

METROPOLITAN BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

October 2, 2018

A meeting of the Board of Parks and Recreation of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee was held on Tuesday, October 2, 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. Susannah Scott-Barnes, and Mr. Jeff Haynes. Ms. Tari Hughes and Ms. Jill Speering were not in attendance.

Staff present were: Ms. Chinita White, Administration and Finance; Mr. Rick Taylor, Consolidated Maintenance; Ms. Sherry Hipps, Community Recreation; Ms. Rebecca Ratz, Planning and Facilities; Mr. John Holmes, Revenue Producing Facilities; Mr. Jim Hester, Cultural and Outdoor Recreation/Special Events; Ms. Cindy Harrison, Greenways; Lt. Bryan Taylor, Park Police and **Ms. Macy Amos, representing the Metro Legal Department.**

Metro Councilmember at Large John Cooper, Councilmember Jeff Syracuse and former Councilmember Lynn Williams were in attendance.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER AUGUST 4, 2018 APPROVED

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Mr. Haynes, the Board approved the minutes of the board meeting held Tuesday, September 4, 2018 as presented.

V. METRO COUNCIL REFERRALS

VI. OLD BUSINESS

09-18-04

BOARD APPROVES ACQUISITION OF 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

Correspondence submitted by staff requesting approval for acquisition of two (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 was presented to the board for approval.

The first parcel, containing approximately 53 acres, is located at 0 Lebanon Pike; Map No. 085-00-0, Parcel No. 012.00.

The second parcel, containing approximately 0.72 acres, is located at 205 Downeymeade Drive; Map No. 085-07-0, Parcel 026.00.

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This land was part of the 1803-1807 Clover Bottom racetrack, tavern and general store developed by Andrew Jackson before he became president, home to a covered bridge at Dodson's Ferry and the 1927 Clover Bottom Beach.

The larger tract of land is directly across the Stones River from Ravenwood Park and will allow park access to Lebanon Pike and connection to an existing segment of the Stones River Greenway and Kohl's trailhead.

The 53 acre tract appraised for \$800,000 and the sale price is \$844,000. The 0.72 acre tract appraised for \$240,000 and the sale price is \$256,000.00. Total sale price is \$1,100,000.00. The source of funding is the Open Space Fund.

These acquisitions are consistent with Plan2Play, the greenways master plan, development of Stones River Greenway, expansion of Ravenwood Park and conservation of historic riverfront property for public recreational use. As a part of this acquisition, Parks will include interpretive language on a sign in the park that recognizes the historical significance of the property and conservation of the land made possible by the stewardship of Mr. Charles Smith.

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Dr. Steele, the board accepted the recommendation of the acquisition committee to approve acquisition of two (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.

10-18-01

BOARD APPROVES OCTOBER 2018 CONSENT AGENDA

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

AMPLIFICATION APPROVAL

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| • BOOST FitClub-workout in park | Deep Well Pavilion/Percy Warner Park | Sat., Oct. 6, 2018 |
| • CPI Card Group – picnic | Seven Oaks Shelter 1 | Sat., Oct. 6, 2018 |
| • Rolling Hills Community Church | Sevier Park Shelters 1&2-family movie night | Sat., Oct. 27, 2018 |
| • Vanderbilt University CLAS,Art, Blair | Public Square Park-music performance | Thurs, Oct. 25, 2018 |
| • Fifth Third Bank-picnic | Edwin Warner Park Shelter #4 | Sat., Oct. 27, 2018 |
| • BriteHeart-#VoteTogether Polling Party | Azafran Park | Sat., Oct. 27, 2018 |

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| • Elog A Valenciano | Coleman Park-Aztec Dance Ceremony | Sat., Nov. 3, 2018 |
| • BriteHeart-#VoteTogether Polling Party | Elmington Park | Tues., Nov. 6, 2018 |
| • Narcotics Anonymous-picnic. | Centennial Park Event Shelter | Mon., May 27, 2019 |
| • Narcotics Anonymous-picnic. | Centennial Park Event Shelter | Thurs., July 4, 2019 |
| • Stephen Ehiamhen-wedding | Centennial Park Sunken Garden | Sat., July 13, 2019 |
| • Cumberland River Compact | Cumberland Park-5 th Annual Waterfest | Sun., July 14, 2019 |
| • Team Magic, Inc.-triathlon | Centennial Park | Sun., Aug. 25, 2019 |
| • Narcotics Anonymous-picnic. | Centennial Park Event Shelter | Mon., Sept. 2, 2019 |

FUNDRAISING APPROVAL

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| • American Legion Nashville Post 5 | Elmington Park- shred event | Sat., Oct. 20, 2018 |
| • Candice McEver-fundraiser/reggae party | Percy Warner Golf Course Pavilion | Sat., Nov. 10, 2018 |
| • Moosic City Dash-walk/race | Metro Center & Downtown Greenways | Sat., April 13, 2019 |

ALCOHOL APPROVAL

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| • Hilton Nashville Downtown-picnic | Walk of Fame Park | Sat., Oct. 13, 2018 |
| • Citi Community Capital-private picnic | Percy Warner Golf Course Pavilion | Tues., Oct. 16, 2018 |

AMPLIFICATION AND FUNDRAISING APPROVAL

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| • Granbery Elementary-school festival | Granbery Park | Sat., Oct., 16, 2018 |
| • MNPD GREAT Program-5k | Shelby Park | Sat., Oct. 27, 2018 |
| • Tennessee ASLA-Family Design Day | Azafran Park | Sat., Nov. 10, 2018 |
| • What Do You Run For? Walk-Race | Shelby Park | Sat., Nov. 10, 2018 |
| • Community Options-Cupids Chase 5k | Shelby Park | Sat., Feb. 9, 2019 |
| • Nat'l. Eating Disorders Association | Centennial Park Event Shelter-Walk | Sat., March 23, 2019 |
| • Arthritis Foundation-Walk | Centennial Park Event Shelter | Sun., April 28, 2019 |
| • American Liver Foundation-Walk | Warner Park picnic areas 9 & 11 | Sat., May 4, 2019 |
| • Belly Rubs Basset Rescue – picnic | Centennial Park Event Shelter | Sat., June 1, 2019 |
| • Hearing Loss Association of America | Shelby Park – Walk | Sat., June 15, 2019 |
| • Back in the Day K-Walk | Stones River Greenway/Kohl's trailhead | Sat., Aug. 24, 2019 |

AMPLIFICATION AND ALCOHOL APPROVAL

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| • Nashville Firefighters Association | Walk of Fame Park-private event | Wed., Oct. 17, 2018 |
| • Syvonne Gaither Hood - wedding | Centennial Park Sunken Garden | Sat., May 4, 2019 |
| • Samantha Scott-wedding | Cornelia Fort Airpark | Sat., May 11, 2019 |
| • iHeartMedia Taste of Music City | Public Square Park | Sat., June 1, 2019 |
| • Cumberland River Compact | Cumberland Park-Hellbender on the River | Thurs., June. 20, 2019 |
| • iHeartMedia Music City Brewer's Fest | Walk of Fame Park | Sat., July 27, 2019 |
| • Destination Nashville-private event | Riverfront Park | Sun., July 28, 2019 |
| • Destination Nashville-private event | Walk of Fame Park | Wed., July 31, 2019 |

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AMPLIFICATION, FUNDRAISING AND ALCOHOL APPROVAL

- Tennessee Beer and Wine Fest Two Rivers Mansion Lawn Sat., Oct. 20, 2018
- Cumberland River Compact Cumberland Park–Dragon Boat Festival Sat., Sept. 7, 2019

10-18-02

BOARD GRANTS PERMISSION TO STAFF AT FORT NEGLEY PARK TO HOLD SMALL ARMS AND CANNON FIRING DEMONSTRATIONS

Board approves request of Ms. Krista Castillo, representing Fort Negley Park, to hold small arms and cannon firing demonstrations as part of living history events at Fort Negley on the following dates:

Saturday, October 6 and Sunday, October 7, 2018
Saturday, November 10 and Sunday, November 11, 2018
Saturday, December 8, 2018

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

10-18-03

BOARD DEFERS REQUEST OF THE MAYOR'S OFFICE AND GIARRATANA LLC FOR THE SWAP OF TWO (2) PARCELS OF LAND, KNOW AS CHURCH STREET PARK AND 301 JAMES ROBERTSON PARKWAY, AND ACCEPTANCE OF \$2M FROM GIARRATANA LLC FOR DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW PARK AT 301 JAMES ROBERTSON PARKWAY TO THE ACQUISITION COMMITTEE AT THEIR NOVEMBER MEETING AND APPROVED A PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD ON OCTOBER 22, 2018

Mr. Brian Kelsey, representing the Mayor's Office, was present to represent the Mayor's Office and Giarratana LLC requesting board approval for the swap of two parcels of land, known as Church Street Park and 301 James Robertson Parkway, and acceptance of \$2M from Giarratana LLC for development of a new park at 301 James Robertson Parkway. Additionally, this plan will provide pedestrian upgrades to Anne Dallas Dudley Boulevard with up to \$5 million from Giarratana LLC. It will also develop at least 100 units of permanent supportive housing and a downtown homeless service center at Metro-owned 505 2nd Avenue North, using up to \$25 million in approved General Obligation bonds.

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Councilmember at Large John Cooper addressed the board with regard to Parks Policy 3000.25 Acquisition and Disposition of Parks Property and Parks Policy 3000.29 Public/Private Partnerships. Councilmember Cooper stated that in the event of a public/private partnership the request:

- be consistent with the Parks/Greenways Master Plan and if it is consistent it is only applicable to assets not being utilized by parks and recreation services before it can be considered.
- must be open to a proposal from the whole community as not to exclude minority contractors.
- after going through process there must be two community meetings held – one conducted by staff and one conducted by the Metro Council. Plan should be endorsed by council representatives.
- cannot be in conflict with the general land use plan (the DTZ plan complains about the lack of open space downtown)

In closing, Councilmember Cooper requested the board to follow all policies governing how the board evaluates the disposition of parks properties.

Mr. Brian Kelsey presented the following information with regard to the Downtown Permanent Supportive Housing and Service Center proposal.

Metro:

1. Acquires 301 James Robertson Parkway
 - \$3,370,000 appraised value
 - 0.26 acres/11,503 sq ft
2. Uses \$2,000,000 payment from Giarratana LLC to create a new park at 301 James Robertson Pkwy, achieving no net loss of Metro-owned park space downtown and providing a potential opportunity to highlight historical significance of adjacent Sunday School Publishing Board property

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Metro (con't.)

3. Uses up to \$25,000,000 in GO bonds approved for affordable housing to construct a LEED-certified building with at least 100 units of permanent supportive housing and accompanying service center at Metro-owned 505 2nd Avenue N, which would include intake/assessment and case management, bathrooms, showers, storage, and office space for the Metro Homeless Impact Division
4. Uses tax revenue of approximately \$2,000,000 annually generated from new development at 600 Church Street toward debt service and/or operational costs for 505 2nd Avenue N

Giarratana LLC:

1. Acquires Church Street Park parcel at 600 Church Street
 - \$3,650,000 appraised value (\$298 per sq ft)
 - 0.27 acres/12,249 sq ft
2. Pays \$2,000,000 to Metro
3. Invests up to \$5,000,000 in upgrades to Anne Dallas Dudley Boulevard between Church and Union streets after public engagement process led by the Nashville Civic Design Center
4. At no charge, provides Metro with assistance in project development and construction oversight of permanent supportive housing and service center at 505 2nd Avenue N
5. Constructs a new tower with an estimated cost of \$200,000,000 at 600 Church Street, receiving no tax incentives or other subsidies from Metro

*All subject to approval by Parks Board, Planning Commission, and Metro Council

Mr. Kelsey stated that they have made a commitment not to file anything else on this proposal until the Parks Board has made a determination. However, he respectively asked that board present this request to the acquisition committee preceding the November board meeting.

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Mr. Haynes asked why there was no RFP process.

Mr. Kelsey replied that most transactions will include some kind of RFP; however this was an exception. This proposal was brought to the Mayor's Office for consideration and has become fairly transparent within the last month. There have been discussions with adjacent property owners and providers of homeless services and the plan has improved over the last few months. Given the opportunity to weigh the pros and cons of what's best for the City, this falls in what's best in Mr. Kelsey's opinion.

Mr. Haynes asked, "assume Parks acquires the James Robertson Parkway property and work is started on the building and the developer takes title of Church Street property and because we are in the 9th inning of the cycle and it never obtains financing, work never starts, can't generate the tax revenue to help pay the debt services for the building, what happens?"

Mr. Kelsey stated that he doesn't engage in hypothetical because there are a lot of things that might not go as the timeline dictates and they are trying to do the best to be thoughtful, careful and have a contingency plan in place.

Mr. Haynes stated that as chair of the acquisition committee he needs to understand that "what if" prior to the November meeting.

Mr. Kelsey said he will have that information well before the November meeting. He also said that Tom Cross, representing Metro Legal, is here and can answer any questions about the proposal. With regard to the appraisals, there is recent legislation in Council to change the way Metro procures appraisals for property. They are going to what is known as the income based method. The Finance Department has ordered new appraisals for both the 301 James Robertson Parkway and Church Street Park parcels and those appraisals will be available before the public hearing for review.

Ms. Scott-Barnes asked if only one firm was selected for the appraisals, will the new appraisals be done by the same firm and will there be more than one appraisal?

Mr. Kelsey answered that there will only be one new appraisal and he is not sure who is providing the appraisal.

Ms. Scott-Barnes asked if Metro is paying for the appraisals and Mr. Kelsey said all appraisals are the responsibility of Metro.

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Ms. Scott-Barnes asked if there will be an opportunity to see a map of the new potential park and service center in order to understand the relationship and what it will look like?

Mr. Kelsey stated there will be a full presentation at the public hearing and all information will be available in the coming weeks. He said he would defer to Ms. Odom and staff on what the park will look like upon completion.

Ms. Scott-Barnes asked if a parking/traffic study will be accomplished for the proposed building on the Church Street property/

Mr. Kelsey said that will be up to the developer to provide what Metro Planning requires.

Ms. Scott-Barnes asked with regard to the commitment to invest on Anne Dallas Boulevard, how much up to \$5 million could be invested and how will it be determined how much is spent?

Mr. Kelsey answered that the Nashville Civic Design Center is taking the lead in planning with public participation.

Mr. Haynes asked if two public meetings are needed to follow proper protocol.

Mr. Cross, Metro Legal representative, said he will research policies thoroughly and make sure proper legal procedures are followed.

Therefore, upon motion of Dr. Steele, seconded by Mr. Fossick, the board, as per Parks Policy 3000.25, defers request of the Mayor's Office and Giarratana LLC for the swap of two (2) parcels of land, known as Church Street Park and 301 James Robertson Parkway, and acceptance of \$2M from Giarratana LLC for development of a new park at 301 James Robertson Parkway to the acquisition committee at their November meeting and approves a public hearing to be held on October 22, 2018.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

10-18-04

BOARD ACCEPTS DONATION, NOT TO EXCEED \$130,000, OF LIGHTING UPGRADES TO THE EXISTING SOCCER FIELDS LOCATED IN HARPETH RIVER PARK FROM THE HARPETH YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION

Correspondence submitted by Mr. Josh Severns, representing the Harpeth Youth Soccer Association, requesting acceptance of a donation of lighting upgrades, not to exceed \$130,000, to the existing soccer fields located in Harpeth River Park was presented to the board for approval. There are currently 6 light poles at this site and Harpeth Youth Soccer Association is requesting to install 2 additional light poles for a total of 8 poles. This improvement will provide Harpeth Youth Soccer Association the ability to provide soccer programming for area youth.

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Dr. Steele, the board granted approval to accept a donation of lighting upgrades, in an amount not to exceed \$130,000, to the existing soccer fields located in Harpeth River Park.

10-18-05

BOARD DEFERS STAFF REQUEST SEEKING APPROVAL OF ACQUISITION OF APPROXIMATELY 2.89 ACRES OF LAND, KNOWN AS THE ANTHES DRIVE PROPERTY FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF THE CUMBERLAND RIVER GREENWAY AND WHARF PARK AS PER PARKS POLICY 3000.25

As per Parks Policy 3000.25, the board deferred staff request to acquire approximately 2.89 acres of land, known as the Anthes Drive property, for future development of the Cumberland River Greenway and Wharf Park to the Acquisition Committee of the board.

IX. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

DR. SHARI BARKIN, REPRESENTING THE MONROE CARELL JR. CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL PRESENTS ANNUAL REPORT ON THE NASHVILLE COLLABORATIVE TO THE BOARD

Dr. Shari Barkin stated that the Nashville Collaborative is a community academic partnership between the Monroe Carrell Hospital at Vanderbilt and Metro Parks. This partnership is now 10 years old as it was approved by the board in May 2008 and launched on June 28, 2008. Eleven projects have been implemented so far with grant support. The mission of the collaborative is to measurably improve child and family health, prevent chronic diseases, and reduce health disparities by developing and testing innovative, sustainable, evidence-based and family-focused programs in Metro Parks Community Centers.

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This collaborative was launched because:

- Science benefits from practical research
- Community benefits from evidence-based sustainable programming
- Improves child health outcomes

Over the past 10 years what was learned:

1. Reduced Early Childhood Obesity in Underserved Families
 - Can develop programs together
 - Work to improve child health outcomes
 - Improve childhood obesity
 - Decrease pediatric obesity with a 3 month/12 week program
2. Increased and Sustained Parent-Child Rec Center Use
More than 50% of families (parent/children) together continued to use Parks and Recreation facilities at least weekly compared to group with same geographic access within 5 miles. Seventy percent were not using Parks and Recreation facilities at all.
3. Built New Social Networks in Communities
GROW funded by NIH 2010-2018. These networks lie in programs associated with spreading and increasing healthy behaviors among program participants involved in Parks and Recreation.
4. Programs are cost effective
 - Teaching kitchen outreach: \$1.00 - \$3.00 per meal
 - GROW: \$2.84 per child per day
5. Aligned with Strategic Plan to Play
 - Integration of Health – GROW trial improved child nutrition and sustainable use of Parks and Recreation funding.
 - Community Partnerships – these partnerships are active even though program has concluded.
 - Economic Value – this is now being tested in other states making Nashville's Metro Parks and Recreation a leader in family based programming.
 - Equitable – result has been increased diversity of patrons and utilization of after school and summer programs.

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6. Programs are scalable – teaching kitchen outreach in one year:

- Participating centers went from 4 to 25
- Participating staff went from 6 to 29
- Master Trainers went from 0 to 2
- Participants reached went from 80 to 620

Parks and Recreation facilitators collect data as the program progresses because it means so much to them.

Built sustainability into effective programs

- Conducted booster training in September
- Launched in new regional centers (Madison and Smith Springs)
- Measure effect of TKO on child behavior
- Generate idea for two-generation work
- Integrate into Parks summer programming
- Certify Parks Master Trainers
- Develop cost tracking system per meal by recipe
- Identify partnering/funding opportunities
- Collect data on adaption linked and effectiveness in a real world setting

The Nashville Collaborative Goals of 10 Years of a Sustainable and Successful Partnership:

- Measurable
- Sustainable
- Paradigm shift to include parents and young children
- Aligned with Plan to Play strategic vision
- Together, making a difference every day to families and communities served by Metro Parks and Recreation
- Developing best practices across the country.

IX. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

**MS. JANET CARPENTER, PRESIDENT OF FRIENDS OF THE METRO PARKS
DisABILITIES PROGRAM AND MAGIC PROGRAM PRESENTS ANNUAL REPORT
TO THE BOARD**

Ms. Carpenter stated that this friends group is a collection of parents, professionals, friends, staff and participants assisting Metro Parks in providing programming for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities known as IDD. The program currently serves 80 individuals in the day program and 125 individuals through the sports leagues. There are currently 150 individuals on a waiting list.

The Friends of Metro Dance are a co-sponsor of the sports leagues which included basketball, soccer, volleyball and floor hockey. The outdoor sports are held at Elmington Park on Friday and Saturday mornings from 9:00 am – 12:00 noon. Belmont University students' partner with this group on Saturday mornings for inclusion and this activity has the largest turnout. The Metro Parks group loves the Saturday morning sports with the students.

The Metro Parks DisABILITIES Unified Volleyball Team won 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 Friends Group is working to bring in more leagues and team sponsors for the sports leagues in order to keep the activity free to the participants. The only charge now is for the bowling league and that is \$40.00 per session. Beginning this year at the Sports League banquet all participants received a ribbon with medals of the sport they were participants attached.

This group also purchases a large number of Access Ride passes to help with families who struggle financially and currently sponsoring Art Workshops. The initial workshop is full and now opening a 2nd workshop. These workshops are held on Friday mornings and afternoons.

A Take 5 program has been initiated to give caregivers and parents a night out from caring for their adult children. It gives them a chance to go out to dinner with friends or just to relax at home.

Programming which includes guest speakers to address estate planning, conservatorship, parenting tips on hygiene and dating in special populations are now offered to parents and caregivers. These activities offer the parents/caregivers to bond and form a support group for each other.

The Magic Guild was started in Tom Stone's name, a former Metro Parks employee who started the original Metro Parks Magic group. There are currently 5 participants performing magic and they have put together a 30 minute performance.

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TO THE BOARD (con't)**

The major fundraiser of this group is a Gala scheduled for Saturday, October at 5:00 pm consisting of dinner and show at Father Ryan High School.

**MS. STEPHANIE HIGGINS AND MS. JANIS TURNER REPRESENTING THE
FRIENDS OF METRO DANCE PRESENTS ANNUAL UPDATE TO THE BOARD**

Ms. Higgins, President, stated that the Friends of Metro Dance is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization founded in 1995 to support the financial and volunteer needs of the Metro Parks Dance Division beyond the scope of government funding. Friends of Metro Dance funds performances including Centennial Youth Ballet's Mini-Nutcracker and spring performances, free community programs, professional development for faculty, guest teaching artists, student scholarships, costumes, set pieces, state-of-the-art studio equipment and specialty instructors for programs such as Dancing with Parkinson's and the annual Summer Intensive.

Ms. Higgins stated that the Friends of Metro Dance have made the following facility improvements:

- Purchased wood sprung floors for both Centennial Performing arts Studios and Looby Theater.
- Marley floor replaced at Centennial Performing Arts Studio last year and expect to replace every 10 years.
- Dressing room at Centennial Performing Arts Studio for dancers to change and prepare for class.
- Bottle filler water fountain now available to dancers and all users of the Centennial Performing Arts Studio.
- Balled barre for Hadley Regional Center.
- Sound system for McCabe Regional Center
- Mirror and barre for Studio B at the Centennial Performing Arts Studio.

Community programing has involved the employment of different instructors to perform and teach in various community centers:

- Spring and Fall break workshops and performances offered by Windship Boyd at East, Hadley, Hartman, Southeast, Coleman and South Inglewood Centers.
- After school dance program with Summer Shack at South Inglewood Center.
- Dancing with Parkinson's class held at Centennial Performing Arts Studio on a weekly basis.

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MS. STEPHANIE HIGGINS AND MS. JANIS TURNER REPRESENTING THE FRIENDS OF METRO DANCE PRESENT ANNUAL UPDATE TO THE BOARD(con't.)

Isadora Duncan: Art, Myth and Movement was held April 27 – 29, 2018 with the following supporting events:

- The friends group partnered with Duncan Dance Project at the Parthenon, Centennial Art Center and Kidsville.
- Performance: Dances of Orpheus and Iphigenia on Parthenon lawn, through the Treasury Room of the Parthenon and unto the Naos of the Parthenon with 45 dancers.
- Exhibit opening and outdoor performance at the Centennial Art Center.
- Tunic silk dying workshop – tunics were used in above performances.
- Master Class and community workshops
- Lecture and film screening.

Centennial Youth Ballet Summer Intensive:

- Twenty-five advanced students, ages 12-18
- Two weeks of intense dance training
- Pre-professional training with nationally renowned guest artists
- Classical Ballet
- Contemporary
- Gyrotonic/Gyrokinesis
- International Folk Dance
- Afro Caribbean
- Injury prevention and nutrition

Financial Support for Students:

- Twenty students from 16 families have been awarded \$7500 from the scholarship fund.
- Money raised by the Friends of Metro Dance is used toward tuition and dance attire.

Pointe Shoe Fund:

- Currently 16 Mini Nutcracker performers en pointe.
- Typical dancer will go through 3 pairs of shoes for the performance cycle and a lead dancer will go thru at least 5 pairs of shoes at \$100 per pair.
- Friends of Metro Dance will provide a pair of performance pointe shoes for each dancer.

The Board of Directors work toward a goal of providing quality dance education experiences in Nashville. There are 17 current board members, men and women who are a mixture of parents of dancers, community members, professional dancers and administrators all working toward the goal of providing quality dance education and experiences in Nashville.

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Sub-committees of the Board of Directors include:

- Volunteer – oversee staffing necessary to support Friends of Metro Dance sponsored performances.
- Fundraising – identifies immediate and long range financial needs, planning events to raise funds and major prospects.
- Membership – reviews by-laws or organization as well as works to grow membership for the Friends of Metro Dance.
- Public Relations – develops and oversees marketing, advertising and public relations plans.
- Programming – reviews dance programming for students and recommends new programming opportunities.

Future Plans:

- Develop a specific 3 to 5 year strategic plan.
- Continue to gain sponsorships to support efforts.
- Develop partnerships within the community.
- Partner with Metro Parks on the development of a new cultural arts building as part of the Centennial Park Master Plan.
- Continue to grow memberships and impact the community.

X. CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE – Rebecca Ratz in Tim Netsch’ absence

- **Jefferson Street Park** – Design underway with a 2nd public meeting scheduled for October 9 at 6:00 pm at Hadley Regional Center.
- **Mill Ridge Park** –The Metro Arts Commission has committed funding to a public art piece for phase 1 of Mill Ridge Park. The artist team chosen is Daily Tous Les Jours. This team will be in Nashville on October 10 with a public meeting scheduled for 6:00 pm at the Southeast Library.
- **Percy Warner – Page Road parking lot** – working with the FOWP and the City of Belle Meade to complete this parking area during winter 2018/19.
- **Tony Rose Park** – An additional grant of \$10,000 has been awarded to Tony Rose Park.

XI. UPCOMING SPECIAL ACTIVITIES/EVENTS

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

October 5	5:00 pm	Get Cultured Artist Reception-Centennial Art Center
October 6	10:00 am	<i>Celebrate Nashville</i> – Centennial Park
October 9	6:00 pm	Jefferson Street Pocket Park 2 nd Community Meeting Hadley Park Community Center

XI. UPCOMING SPECIAL ACTIVITIES/EVENTS (con't.)

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

October 10	5:30 pm	<i>Wade in These Waters</i> – Centennial Art Center Arc of the African American Experience in Centennial Park
October 27	10:00 am	I-440 Greenway Opening – Elmington Park
	5:00 pm	disABILITIES Program's <i>GALA-Music Magic and Song</i> Father Ryan High School
October 30	5:15 pm	Howl-o-ween - Madison Community Center

XII. DEPARTMENT UPDATES

XIII. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

Ms. Odom thanked the partners for their presentations today and stated that Metro Parks is very fortunate to have so many wonderful community partners.

Ms. Odom reported:

- The Parks Police are offering Active Shooter Training (CRASE training) to community center staff.
- Suicide Awareness Prevention Training is being offered to all Metro employees and employees are strongly encouraged to participate.
- Metro Council is considering a capital spending plan tonight at their meeting.

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

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

Monique N. Odom, Director

George Anderson, Chairperson