

METROPOLITAN BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

November 6, 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, Ms. Tari Hughes, Mr. Jeff Haynes and Dr. Sharon Gentry.

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; Lt. Bryan Taylor, Park Police and **Ms. Macy Amos, representing the Metro Legal Department.**

Metro Councilmember at Large John Cooper, Councilmember Angie Henderson and former Councilmember Lynn Williams were in attendance.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD OCTOBER 2, 2018 APPROVED

Upon motion of Mr. Haynes, seconded by Dr. Steele, the Board approved the minutes of the board meeting held Tuesday, October 2, 2018 as presented.

V. METRO COUNCIL REFERRALS

VI. OLD BUSINESS

10-18-03

BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF THE MAYOR'S OFFICE AND GIARRATANA LLC TO SWAP TWO PARCELS OF LAND, KNOWN AS CHURCH STREET PARK AND 301 JAMES ROBERTSON PARKWAY, AND THE ACCEPTANCE OF TWO MILLION DOLLARS FROM GIARRATANA LLC FOR DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW PARK AT 301 JAMES ROBERTSON PARKWAY

Mr. Anderson stated that the acquisition committee of the board had met and asked for Mr. Haynes for a recommendation. Mr. Haynes, chairman of the acquisition committee, stated that the acquisition committee had met on Friday, November 2, 2018 and the result of that meeting was a split vote of 3 to 3 with Fossick, Hughes and Anderson voting in favor and Steele, Haynes and Scott-Barnes voting against the proposal submitted by the Mayor's Office and Giarratana LLC. Because of that there is no recommendation to the board.

Mr. Anderson responded that the decision now would be left up to this board and asked if anyone wanted to entertain a motion. Mr. Fossick made motion to approve this request as submitted and Ms. Hughes seconded; Mr. Anderson stated that the floor was now open for discussion.

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Dr. Steele asked Mr. Kelsey, representing the Mayor's Office, if there is an acquisition interest in the National Baptist Convention property adjacent to the James Robertson Parkway property and how will this play into the land swap? Mr. Kelsey said that is correct and they are in preliminary discussion with the National Baptist Convention about the future of that building and at this time there is nothing to report except an expressed mutual interest with current owners. Mr. Kelsey stated that they are trying to do everything possible to preserve that building because of the historic value to the City and believe it can be a strong asset if able to obtain the parking lot next door adjacent to the proposed park to compliment the building. Mr. Haynes stated that after Councilmember Henderson referenced funding in the Plan to Play document he went back and reread Plan to Play. It states on page 202 that "achieving the goals of Plan to Play will require an increase in Metro funding while Metro Parks simultaneously diversifies its revenue streams – not to replace Metro Funds, but to supplement them". Metro Parks has asked for more money, but hasn't received it and his main concern is if Metro Parks can't care for Church Street Park, how will they have the resources to take care of the James Robertson Parkway property. Mr. Haynes recommended that if the board approves this they would approve by modifying the recommendation to include:

1. A call back if the developer ever sells the land
2. If Mr. Giarratana does not build the tower to generate the property tax revenues he has committed to service the debt for the homeless center that he guarantees that property tax obligation.

This is a major financial obligation that the City is using to help get this passed and the tower may never be built and the board should consider this.

Ms. Hughes stated that if this is passed today, there are still other steps before this is complete. She supports this because it is a solution, not the best, but the only solution on the table and it would be short sighted not to approve.

Ms. Scott-Barnes stated that this is a difficult decision and she respects all on both sides of the issue but it is the responsibility of the board to protect our parks and parks system; however her biggest concerns have to do with the process of getting here today. The first person to come forward with an uncontested bid doesn't sit well and the public has had difficulty in the past with complicated land deals which have come forward over the past 24 months is the biggest issue. This proposal doesn't sit

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well because we are trading down, not solving the problems and we will continue to have problems in the new park which is triangular shaped and surrounded by busy roads on all sides. Plan to Plan was accomplished just a year ago and it was community led by thousands of constituents and it realized that parks should increase space and pocket parks downtown, not trade down. The board should look at their decision making and what those decisions are based on. With regard to funding - if Church Street Park stays as is all eyes will be on the park and the department to change status quo and that is a huge responsibility. With faith in the Nashville community and untapped resources from the private sector, that are not driven by development, Ms. Scott-Barnes feels optimistic that Nashville can rise to the occasion and help make this a successful park and for these reasons she cannot support this.

Ms. Tari Hughes said that we have heard support for this project from every major property owner, many residents and downtown employees and need to take their opinion into consideration.

Mr. George Anderson stated that he agrees with Tari and that's why he shifted his position on this proposal. Church Street Park has been a complete failure as a park for as long as he has been on the board (10 years). He typically would not support but this is a unique situation and larger than a parks issue, this is a City policy issue with regard to homelessness. The Anne Dallas Dudley corridor is critical and can be park-like if completed.

Mr. Haynes stated that if this is approved today, the Parks Board, Director Odom and staff will have a slippery slope setting precedence to opening up park plan to the development community with higher and better uses and get into the subjectivity of what is a failed park and what is a higher and better use for that land - really dangerous precedent to set.

Mr. Fossick is in support of the councilmember for the district Church Street Park is located and supports this proposal.

Dr. Steele stated that there are many stakeholders involved and the board has to be considerate of all and not to call people a problem. We have to look at where the problem will be shifted to another area of downtown and that is unfair because we haven't addressed the real question and we don't have a real solution, so we are pushing the perceived problem down the street with no real plan. Dr. Steele asked

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what did the Mayor mean when he said the property will be better than it is today? This proposal did not go through a fair process where others interested in developing the property has an opportunity to offer their solutions. Dr. Steele reiterated that she was against this proposal.

Dr. Gentry stated that the ultimate challenge is that the board isn't clear of what the fundamentality of the proposal is – it is a land swap, not moving location for the homeless. She then asked Mr. Kelsey, representative of the Mayor's Office, if the publishing building will remain? Mr. Kelsey replied that the City has an interest in keeping that property because of the historic value and see the benefit of combining the history of that building with a new potential park across the street from the *Witness Walls*; however please remember the City doesn't own that property at this time. Dr. Gentry then said the fundamental question is if the board is ok with giving up property that has not been successful as a park for an alternate use.

Mr. Haynes said that if we determine that this park is not going to work on Church Street, does the board not have an obligation to the City to make the decision to say it doesn't work and declare the property surplus, go through studies, solicit bids and instead of swapping it when the department has limited resources, selling Church Street Park to the highest bidder that's in keeping with what's going on in the neighborhood and taking those resources to use in a resource strapped department.

Dr. Steele replied that she thought so.

Mr. Anderson then called for a vote for the approval of agenda item 10-18-03. Motion carried with a vote of 4 – 3. Voting for the proposal were Mr. Fossick, Dr. Gentry, Ms. Hughes and Mr. Anderson. Voting against the proposal were Mr. Haynes, Ms. Scott-Barnes and Dr. Steele. With that the board granted approval to the request of the Mayor's Office and Giarratana LLC for the swap of two parcels of land known as Church Street Park and 301 James Robertson Parkway and acceptance of 2 million dollars from Giarratana LLC for development of a new park at 301 James Robertson Parkway as per the summary below from the proposed agreement:

Metro Government

1. Acquires 301 James Robertson Parkway
 - \$3,370,000 appraised value
 - 0.26 acres/11,503 sq ft

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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
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

VI. OLD BUSINESS

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 be heard by the Acquisition Committee prior to the December board meeting.

X. CONSENT AGENDA

11-18-01

BOARD APPROVES OCTOBER 2018 CONSENT AGENDA

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Ms. Scott-Barnes, the board approved the November 2018 consent agenda as presented.

AMPLIFICATION APPROVAL

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| • Oakwood Park Cleanup/Block Party | Oakwood Park | Sat., Nov. 17, 2018 |
| • Akialh Dasilva's Right to Live | Smith Springs Park – celebration | Sat., Nov. 17, 2018 |
| • Start 2 Finish – walk/race | Sevier Park | Sat., Dec., 1, 2018 |
| • Sylvan Park Neighborhood Moms' Club | McCabe Park-Holiday Market | Sun., Dec. 2, 2018 |
| • Christopher Bennett-radio show | Watkins Park | Fri., May 10 & Sat., May 11, 2019 |
| • Handmade Nashville | Bellevue Park-summer arts/crafts fair | Sat., May 11, 2019 |
| • Tristan Snyder-wedding | Centennial Park Sunken Garden | Sat., May 11, 2019 |
| • Nashville Fit Magazine | Rhodes Park-fitness competition | Sat., May 18, 2019 |
| • Barre# Nashville-festival | Ellipse in Centennial Park | Sat., Sept. 7, 2019 |
| • Enchanted Entertainment-Princess Festival | Centennial Park Event Shelter | Sat., Sept 14, 2019 |
| • Rev. Mary Hawk-Nashville Pagan Pride Day | Two Rivers Park | Sat., Sept 28, 2019 |
| • Heather Evans-wedding | Centennial Park Sunken Garden | Sat., Oct. 12, 2019 |

FUNDRAISING APPROVAL

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| • Music City Kids Triathlon | Centennial Park Bandshell | Sun., June 9, 2019 |
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AMPLIFICATION AND FUNDRAISING APPROVAL

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| • Japan-America Society of Tennessee | Public Square Park-Cherry Blossom Festival | Sat., April 13, 2019 |
| • BCAN-Nashville Bean Walk/Run | Two Rivers Park | Sat., April 20, 2010 |
| • Sarah's Laughter-fun run | Shelby Park | Sat., June 1, 2019 |
| • Pancreatic Cancer Action Network | E. Warner Park - shelters 9,10,11 | Sat., Sept. 28, 2019 |
| • CURE SMA-2019 Nashville Walk-n-Roll | Centennial Park Event Shelter | Sun., Oct. 13, 2019 |

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AMPLIFICATION AND ALCOHOL APPROVAL

- Country Music Association Walk of Fame Park-CMA Awards Wed., Nov. 14, 2018
- The Conservancy/Musicians Corner Centennial Park Fri., May 10, 17, 24, 31;
June 7, 14, 21, 28, 2019. Sat., May 11, 18, 25; June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 2019
- Sara Hattler – wedding Hodge House Fri., May 10, 2019
- Gary Branigan-East Nashville Crawfish Bash East Park Sat., May 25, 2019
- Vanderbilt Rowing-Music City Head Race East Bank Landing Oct. 11-13, 2019
- Tim Zerwic-wedding Cornelia Fort Airpark Sat., Oct. 12, 2019
- The Conservancy-Centennial Craft Fest Centennial Park Musicians Corner area Oct. 19-20, 2019

AMPLIFICATION, FUNDRAISING AND ALCOHOL APPROVAL

- Nashville Junior Chamber-Crawfish Boil Cumberland Park Sat., April 13, 2019
- Lupus Foundation-Howl at the Moon Centennial Park Fri., May 17, 2019
- SuperCoolFunFest-charity benefit Cumberland Park Sat., May 18, 2019
- Nashville Humane Association Centennial Park-Dog Day Festival Sat., Sept. 14, 2019

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

11-18-02

BOARD ACKNOWLEDGES DR. SHARON GENTRY AS A MEMBER OF THE PARKS BOARD REPRESENTING THE METRO SCHOOL BOARD REPLACING MS. JILL SPEERING DURING MS. SPEERING'S TEMPORARY LEAVE OF ABSENCE EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 10, 2018

11-18-03

BOARD APPROVES LONG RANGE MASTER PLAN AT THE REQUEST OF THE VOLUNTEER HORSEMEN'S FOUNDATION AND THE IROQUOIS STEEPLECHASE RACE COMMITTEE TO EXPAND IROQUOIS STEEPLECHASE BOX SEAT CAPACITY

Mr. Dwight Hall, representing the Volunteer Horsemen's Foundation and the Iroquois Steeplechase Race Committee was present to request board approval of a long range master plan to expand the Iroquois Steeplechase box-seat capacity from the board.

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TO EXPAND IROQUOIS STEEPLECHASE BOX SEAT CAPACITY**

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Ms. Hughes, the board granted approval to your request of a long range "master plan" to expand the box seat capacity at the Iroquois Steeplechase facility which entails:

- The first phase construction will consist of up to 170 boxes with the possibility of an amenity deck. Construction of the box seat expansion may occur from 2019-2024.
- Once the project is fully approved and permitted, funding will be advanced from the Volunteer State Horsemen's Foundation with no match and/or other obligations required of the Metro Parks Department or the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County.
- Metro Parks Planning and Maintenance staff will review and approve stamped engineer construction documents with the understanding that all impacts on the area such as erosion and storm water runoff are addressed in the Volunteer Horsemen's Association plan.
- Issues arising from the addition of grandstands are the responsibility of the Volunteer Horsemen's Association to correct.
- The Metro Historical Commission must approve this plan.
- All required city permits are the responsibility of the Volunteer Horsemen's Association.

11-18-04

**BOARD APPROVES APPLICATION AND ULTIMATE ACCEPTANCE FOR LOCAL
PARKS AND RECREATION GRANT FUNDING FROM THE TENNESSEE
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION
FOR CAPITOL VIEW PARK**

Upon motion of Ms. Hughes, seconded by Dr. Steele, the board approved application and ultimate acceptance of Local Parks and Recreation grant funding in the amount of \$100,000 from the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation for the purpose of developing Capitol View Park. Please note that this grant requires a local match of \$100,000 which will come from existing Metro Capital Funding already designated for Capitol View Park. **PLEASE NOTE THAT MR. HAYNES RECUSED HIMSELF FROM VOTING.**

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

11-18-05

BOARD APPROVES A ONE YEAR PERMIT WITH THE NASHVILLE FOOD PROJECT TO DEVELOP, PROGRAM, EDUCATE AND OPERATE COMMUNITY GARDENS IN MILL RIDGE PARK

Upon motion of Ms. Scott-Barnes, seconded by Ms. Hughes, the board approved a *Permit for Use of Park Space* with The Nashville Food Project for use of property located in Mill Ridge Park, 12924 Old Hickory Blvd., Antioch, TN for a one year period effective November 6, 2018. The purpose of this permit is to develop, program, educate and operate community gardens within designated areas of the historic farmland in Mill Ridge Park. Please note that the Friends of Mill Ridge Park are partnering with The Nashville Food Project led by Ms. Malinda Hersch and Ms. Julia Thompson on this project.

11-18-06

BOARD DEFERS REQUEST OF THE HARPETH VALLEY UTILITIES DISTRICT SEEKING APPROVAL TO INSTALL NEW SANITARY SEWER FORCE MAIN WITHIN THE OLD HICKS ROADBED/GREENWAY TRAIL AT EDWIN WARNER PARK AND AMENDMENT TO THE EXISTING SEWER CONTRACT FOR THE WARNER PARK NATURE CENTER AS PER PARKS POLICY 3000.25

Upon motion of Dr. Steele, seconded by Ms. Hughes and as per Parks Policy 3000.25, the board deferred request of the Harpeth Valley Utilities District of the following:

- a sewer easement to install a new sanitary sewer force main within the Old Hicks Road roadbed/greenway trail, at Edwin Warner Park in order to replace an existing 12 inch cast iron sewer force main that is nearing its useful life and must be replaced.
- an amendment to the existing sewer contract for the Warner Park Nature Center in order to abandon the existing wastewater service and replace with a new section of sewer which will continue to provide wastewater service to the Nature Center.

IX. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

MS. AMY CROWNOVER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF GREENWAYS FOR NASHVILLE, PRESENTS ANNUAL UPDATE TO THE BOARD

Ms. Crownover began by stating that Greenways for Nashville is a non-profit 501© 3 organization created in 1994 as a “friends group” of the Greenways and Open Space Division of Metro Parks.

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

MS. AMY CROWNOVER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF GREENWAYS FOR NASHVILLE, PRESENTS ANNUAL UPDATE TO THE BOARD

Greenways for Nashville (GFN) has a highly engaged Board of Directors with Pete Wooten currently serving as the President of GFN and the Vice-President is Ann Tidwell, current chair of the Greenways and Open Space Commission. The eight citizen appointees to the Greenways and Open Space Commission are automatically members of the GFN Board with the other members being citizen volunteers. Ex-officio members are Monique Odom, Director of Metro Parks and Cindy Harrison, Assistant Director of Parks-Greenways and Open Space Division.

Greenways for Nashville **creates, preserves** and **promotes** a system of greenways in Nashville and Davidson County.

- **Create** means raising Capital for the actual construction of greenways and advocates for Metro capital funds for greenways. GFN also supports Metro's efforts to obtain state and federal funding for greenways.
- **Preserve** open space by helping raise capital monies for open space acquisitions. Preserve also comes in the form of easements – within the 87+ miles of greenways there are 125 easements with private owners. Some owners require a higher level of insurance than Metro Government provides, therefore Greenways for Nashville carries the insurance policies necessary to make those easements happen. GFN can facilitate the preservation of land when a donation needs to occur within a certain time or tax period. GFN will accept and hold the land until all the necessary approvals are met.
- **Promote** – GFN is very engaged in marketing, communications, engagement of volunteers and outreach at community events.

Highlights of Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2017

- \$85,000 was raised for the future construction of the 440/Browns Creek Greenway.
- \$48,500 was raised for greenways amenities such as a shelter, benches and water fountains.
- \$40,000 funded the construction of par course on the Richland Creek Greenway.
- \$28,000 was raised to create the current greenway system map and launch of NashGR App released July 2017.
- Nine acres of land along Mill Creek were deeded by a donor to GFN and later to Metro.

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Outreach Highlights for year ending June 30, 2017

- 1700 annual greenway newsletters mailed or distributed in the community.
- 458 supporters attended the sold out 2016 Dinner on the Bridge annual fundraiser.
- 348 runners and walkers participated in the 2017 Richland Creek Run.
- 55 VIPS enjoyed the Evening on the Greenway friends raiser on the Rolling Mill Greenway.

Looking Ahead

- GFN has been working closely with Cindy Harrison on branding of the inner greenway loops now called City Central Greenway System. Currently about 1/3 has already been built and GFN is enthusiastic about seeing progress made on that loop as well as in the outlying areas and bringing in private partnerships and funding.
- GFN is very enthusiastic about the City Central Greenway System as the I-440 Greenway just opened and currently working to connect the segment to Capitol View in the Gulch.
- GFN has raised significant funds from the Frist Foundation to complete a feasibility study that will be directed by the Greenways and Open Space Division to give a sense of cost to complete that segment.

MR. RIDLEY WILLS, CHAIR OF THE FRIENDS OF AAITTIFAMA ARCHEOLOGICAL PARK TO PRESENT ANNUAL UPDATE TO THE BOARD

Mr. Wills stated that this park is the largest Archeological Native American Village (13 acres) intact to exist in Davidson County. This friends group currently has between \$3,000 - \$5,000 in the bank; however over the course of the year they applied and received from the Local Parks and Recreation Fund of the Department of Environment and Conservation a \$500,000 grant. Hodgson and Douglas have been hired by the friends group to complete the Master Plan and fund it so it can be built out in two years.

- Parking, grading, site work and walkway to field will be completed along with signage.
- A Palisade will also be built 5 feet across as an abstract.
- Will build out a website.

X. CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE – Tim Netsch

- **Capitol View** – Grant application approved. Greenway construction underway.
- **Fort Negley** – Cultural Landscape Plan is complete and in draft form, should wrap it up by the end of the month.
- **Goodlettsville Park** – Construction is underway, paving walking path. Amenities in this park will be a picnic shelter, playground and walking trail loop.
- **Jefferson Street Park** – Design on going, the Metro Historical Commission funded a public art consultant to develop public art for the site through a series of public events and engagements. Title of art is #repair750 because of the 750 individuals who were displaced by the construction of I-40.
- **Mill Ridge Park** – The Capital Spending Plan approved 12 million for phase one.
- **Oakwood Park** – Opening event planned on Saturday, November 17.
- **Percy Warner – Page Road parking lot** – Construction is underway and there should be 25 parking spaces in this lot when completed.
- **Ravenwood** - The Capital Spending Plan approved 12 million for this park.
- **Tony Rose Park** – Construction is underway (Panattoni agreement).
- **Wharf Park Master Plan** – Master plan consultant is in the selection process, received 17 proposals.

XI. UPCOMING SPECIAL ACTIVITIES/EVENTS – Jackie Jones

November 10	12:00 pm	Dedication of the Proctor Barn at Beaman Park
November 16	5:00 pm	Annual Holiday Art Show and Reception at the Centennial Art Center
November 17	11:00 am	Oakwood Park Block Party/Ribbon Cutting
November 30	6:00 pm	Mini-Nutcracker at Harpeth Hall High School
November 30	6:00 pm	Christmas Tree Lighting at Public Square Park

II. DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Bill Troup introduced Linnann Welch to the board as the first recipient of the **Friend of the Bend** award. This award was presented by the Board of Directors of the local non-profit conservation group “The Bells Bend Conservation Corridor”. Linnann was recognized for her work in preserving and conserving the Bells Bend Park area, Bells Bend of the Cumberland area and her work as a Naturalist in Resource Management. She has been a manager over the Bells Bend Outdoor Center and the Beaman Park Nature Center for 10 years and prior to that she worked with State Parks for 16 years as a Naturalist in Resource Management.

XIII. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

Metro Parks is currently working with various Metro Agencies to utilize Shelby Community Center as a cold weather shelter this year. This shelter will be used as a last resort and will activate at 28 degrees for homeless citizens. This is another instance in which the department is not budgeted for and it requires overtime and additional resources to implement. Pets will be allowed in the cold weather shelters this year and the kennels will be provided by Metro Social Services.

Staff is currently having bi-weekly meetings with the Procurement Division of Metro Finance to make sure everyone is on the same page and appropriate contracts are in place.

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

Mr. Anderson announced that Kix Brooks, who was instrumental in helping save Fort Negley, will head an advisory committee to oversee the planning process for Fort Negley Park. Other members of the advisory committee will be announced at the December Parks Board Meeting.

Ms. Scott-Barnes congratulated Ms. Odom on all of the awards, both individual and departmental, received at the State Tennessee Recreation and Parks Association Conference.

Ms. Odom announced that Councilmember Jeff Syracuse will acknowledge those TRPA award winners at the December 18th Metro Council meeting.

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

Monique N. Odom, Director

George Anderson, Chairperson