

# **METROPOLITAN BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION**

## **MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING**

**December 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, December 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. Susannah Scott-Barnes, Ms. Tari Hughes, and Mr. Jeff Haynes. Dr. Sharon Gentry was not in attendance.

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, Outdoor Recreation/Special Events; Ms. Cindy Harrison, Greenways; Capt. Chris Taylor, Parks Police and **Ms. Macy Amos, representing the Metro Legal Department.**

**Metro Councilmember Angie Henderson was in attendance.**

### **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 6, 2018 APPROVED**

Upon motion of Ms. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Fossick, the Board approved the minutes of the board meeting held Tuesday, November 6, 2018 as presented.

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

Councilmember Angie Henderson, representing District 34 was present to express strong support for board approval of the Friends of Warner Parks grant for employee Jane Kleiman in 2019. She also reported that Councilmember Jeff Syracuse, chair of the Parks, Library and Recreation Committee of the Metro Council and Councilmember Nancy Van Reece were in support of this grant request as well.

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

**10-18-05**

#### **BOARD APPROVES ACQUISITION OF APPROXIMATELY 2.89 ACRES OF LAND KNOWN AS ANTHES DRIVE PROPERTY FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THE CUMBERLAND RIVER GREENWAY AND WHARF PARK**

As per recommendation of the Acquisition Committee, upon motion of Mr. Fossick and seconded by Ms. Hughes, the board approved this 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.

Please note that this acquisition is consistent with Plan2Play, the greenways master plan, development of The Cumberland River Greenway, creation of Wharf Park along the Cumberland River adjacent to Rolling Mill Hill, and conservation of historic riverfront property for public recreational use.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

11-18-06

**BOARD GRANTS PERMISSION TO THE HARPETH VALLEY UTILITIES DISTRICT TO INSTALL A NEW SANITARY SEWER FORCE MAIN AT THE OLD HICKS ROAD ROADBED IN EDWIN WARNER PARK AND APPROVES AN AMENDMENT TO THE EXISTING SEWER CONTRACT FOR THE WARNER PARK NATURE CENTER**

Mr. Jared Williams P.E, representing the Harpeth Valley Utilities District, was present to request permission from the board for 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.

As per recommendation of the Acquisition Committee, upon motion of Dr. Steele and seconded by Ms. Hughes, the board approved these requests. This new easement will allow HVUD to replace a deteriorated 12-inch cast iron sewer force, locate the replacement section within the Old Hicks Road roadbed in lieu of replacing within the current trench which routes through Edwin Warner Park and tree removal allowing for better access and maintenance to the sewer main for HVUD staff as well as reduce impact to Edwin Warner Park during construction. HVUD will replace, at no cost to Metro, a deteriorating existing culvert under the trail along Old Hicks Road, removing and replacing rock headwalls at a cost value of \$47,000-\$55,000. Additionally, the length of the existing cast iron force main that will be abandoned in place on the Edwin Warner Park parcel (Map 157/Parcel 1) is approx. 1900 LF, which equates to about 0.44 acres of existing easement that will be abandoned.

The amendment to the existing sewer contract approves abandoning existing wastewater service and replacing with a new section of sewer for continuation of wastewater service to the Nature Center.

**X. CONSENT AGENDA**

**12-18-01**

**BOARD APPROVES PERMITS FOR FACILITY USE FOR 2019**

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Mr. Haynes, the board approved the following Permits for Facility Use for a period of one year contingent upon all 2018 permit obligations being met.

**Bells Bend Day Camp** – Bells Bend and Beaman Parks  
**Big Willie’s Action Sports** – Shelby Bottoms Boat Ramp, East Bank Park and others  
**Bike the Greenway, Inc.** – Wave Country Parking Area  
**Boys & Girls Clubs of Middle Tennessee** – Cleveland Community Center  
**Cane Ridge Community Club**-building in Cecil Rhea Crawford Park  
**Charlotte Park Little League**-Charlotte Park ballfields  
**Crieve Hall Youth Athletic Association**- Pitts Park  
**Cumberland Kayak**-Shelby Bottoms boat ramp and East Bank Park  
**Donelson Community Club** – Heartland Park  
**East Nashville Athletics** – 3 youth athletic fields in Shelby Park  
**GNASH** – Centennial Sportsplex Ice Rinks  
**GROW Enrichment** – Two Rivers Park  
**Harpeth Youth Soccer** – Harpeth River Park Soccer Complex  
**Joelton Community Club**-Joelton-McDowell Community Park  
**Lakewood Dixie Youth** – Lakewood Park  
**Metropolitan Action Commission**-Dudley Community Center  
**MGD Elite Hockey** – Centennial Sportsplex Ice Rinks  
**Middle Tennessee Baseball Foundation**-Seven Oaks Baseball Field  
**Mid State Sports Leagues** – Fred Douglas Sports Field  
**Mid State Sports Leagues** – Two Rivers Softball Field 1 & 2  
**Mid State Sports Leagues** – Cane Ridge Sports Complex  
**Mid State Sports Leagues** – Cedar Hill Sports Complex  
**Music City BMX**--BMX Track-Hamilton Creek Park  
**Nashville Amateur Radio Club**-Corps of Engineers Bldg/Lock II Park  
**Nashville Aquatic Club**-Centennial Sportsplex Aquatic Center  
**Nashville Cricket** – Whites Creek Park  
**Nashville Food Project** – Mill Ridge Park  
**Nashville Junior Predators** – Centennial Sportsplex Ice Rinks  
**Nashville Old Timers Baseball Association**-Shelby Park Baseball Field  
**Nashville Paddle Company** – Hamilton Creek Beach  
**Nashville Skating Academy** – Centennial Sportsplex Ice Rinks  
**Nashville Sports Leagues** – Paragon Mills Softball Field  
**Nashville Youth Hockey League** – Centennial Sportsplex Ice Rinks  
**Nashville Youth Soccer Association**-Heartland Park Soccer Complex  
**Old Hickory Girls Softball League** – Old Hickory Park (2 fields)  
**RBI Association**-2 youth ballfields-Seven Oaks Park  
**River Queen Voyages**- Shelby Bottoms Boat Ramp and East Bank Park  
**Southern Off Road Bicycle Association of Middle TN**-Mountain Bike Trails in parks  
**Stones River Woman’s Club**-Two Rivers Mansion  
**Swim America** – Centennial Sportsplex Aquatic Center  
**Una Recreation Center, Inc.**-youth football fields–Una Park  
**Warner Day Camps** – Percy and Edwin Warner Parks  
**West Nashville Sports League** – baseball and softball fields - Warner Park  
**Whites Creek Community Club** – 3854 Whites Creek Pike  
**Whites Creek High School** – athletic fields at Whites Creek High School

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#### X. CONSENT AGENDA

12-18-02

#### BOARD APPROVES DECEMBER 2018 CONSENT AGENDA

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

#### AMPLIFICATION APPROVAL

- NFL Network-Thursday Night Football East Bank Landing Dec. 4 – 6, 2018
- Water Lantern Festival Centennial Ellipse and Lake Watauga Sat., April 13, 2019

#### FUNDRAISING APPROVAL

- SouthEast Crab Feast-Charity Benefit Centennial Park Bandshell Sat., July 6, 2019

#### ALCOHOL APPROVAL

- Crain Construction Rib-off Event Shelter Fri., Oct. 25, 2019

#### AMPLIFICATION AND FUNDRAISING APPROVAL

- iHeartMedia-Sista Strut Nashville Hadley Park Sat., March 30, 2019
- St. Joseph School-Gala Fundraiser Parthenon Sat., May 4, 2019
- Lupus Foundation-Walk to End Lupus Centennial Event Shelter Sat., Sept. 7, 2019
- Nashville CARES-AIDS walk & run Public Square Park Sat., Oct. 5, 2019
- TN Kidney Foundation-walk Centennial Park Event Shelter Sat., Nov. 2, 2019

#### AMPLIFICATION AND ALCOHOL APPROVAL

- Island Boyz promotions Riverfront Park-Nashville Carnival Sat., May 18, 2019
- Nashville Bar Association – picnic Walk of Fame Park Thurs., Sept. 26, 2019

#### AMPLIFICATION, FUNDRAISING AND ALCOHOL APPROVAL

- Volunteer State Horsemen's Foundation Warner Park Steeplechase Sat., May 11, 2019
- Nashville Humane Association Shelby Park Event Field-Mutt Strutt Sun., May 19, 2019
- Friends of Shelby Park & Bottoms Cornelia Fort Air Park – Pickin' Party Sat., July 27; Aug. 24; Sept. 21; and Oct. 5, 2019
- iHeart Media-Wine on the River Nashville Riverfront Park Sat., Sept. 7, 2019
- Sing Me a Story Foundation - Pigs4Kids Shelby Park-Charity Benefit Sat., Sept. 28, 2019

#### FUNDRAISING AND AFTER HOURS APPROVAL

- The Fortitude Group-fundraiser The Parthenon (in park until 12:30 am) Fri., Dec. 21, 2018

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

**12-18-03**

**BOARD DEFERS REQUEST OF MR. JOHN SMITH, REPRESENTING  
THE OLD SCHOOL BBQ FESTIVAL, FOR TWO MEETINGS REGARDING  
HIS APPEAL OF DENIAL OF THE 2019 PERMIT APPLICATION**

Mr. John Smith, representing the Old School BBQ Festival, appeared before the board to appeal the decision of the Parks Department to not recommend approval of the 2019 application for this event.

Because of the failure of Mr. Smith to follow the conditions of his 2018 special event permit, his 2019 permit application was denied by staff. Therefore, after reports from Metro Parks' employees and much discussion between board members, Mr. Haynes motioned, Mr. Fossick seconded and the board deferred this request for two meetings. The board requested that Mr. Smith bring a security action plan, a maintenance/cleanup plan and a plan on how he intends manage ticket sales and regulate the number sold when he appears before the board in March.

**12-18-04**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST FROM THE OLD TIMERS BASEBALL  
ASSOCIATION TO SEEK GRANT FUNDING TO PROVIDE ARTIFICIAL TURF ON  
THE INFIELDS OF THE OLD TIMERS BASEBALL FIELDS IN SHELBY PARK**

Mr. Mickey Hiter, representing the Old Timers Baseball Association, was present to request permission from the board to seek grant funding to provide artificial turf for the infield on both fields in Shelby Park.

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Mr. Haynes the board approved this request to seek grant funding to provide artificial turf for the infield on both fields of the Old Timers Baseball Complex in Shelby Park. When grant funding has been obtained, Mr. Hiter will need to reappear before the board so that the board can accept the value of the donation. All materials and plans must be approved by Parks staff prior to any work beginning.

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

**12-18-05**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF THE NASHVILLE CONVENTION AND VISITORS CORPORATION TO EXPAND THE SIDEWALK ENTRANCES TO WALK OF FAME PARK**

Correspondence received from Mr. Butch Spyridon, President/CEO of the Nashville Convention and Visitors Corporation requesting permission to expand the sidewalk entrances to Walk of Fame Park was presented to the board for approval.

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Ms. Scott-Barnes, the board approved this request for the purpose of adding additional stars on the Music City Walk of Fame.

**12-18-06**

**BOARD ACCEPTS DONATION OF AN INTERPRETIVE PANEL FROM THE ROBERT PENN WARNER CENTER OF VANDERBILT AND THE FRIENDS OF FORT NEGLEY TO BE INSTALLED AT FORT NEGLEY PARK.**

Correspondence from Mr. Clay Bailey, President of the Friends of Fort Negley requesting the board to accept an interpretive panel entitled "A Birthplace of Freedom" valued at \$4650.00 to be installed at Fort Negley Park was presented to the board for approval.

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Mr. Haynes, the board accepted this panel valued at \$4650.00 to be installed in Fort Negley Park. Ms. Krista Castillo, Director of the Fort Negley Visitor's Center reported that this partnership between the Robert Penn Warren Center at Vanderbilt, the Friends of Fort Negley and Metro Parks is an important collaboration. This new panel is funded by a donation from those two organizations. The support of the Faculty Fellows at the Robert Penn Warren Center at Vanderbilt University is a national recognition of the significance of the story of the freed African American slaves that lived and worked at Fort Negley and represents an important part of the history at Fort Negley Park.

**12-18-07**

**BOARD GRANTS APPROVAL TO THE REQUEST OF FRIENDS OF WARNER PARKS TO ACCEPT A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$51,936.00 TO FUND THE SALARY OF JANE KLEIMAN FROM JANUARY 1 – DECEMBER 31, 2019**

Mr. Mark Weller, Executive Director of the Friends of Warner Parks, was present to request the board to accept a grant in the amount of \$51,936.00 to fund the salary of Jane Kleiman, Office Support Specialist II, from January 1 – December 31, 2019 with Metro Parks' processing weekly timesheets and paychecks on an on-going basis.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

12-18-07 (con't.)

**BOARD GRANTS APPROVAL TO THE REQUEST OF FRIENDS OF WARNER PARKS TO ACCEPT A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$51,936.00 TO FUND THE SALARY OF JANE KLEIMAN FROM JANUARY 1 – DECEMBER 31, 2019**

Upon motion of Mr. Haynes, seconded by Ms. Hughes, the board approved this salary which includes estimated funding intended to cover salary changes with the understanding that Metro Parks will continue providing benefits. Quarterly reimbursements will reflect actual salaries and hours worked. Please note that this is the final year of this specific grant partnership. Please let the record reflect that Dr. Steele voted no to this request.

12-18-08

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF CREATIVE PARKS NASHVILLE FOR APPLICATION AND ULTIMATE ACCEPTANCE FOR FY2020 GRANT FUNDING FROM THE TENNESSEE ARTS COMMISSION TO SUPPLEMENT A YEAR OF FREE BIG BAND DANCES**

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Ms. Hughes, the board approved application and ultimate acceptance of FY2020 grant funding up to \$4,500 from the Tennessee Arts Commission Arts Project Support Grant by Creative Parks Nashville to supplement a year of free big band dances for the public with Metro Parks to provide the matching funds required of this grant.

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Ms. Hughes, the board approved application and ultimate acceptance of FY2020 grant funding up to \$4,500 from the Tennessee Arts Commission Arts Project Support Grant by Creative Parks Nashville to supplement a year of free big band dances for the public with Metro Parks to provide the matching funds required of this grant.

12-18-09

**BOARD DEFERS STAFF REQUEST TO ADOPT THE NAME MANSKER CREEK PARK FOR PROPERTY CURRENTLY KNOWN AS GOODLETTSVILLE PARK LOCATED AT 7744 OLD SPRINGFIELD PIKE**

As per Park Policy 3000.1 Naming of Parks, the board deferred request for one meeting. The Naming Committee of the Parks Board will review this request and present their recommendation to the full board at their January 2019 meeting.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

12-18-10

**BOARD DEFERS STAFF REQUEST TO ADOPT THE NAME FRANKIE PIERCE  
PARK FOR PROPERTY CURRENTLY KNOWN AS CAPITOL VIEW PARK  
LOCATED AT 130 LIFEWAY PLAZA**

As per Park Policy 3000.1 Naming of Parks, the board deferred request for one meeting. The Naming Committee of the Parks Board will review this request and present their recommendation to the full board at their January 2019 meeting.

12-18-11

**BOARD DEFERS STAFF REQUEST TO ENTER INTO AN EXCESS LAND LICENSE  
AGREEMENT WITH THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
AS PER PARK POLICY 3000.25 ACQUISITION AND DISPOSITION OF  
PARK PROPERTY**

The request of staff asking board approval to enter into an excess land license agreement with the Tennessee Department of Transportation for the purpose of constructing and maintaining a multi-use pedestrian greenway on a 0.51 acre parcel along Interstate 440 adjacent to the northbound ramp onto northeast bound West End Avenue as part of the 440 Greenway was deferred to the Acquisition Committee of the Parks Board as per park policy 3000.25 Acquisition and Disposition of Park Property.

12-18-12

**BOARD APPROVES TENNIS RATES FOR SENIORS, AGE 62 AND UP,  
AT HADLEY TENNIS CENTER AND THE CENTNNIAL SPORTSPLEX**

Upon motion of Ms. Scott-Barnes, seconded by Mr. Haynes, the board granted approval to a 20% discount off of the regular tennis rates for seniors, ages 62 and up, at the Hadley Tennis Center and the Centennial Sportsplex.

**Sr. Discount Rates (20% off regular rate)**

| <b>Location</b> | <b>Indoor Court Sr.<br/>Rate</b> | <b>Outdoor Court Sr.<br/>Rate</b> |
|-----------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Hadley          | \$12                             | \$5                               |
| Sportsplex      | \$16                             | \$8                               |

**Regular Rates**

| <b>Location</b> | <b>Indoor Court</b> | <b>Outdoor Court</b> |
|-----------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Hadley          | \$15                | \$7                  |
| Sportsplex      | \$20                | \$10                 |



**IX. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS**

**FRIENDS OF BELLS BEND PARK WERE NOT IN ATTENDANCE  
TO PRESENT THEIR ANNUAL UPDATE TO THE BOARD**

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**OASIS CENTER AND SORBA PRESENT UPDATE ON NEW FACILITY  
TO BE DEVELOPED IN WATKINS PARK**

Mr. Jason Campbell, representing Southern Off Road Bicycle Association (SORBA), was present to thank the board for renewing their annual permit with the addition of the proposed pump track in Watkins Park. The Oasis Bike Workshop and SORBA have secured an architect for the plans for a pump track in Watkins Park and will begin working with appropriate agencies at a designated time. Mr. Dan Furbish, representing the Oasis Bike Workshop, presented a video of the workshop, with interviews of those that use the facility. Mr. Furbish is excited about the proposed pump track as it will provide a safe space for children and families to come together in an inner city park to ride bikes on a track. Ms. Jenn Garcia, former Parks Board member and Oasis staff member, was also in attendance.

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

- **Antioch Community Center Renovation** – Construction bids due this month.
- **Capitol View** – \$100, 000 LRPf grant awarded pending Metro Council approval.
- **Centennial Master Plan** – Phase 2 (Great Lawn) construction bids in review.
- **Percy Warner** – Allee Engineering Report, in partnership with FOWP, is a draft complete document.

**XI. UPCOMING SPECIAL ACTIVITIES/EVENTS – Jackie Jones**

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| December 4  | 4:30 pm  | Menorah Lighting at Public Square Park                                     |
| December 8  | 10:00 am | Music City Winter Fest in Centennial Park                                  |
| December 8  | 10:00 am | Fossil Finders Lecture/Walking Tour – Fort Negley Visitors Center and Park |
| December 15 | 9:00 am  | Homelessness Memorial Ceremony – Riverfront Park                           |

Reminder: Holiday Art Sale at the Centennial Art Center ends December 14<sup>th</sup>.

**XII. DEPARTMENT UPDATES**

**XIII. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR**

Ms. Odom announced:

- Volleyball leagues for middle-school age girls have started at East and Easley Centers. Thank you to Darlene Morrow for initiating these leagues.
- The walking bridge in Hartman Park has been repaired.
- Staff is continuing to coordinate with the City and other agencies to prepare for the 2019 NFL Draft event to be held April 25 – 28, the same weekend as the St. Jude Rock n' Roll Marathon and half-Marathon.
- Metro Parks is still hosting a warming center at Shelby Community Center, thank you to staff.
- Scheduled to meet with the OMB office next week relating to Parks salary savings target and review of this fiscal year's budget.
- Parks Police have facilitated Active Shooter Training for the Oman Street/Park Plaza campus and community center staffs. Other areas of Parks will be scheduled next.
- Even though winter is coming, Metro Parks are still very busy.

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

Mr. Anderson voiced his appreciation to Butch Spyridon for inviting children from Metro Parks' community centers to ride on the Nashville Convention and Visitor's Corporation float in the Nashville Christmas Parade.

The January board meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 8<sup>th</sup> because of the New Year's Day holiday.

**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**