrichment program teaching Edgehill's rich history will also be offered. Other area stakeholders in attendance are: Brenda Morrow, President of Edgehill Apartments Resident's Association; Tony Majors, representing Metro Schools and RBI; Rev. John Faison, Watson Grove Baptist Church; Rev. Herman Stockdale, Kayne Avenue Baptist Church; Ms. Dawana Wade, CEO of Salama; Mr. Rommie Vassar, Principal of Rose Park Middle School; Dr. Sherleta Sanders, Principal of Carter-Lawrence Elementary School and former Metro Councilmember Ronnie Greer. A letter of support was also sent to the board by former Metro Councilmember Ludye Wallace as the current facility was built during his term in office.

**Brenda Morrow, President of Edgehill Apartments Resident's Association and Director of Organized Neighbors of Edgehill (ONE)**, stated that she met with Dr. Rogers and Dr. West of Belmont University to learn what children and residents could benefit from this partnership. Out of this partnership, the residents have had the opportunity to sponsor different sports activities, reserve the field for numerous occasions such as their annual Halloween projects and community sports days. Last year ONE sponsored a baseball signup with 250 residents attending and what was noticeable was how the children of different nationalities conversed with each other and worked together to play baseball. We should not prohibit something that will benefit the kids in the community.

**Mr. Rommie Vassar, Principal of Rose Park Middle School**, stated that this partnership has been great and benefits the students as the facility is used for recess. The soccer and track teams have access to the facility as well. This partnership has been a great marketing tool with parents because they are interested in their children having access to this facility. The potential of adding a batting facility and possibly trying to field a school baseball team offers a great opportunity to our students, as well as the youth in the community. Team sports such as baseball teach life skills such as team work and hard work.

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**Former Councilmember Ronnie Greer** stated that the benefit to having this facility in the parks is for children to learn to play baseball and if they are injured they can be treated. Hitting is the biggest drawback for kids learning to play baseball and this batting cage will teach kids how to hit a baseball.

**Burkley Allen, Metro Councilmember representing the 18<sup>th</sup> district**, stated that she represents the area where Belmont is located, Councilmember Sledge represents the area where E. S. Rose Park is located and Councilmember O'Connell represents the area where many constituents reside and Councilmember at Large Cooper also has an interest in this. Councilmember Allen went on to explain her perspective and stated that she participated in a number of honest conversations trying to find a win for everybody. Most responses by constituents were that they would like more use of the park and many strongly want the center open on Saturdays. After checking with Monique Odom about the possibility of opening centers on Saturday and found that it is currently not in the budget at this point and would not happen at any of the smaller centers at this time. Belmont University came up with a way to open this center only on Saturdays. Afterschool programs, baseball programs, and possibly opening this one center on Saturdays are great examples of a public/private partnership. Councilmember Allen said that she hopes the conversation will continue for the benefit of the children and the park and move forward with positive outcomes. It is very important that the community is happy.

**Colby Sledge, Metro Councilmember representing the 17<sup>th</sup> district**, stated that constituents have told him there used to be more for the children/youth to do at the park such as afterschool programs, sports facilities, leagues and things to play with. There hasn't been equal access to the facility since the recession or when the neighborhood centers began limiting hours and closing on weekends. Currently these centers are not open when needed most – the weekends. Councilmember Sledge stated that he brought this amendment forward, it was his idea and he realizes the Rose Park lease agreement needs to be tightened and opportunity through discussion can do that. He also said that this is a tremendous opportunity to be accomplished with community partners and it is an opportunity to create the programming that used to be available in this area. We need to grow partnerships when resources are no longer available, and this one will benefit the children of this park.

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**John Cooper, Councilmember-at-Large**, stated that he was attending board meeting in embarrassment because technically he was the sponsor of the original bill and ultimately with the diligence of the community it was revealed that the appendix and bill were very different. He said he appreciated the 2 sponsors (Allen and Sledge) formally stating that it profoundly needs to be corrected. He also voiced his appreciation to everyone working so hard to improve what was in the appendix of the original bill and the reward of everyone working together is to bring about a big, inclusive vision to Rose Park.

Mr. Anderson stated that Belmont has been a great partner up to this point and this one matter should not take away from this great partnership.

Mr. Haynes asked if the community meeting, which was requested by the board at their July 2018 meeting, had been held because most of the email correspondence received has stated the meeting has not been held. Councilmember Sledge stated a smaller community meeting was held with Belmont representatives, leaders of the Edgehill Coalition and himself. Councilmember Sledge stated that discussion during this meeting centered primarily on terms and the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the batting facility. There were going to be more discussions, but the conservation overlay has taken up most of the time and that broad community meeting has not been held.

Mr. Anderson asked what was decided about the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor and Councilmember Sledge stated there hasn't been any real compromise or decision made. Mr. Anderson stated it is really important as to what the public access is on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor. Mr. Jason Rogers, representing Belmont University, stated that the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor will consist of training, meeting and office spaces with details to be worked out by staff. The meeting space on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor will be available for use by teams and baseball organizations in the community and when meetings cannot be accommodated in Easley Center.

Therefore after much discussion, Ms. Hughes made motion to approve amendment knowing that community conversation will happen through council process, and motion was seconded by Ms. Speering. At discussion Mr. Haynes requested to amend motion to state "Board requests, per amendment, that Councilmember Sledge host the community meeting and notice everyone as would before any other public meeting prior to filing council legislation"; the board (Fossick, Hughes, Haynes, and Speering) approved amended motion. **Please note that Dr. Steele and Ms. Scott-Barnes opposed this motion.**

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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 individuals 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.

**Joel Dark, representative of the Edgehill Coalition**, stated to adapt the description of the Cloud Hill Development offered by Mayor Briley in March and quoted by George Anderson, board chair, in a Tennessean Op Ed in April, “Belmont University Athletics Building is a good idea proposed for the wrong location. University buildings should be and almost always are built on University campuses, not on the scarce public land of a rapidly growing neighborhood in the urban core of Nashville. Belmont University and Belmont’s campus is growing, Edgehill is growing more rapidly, but Rose Park is not staying the same size.” The idea of adding a university building in a public park cannot withstand public scrutiny. Clearly if the Metro Council would have known last year what they were voting for, a batting facility, not cage, they would not have voted for this. Councilmember Burkley Allen stated in July 2018 before the Parks Board, “She had sponsored the proposal based on the fundamental misunderstanding that it was a batting cage. When we voted batting cage I was thinking fence, not 2-story building, so we let some information not be known ahead of time because it simply wasn’t clear to us.” Mr. Dark said that he appreciated Councilmember Allen’s frank and public acknowledgement of this mistake, as well as what other councilmembers have done, both public and private. The opposite of what Councilmember Allen describes is transparency. Problems of transparency emerge almost automatically even if only through neglect when private interests are prioritized over the good and these problems have unfortunately continued up to the present in the case of Belmont’s proposed athletics building. A member of the Edgehill Coalition only discovered Belmont’s role in the drafting of the current lease agreement by turning on Microsoft Word’s “track changes” feature. Community meetings would have completely avoided these problems of transparency, both last year and this year. Edgehill residents know these are possible from our positive experiences with the Parks Department in discussing and shaping the future of Tony Rose Park.

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**Kwame Lillard, representative of the African American Cultural Alliance**, stated that this is another example of trying to oppress a black community. Mr. Lillard said this is what he went through in New York when Columbia University was trying to take over Morningside Park. The result was a wonderful example of democracy and action and Mr. Lillard told the Parks Board that if they believed in democracy they would deny permit from a private white university taking over public black land. This is clearly an example of not enough creativity. Fifty-five years after the March on Washington, we are fighting a white university from taking over black land – when does it stop, when do we learn Nashville, when do we say enough is enough?

When do we listen to the children in Edgehill when they say we can't use this park because it is messed up? What does messed up mean to a black child in Edgehill . . . it means I can't go up there and have fun. Rose Park is not a real wonderful, spontaneous place for a black child to play anymore because it is formal, structured and reserved. Mr. Lillard stated that we need to back up and realize this is nothing but another chance to take over the park. Next it will be the schools and then homes. It is a terrible time and if you have any sense of urban development equality you will not let that happen.

**Avy Long, a member of the Edgehill Coalition**, stated that in lieu of a community meeting, the Rose Park committee has been very intentional about initiating conversation throughout the neighborhood regarding this issue and here are some of the results:

- Promoting Rose Park as a family friendly park seems to be a perfect way to connect the old Edgehill and the new Edgehill, but it seems as if Belmont wants to build the walls instead of building bridges.
- Belmont has said the community uses the park 70% of the time and the university 30% of the time; however, community youth sports officials say in real time it is more like community 30% and Belmont 70%.
- Youth sports officials also state that there needs to be a better system for scheduling and there should be more green space available for spontaneous play and unscheduled practices.

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**Avy Long, a member of the Edgehill Coalition (con't.)**

- Many neighbors are concerned about parking issues. Sports event attendees are parking in the community center spaces leaving center attendees having to park in the lower parking area and the 2 parking areas on the northeast and northwest sectors almost empty. Traffic/parking signage is misplaced and misleading.
- Will basketball courts be downsized or moved and if moved where will they be moved?

Ms. Long stated that many of us are getting very tired – tired of having to justify why we want the same things for our families as any other neighborhood wants for its families. We are becoming very exhausted by having to defend over and over again what is rightfully ours. We are getting tired of being besieged on all sides by so many different forces and we are becoming very dismayed with elected officials who seem to have a problem with promptly addressing our concerns, so please just do the right thing, where is the moral compass in all of this? Nashville likes to call itself the “It City” and that is ok as long as it is an “It City” for all citizens. Why not make Nashville that shining light on a hill, why not make Nashville a national example of a place that promotes equitable access, social justice and various opportunities for upward mobility. If we do not take the high road in this situation, people around the world will be justified when they start asking the question, “What the heck is IT that’s going on in Nashville?”

08-18-04

**BOARD ACCEPTS LAND DONATION OF APPROXIMATELY 8.0 ACRES LOCATED  
AT 6030 CLOVERLAND DRIVE FOR A FUTURE NEIGHBORHOOD PARK AND  
EXPANSION OF THE SEVEN MILE CREEK GREENWAY**

Correspondence was submitted by staff requesting board approval to accept a land donation of approximately 8.0 acres located at 6030 Cloverland Drive (previously listed as 0 Edmondson Pike), Map No. 172-00, Parcel No. 009.00, for a future neighborhood park and expansion of Seven Creek Greenway.

Upon motion of Ms. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Fossick, the board accepted the recommendation of the acquisition committee to accept land donation as presented with the developer to return with a grading plan and potential amount of fill appropriately capped and vegetative.

**X. CONSENT AGENDA**

**09-18-01**

**BOARD APPROVES SEPTEMBER 2018 CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**AMPLIFICATION APPROVAL**

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| • DVD Fitness – fitness jamboree            | Coleman Park                               | Sat., Sept. 8, 2018    |
| • US Army Reserves-family day               | Woodmont Park                              | Sun., Sept. 9, 2018    |
| • Nashville Academy Nutrition/Dietetics     | Centennial Event Shelter-networking        | Thurs., Sept. 13, 2018 |
| • D & S Community Services-picnic           | Cane Ridge Park Shelter #1                 | Fri., Sept. 14, 2018   |
| • HCA Internal Audit-Corn Hole Tourney      | Centennial Park Event Shelter              | Fri., Sept. 14, 2018   |
| • Kenisha Johnson-picnic                    | Two Rivers Park Shelter #3                 | Sat., Sept. 15, 2018   |
| • East Nashville Come Together Day          | McFerrin Park                              | Sat., Sept. 15, 2018   |
| • Krishna Protects Cows Inc.                | Riverfront Park-multicultural play/concert | Sat., Sept. 15, 2018   |
| • Leticia Johnson-picnic                    | Centennial Park Pavilion                   | Fri., Sept. 21, 2018   |
| • Vertical Life Church-Worship in Park      | Coleman Park                               | Sat., Sept. 22, 2018   |
| • Nashville Youth Hockey-kickoff party      | Centennial Sportsplex greenspace           | Sun., Sept. 23, 2018   |
| • Nashville Life-Movie in the Park          | Centennial Park Event Shelter              | Fri., Sept 28, 2018    |
| • The Conservancy-educational event         | Centennial Park                            | Sun., Sept. 30, 2018   |
| • Nations Neighborhood Associations         | Richland Park-Night Out Against Crime      | Tues., Oct. 9, 2018    |
| • Natashia Hendel-picnic                    | Cane Ridge Park #3                         | Sat., Oct. 13, 2018    |
| • Friends of Bells Bend Park-Farm Day       | Bells Bend Park                            | Sat., Oct. 13, 2018    |
| • Sylvan Park Neighborhood Association.     | Richland Park-Family Fall Festival         | Sat., Oct. 27, 2018    |
| • Bethesda Original Church of God           | Hartman Park-Pink Praise in the Park       | Sun., Oct. 28, 2018    |
| • Zoma Community Tennessee                  | Cumberland Park-youth concert              | Sun., Nov. 4, 2018     |
| • Gilda’s Club Middle TN-20th Birthday Bash | Centennial Event Shelter                   | Sat., Nov. 10, 2018    |
| • Deneika Carpenter-wedding                 | Centennial Park Sunken Garden              | Sat., May 25, 2019     |

**FUNDRAISING APPROVAL**

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| • Ordinary Hero-walk/run    | Edwin Warner Park- shelter 5  | Sat., Oct. 6, 2018  |
| • Southeast Crab Feast Inc. | Centennial Park Event Shelter | Sat., Nov. 17, 2018 |

**AMPLIFICATION AND FUNDRAISING APPROVAL**

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| • TN Classic Cross Country - race         | Warner Steeplechase Course      | Sat., Sept. 15, 2018 |
| • A Kingdom of Love-awareness walk        | Cedar Hill Park shelter 7       | Sun., Sept. 16, 2018 |
| • A. F. Bridges Cross Country-race        | Warner Steeplechase Course      | Sat., Sept. 22, 2018 |
| • 12South Concert Series                  | Sevier Park                     | Fri., Sept. 28, 2018 |
| • Neighborhoods Resource Center           | Richland Park-Good Neighbor Day | Sat., Sept. 29, 2018 |
| • NeedLink Nashville-Rudolph Red Nose Run | East Bank Landing               | Sat., Dec., 1, 2018  |
| • The Conservancy-Kidsville               | Centennial Park                 | Sat., Sept. 21, 2019 |

**AMPLIFICATION AND ALCOHOL APPROVAL**

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| • CMT-private employee event            | Cumberland Park               | Thurs., Sept. 13, 2018 |
| • The Conservancy-barre3 in the Park    | Elmington Park                | Sat., Sept. 22, 2018   |
| • Nashville Predators-season kickoff    | Walk of Fame Park             | Fri., Sept. 28, 2018   |
| • Southern Festival of Books            | Church Street Park            | Oct. 12 – 14, 2018     |
| • Berklee College of Music-alumni event | Centennial Park Event Shelter | Sun., Oct. 21, 2018    |
| • Play Rec Sports - Brew-BQ             | West Park                     | Sat., Nov. 11, 2018    |



**X. CONSENT AGENDA**

**09-18-01(con't.)**

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

**AMPLIFICATION AND ALCOHOL APPROVAL**

- Tailgate Guys-Music City Bowl Tailgate Club East Bank Oval Lawn Fri., Dec. 28, 2018
- Music City Irish Fest Public Square Park Sun., March 17, 2019
- Tomkats/TM Thunder-powerboat racing Riverfront Park/Court of Flags June 13-15, 2019
- American Artisan Festival Centennial Park June 14-16, 2019
- Summerset Jazz, LLC Public Square Park-jazz concert July 19-20, 2019
- Team Magic, Inc.-Music City Triathlon East Bank Landing Sat., July 27, 2019
- Nashville Greek Picnic Cumberland Park Sat., July 27, 2019

**FUNDRAISING AND ALCOHOL APPROVAL**

- Nashville Jr. Chamber-Fun Fresh Field Day Shelby Park Events Area Sat., Oct. 13, 2018

**AMPLIFICATION, FUNDRAISING AND ALCOHOL APPROVAL**

- Nashville Humane Association Centennial Park-Dog Day Festival Sat., Sept. 15, 2018
- Rhizome Productions/Ride for Reading East Park –East Nashville Beer Festival Sat., April 13, 2019
- Rhizome Productions East Park –Nashville Rose Festival Sat., May 18, 2019
- The Conservancy-Tennessee Honey Fest Centennial Park Sat., Sept. 7, 2019

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

**09-18-02**

**BOARD AFFIRMS APPOINTMENT OF MS. JILL SPEERING  
AS A MEMBER OF THE PARKS BOARD**

Upon motion of Ms. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Haynes, the Board affirmed the appointment of Ms. Jill Speering as a member of the Parks Board, representing the Board of Education, effective August 14, 2018. (Ms. Speering's term will expire June 20, 2019.)

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

**09-18-03**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF WEST NASHVILLE SPORTS LEAGUE TO OPERATE A ZIPLINE IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE OPENING DAY OF FLAG FOOTBALL AND BASEBALL IN EDWIN WARNER PARK**

Correspondence submitted by Mr. Scott Tygard, representing the West Nashville Sports League, requesting permission for Tennessee Picnic and Party Company to operate a zipline on Saturday, September 8, 2018 during the opening day of Fall Flag Football and Baseball in Edwin Warner Park was presented to the board.

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Ms. Hughes, the board approved the request as presented.

**09-18-04**

**BOARD DEFERS STAFF REQUEST SEEKING APPROVAL OF ACQUISITION OF 2 PARCELS OF LAND TOTALING 54 ACRES, KNOWN AS THE CHARLES SMITH PROPERTY FOR FUTURE EXPANSION OF THE STONES RIVER GREENWAY AND RAVENWOOD PARK AS PER PARKS POLICY 3000.25**

As per Parks Policy 3000.25, the board deferred staff request to acquire 2 parcels of land, known as the Charles Smith property, totaling approximately 54 acres for future expansion of the Stones River Greenway and Ravenwood Park to the Acquisition Committee of the board.

**09-18-05**

**PARKS BOARD AMENDS CURRENT PARKING AGREEMENT WITH CHEEKWOOD**

Mr. Anderson advised the board that in the past Cheekwood has been allowed to use the slash dump in Warner Park for overflow parking during their events. Metro Parks and Cheekwood have had a long-standing relationship; however, it is time that Cheekwood addressed their parking problems as Cheekwood has acknowledged that the parking problem is theirs, not Parks. Mr. Anderson reported that in 2015 Metro Parks and Cheekwood entered into a 5 year agreement beginning with a \$500 per month fee which was to double each year for 5 years and it is currently at \$4000 per month. Therefore, Mr. Anderson proposed an extension of the agreement for one additional year (which gives Cheekwood 3 more years of parking) and to freeze the current fee of \$4000 per month for the remainder of the agreement contingent upon Cheekwood having a parking plan in place (plan should be presented at the November board meeting) by December 31, 2018. If not, there should be no more parking at the slash dump as Metro Parks cannot continue allowing parks property to be used for private event parking in Nashville.

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**09-18-05 (con't.)**

**PARKS BOARD AMENDS CURRENT PARKING AGREEMENT WITH CHEEKWOOD**

Therefore, upon motion of Ms. Scott-Barnes, seconded by Ms. Hughes, the board approved freezing the parking fee at \$4000 per month and extending the agreement for one year (expiration 2021) subject to a parking plan being in place by December 31, 2018.

**IX. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS**

**BOARD RECOGNIZES THE METRO PARKS DisABILITIES VOLLEYBALL TEAM FOR WINNING THE GOLD MEDAL IN THE 2018 SPECIAL OLYMPICS USA GAMES**

John Holmes, Assistant Director of Parks, introduced **Glen Adkins** who has been participating in Special Olympics for 15 years and is the Program Coordinator for the Metro Parks disABILITIES Program. John also introduced members of the Metro Parks DisABILITIES volleyball team and recognized them for winning the gold medal in the 2018 Special Olympics USA Games held July 1 – 6 in Seattle, Washington. The Metro Parks disABILITIES Unified Volleyball Team is the 2-time defending Special Olympics TN Gold Medal Winners. The Volleyball Team members are:

**Kenny Carpenter** participates in the day programs, sports leagues, and is a part-time employee at the Sportsplex Ice Rink

**Ryan Cate** participates in the MPD sports leagues

**Kevin Evans** participates in the MPD sports leagues

**Patricia Kostiw** participates in the day programs and sports leagues

**Josh Putman** participates in the day programs and sports leagues

**Gideon Weigel** participates in the MPD sports leagues

This Team was coached by Kay Putman, a part-time employee with the disABILITIES Program; and Janet Carpenter, President of the Friends of Metro Parks disABILITIES. Listed below are other award winners:

**Keke Hinds** participates in our day programs and sports leagues, and competed in Track & Field. She brought home 3 gold medals and a 4<sup>th</sup> place finish.

**Rachel Johnson** participates in the Young Adult Summer Program, and competed in Bocce Ball. She brought home a Silver Medal, a 4<sup>th</sup> place finish, and a 7<sup>th</sup> place finish.

**Michelle Greenway** participates in our day programs and sports leagues, and competed in Powerlifting. She brought home a 4<sup>th</sup> place finish and 2 participation awards.

**Tracey Griffin** participates in the MPD sports leagues, and competed with his Father Don in Unified Golf. They brought home a fifth place finish.

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**MR. STEVE HINKLEY, PRESIDENT/CEO OF THE ADVENTURE SCIENCE CENTER  
MAKES PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD**

Mr. Steve Hinkley, President/CEO of the Adventure Science Center was present to update the board on a new vision for the Adventure Science Center. This 4 point vision is as follows:

- To be the best science center in the world for all ages. Mr. Hinkley stated that they are looking to be as open and accessible to all, not restricted to only young children.
- Be a must see designation for Nashville and Tennessee.
- Serve as a regional hub for science and renovation. Mr. Hinkley said they will be getting away from the building and form relationships with other science centers and universities.
- Inspire the next generation of creative, confident problem solvers.

The projected timeline for creating this new vision is:

<b>2018-2020</b>	<b>Groundwork and Master Planning</b>
<b>2019 (summer)</b>	<b>Step 1 Open Soundbox</b> The Open Soundbox is 2500 square feet of innovative, hands on learning through collaborative play with 14-15 interactive exhibits. Total cost is 1.8 million, including expansion of innovation incubator.
<b>2021 (summer)</b>	<b>Step 2 SMArt Park</b> SMArt Park will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Provide experiences that foster creativity, collaboration, confidence and curiosity.</li><li>• Activate outdoor campus and increase public park space with 53,000 square feet oriented around science, music and art.</li><li>• Provide a community park unlike any other that is accessible to all families.</li><li>• Connect physical activity with learning by using the body and mind.</li><li>• Establish St. Cloud Hill as a “third place”.</li></ul>
<b>2020-2021</b>	<b>Capital Campaign Launch</b>
<b>2026-2027</b>	<b>Grand Reopening</b>

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

- Metro Parks was the recipient of a LPRF grant awarded by TDEC for Aaitafamá Archeological Park. The Friends of Aaitafamá will directly fund phase 1-design and the grant will fund implementation.
- Goodlettsville Park is under construction.
- The first public meeting for Jefferson Street Pocket Park was held with positive input from the community. The next meeting will be held in October.

**XI. UPCOMING SPECIAL ACTIVITIES/EVENTS**

Jim Hester reported the following upcoming special events in Jackie Jones absence:

- 27: Dinner by the Bridge, 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m., Cumberland Park.
- 28: Full Moon Pickin' Party, 6 p.m., Percy Warner Park Equestrian Area
- 28: Cornelia Fort Pickin Party, 6:00 pm, Cornelia Fort Airpark
- 30: Centennial Park Neighborhood Gathering, 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.,  
Front Lawn Amphitheater

**XII. DEPARTMENT UPDATES**

**XIII. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR**

Ms. Odom thanked all employees who are working hard to make this department successful while providing services to the community. She stated that Parks, along with other Metro Departments, received savings targets for this fiscal year and our department is already working with a lean staff and funded lean. This savings target impacted the department severely, but Parks will continue to do the best we can with what we have. Metro Parks is realizing these savings through salary savings, in essence, a hiring freeze. Ms. Odom said that she is working with the Metro Finance Department to request those positions which are critical to our operation; however, our operation is lean so all positions are essentially critical.

**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**