

METROPOLITAN BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

February 5, 2019

A meeting of the Board of Parks and Recreation of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee was held on Tuesday, February 5, 2019 at 12:00 pm in the Centennial Park Boardroom, 2565 Park Plaza, Nashville, TN. Board members present were: Mr. George Anderson, Mr. Stan Fossick, Ms. Tari Hughes and Dr. Sharon Gentry. Mr. Jeff Haynes, Dr. Michelle Steele and Ms. Susannah Scott-Barnes were not in attendance.

Staff present were: Ms. Chinita White, Administration and Finance; Mr. 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; Lt. Bryan Irvin in Capt. Chris Taylor's absence, Parks Police and **Ms. Macy Amos, representing the Metro Legal Department.**

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD JANUARY 8, 2019 APPROVED

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Ms. Hughes, the Board approved the minutes of the board meeting held Tuesday, January 8, 2019 as presented.

V. METRO COUNCIL REFERRALS - none

VI. OLD BUSINESS - none

X. CONSENT AGENDA

02-19-01

BOARD APPROVES FEBRUARY 2019 CONSENT AGENDA

Upon motion of Ms. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Fossick, the board approved the February 2019 consent agenda as presented.

AMPLIFICATION APPROVAL

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| • Chinese Arts Alliance of Nashville | Centennial Park Event Shelter | Sat., Feb. 9, 2019 |
| • Metro Arbor Day Celebration | Centennial Park Event Shelter | Thurs., March 7, 2019 |
| • SEEDS of Tennessee - walk | Cane Ridge Park | Sat., March 9, 2019 |
| • All Community Events – 7K & 5K | Two Rivers Park | Sat., March 16, 2019 |
| • CMT/Dairy Queen Music Festival | Cumberland Park | Sun., March 31, 2019 |
| • Southeast Egg Hunt/Festival | Southeast Park | Sat., April 13, 2019 |
| • Eye Catcher's Easter Egg Hunt | Hadley Park | Sat., April 20, 2019 |
| • Brown Bag Lunch Special Concert Series | Centennial Park Event Shelter | Wed., May 8; June 12;
July 10; Aug. 14; Sept. 11; Oct. 9, 2019 |
| • Donelson Fellowship Church-picnic | Two Rivers Park Shelter #2 | Sat., May 4,11,18, 2019 |
| • Evon Scott-wedding | Centennial Park Art Center | Sat., May 18, 2019 |
| • Israel Independence Day | Centennial Park Front Lawn | Sun., May 19, 2019 |
| • Hunter Martin-wedding proposal | Centennial Park Event Shelter | Fri, May 24, 2019 |

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| • Mike Windus-picnic | Two Rivers Park Shelter #4 | Sat., June 1, 2019 |
| • Anne Benson-wedding | Centennial Park Sunken Garden | Sat., June 8, 2019 |
| • James E. Seay, Jr. Basketball Tourney | Hartman Park outdoor courts | Sat., July 13, 2019 |
| • Jenine Bailey – picnic | Two Rivers Park Shelter #5 | Sat., Aug. 10, 2019 |
| • Michael Hall - birthday party | Bellevue Park | Sat., Aug. 17, 2019 |
| • Labor Council-Labor Day celebration | Cumberland Park | Sat., Aug. 31, 2019 |
| • TG Entertainment LLC – Walk | Cane Ridge Park Shelter #1 | Sat., Sept. 7, 2019 |
| • African Street Festival | Hadley Park | Sept. 20-22, 2019 |
| • 12South Getdown Concert | Sevier Park | Fri., Sept. 27, 2019 |
| • Nashville Korean Presbyterian Church | Edwin Warner Park Shelter #10 | Sun., Sept. 29, 2019 |

FUNDRAISING APPROVAL

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| • Cathedral of Praise 2K Scholars Walk | Cedar Hill Park | Sat., April 13, 2019 |
| • TSU Big Blue Tiger 5K Run/Walk | Hadley Park | Sat., April 13, 2019 |
| • Tuberos Sclerosis Alliance Walk | Edwin Warner Park Shelter 11 | Sat., Oct. 19, 2019 |
| • Voice on Violence Walk | Hadley Park | Sat., Oct. 26, 2019 |

ALCOHOL APPROVAL

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| • Grace Wright-baby shower | Hodge House-Warner Park | Sat., April 6, 2019 |
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AMPLIFICATION AND FUNDRAISING APPROVAL

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| • More than just a Race 5K run/walk | Cumberland Park | Sat., Feb 9, 2019 |
| • GFN Richland Creek Run | McCabe Park | Sat, April 20, 2019 |
| • Jazz on the Cumberland | Cumberland Park | Sun., May 12, June 16,
July 21 Aug. 18, Sept. 15, Oct. 20, 2019 |
| • WWJ 5K | Shelby Park Event Field | Sat., Aug., 17, 2019 |
| • Steps of Success 5K/Family Fun Run | Shelby Park Event Field | Sat., Sept. 7, 2019 |

AMPLIFICATION AND ALCOHOL APPROVAL

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| • Andrew Reed/Laura Verwest-wedding | Hodge House-Warner Park | Sun., March 17, 2019 |
| • Sylvan Park Puppy Play Day | Richland Park | Sun., April 14, 2019 |
| • La Fete du Rose – picnic | Cumberland Park | Sun., May 26, 2019 |
| • Brittany Love – wedding | Centennial Park Art Center | Sat., June 29, 2019 |
| • Live on the Green | Public Square Park | Thurs., Aug. 15, 22, 29
Fri., Aug.30, Sun. Aug., 31, Mon. Sept. 1, 2019 |
| • Mark Autry/Amanda McFall-wedding | Centennial Park Art Center | Sat. Sept. 7, 2019 |
| • Robert Lewis/Grace Chee-wedding | Centennial Park Art Center | Sat., Sept. 14, 2019 |

X. CONSENT AGENDA

02-19-04

BOARD APPROVES 2019 GRANT PACKAGE FOR FRIENDS OF WARNER PARKS

Upon motion of Ms. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Fossick, the board approved request of Mr. Mark Weller, Executive Director of Friends of Warner Parks, requesting the board to accept a package of grants in the amount of \$82,961.53 to continue funding staff positions, supplies, equipment and training:

	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Naturalist I – PT (12 months)	\$ 14,424.80
Naturalist I - PT (12 months)	\$ 14,424.80
Naturalist I – PT (12 months)	\$ 6,273.28
Naturalist I – NEW PT (40 weeks)	\$ 11,088.40
Seasonal Worker IV (PEN Pals)	\$ 2,769.00
Seasonal Worker IV (PEN Pals)	\$ 2,769.00
S.W.E.A.T Staff	\$ 29,312.25
Copier at Warner Parks Headquarters	<u>\$ 1,900.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 82,961.53

02-19-05

BOARD APPROVES 2019 EVENTS FOR FRIENDS OF WARNER PARKS

Upon motion of Ms. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Fossick, the board approved request of Mr. Mark Weller, representing The Friends of Warner Parks, to host the following fundraising events in Warner Parks with waiver of usage fees, amplification, alcohol consumption (if applicable) and to remain in the park after 11:00 pm for evening events if necessary:

Full Moon Pickin' Parties	Friday, May 17, 2019 Friday, June 21, 2019 Friday, July 19, 2019 Friday, August 16, 2019 Friday, September 13, 2019 Friday, October 11, 2019
Shelter Preservation Party	Saturday, April 27, 2019
Hummingbird Happy Hour	Thursday, September 5, 2019
Sunday in the Park	mid-October or early-November (date to be determined)
Harpeth Hills Flying Monkey Marathon and Half Marathon	Saturday November 23 and Sunday, November, 24, 2019

III. NEW BUSINESS

02-19-06

**BOARD ACCEPTS DONATION OF 1,000 TREES VALUED AT \$200,000
FROM THE CUMBERLAND RIVER COMPACT**

Correspondence received from Ms. McKayle Houghton, representing The Cumberland River Compact, on behalf of Root Nashville, requesting the board to accept 1,000 trees, valued at \$200,000, to be planted at Ravenwood Park was presented to the board for approval.

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Dr. Gentry, the board accepted a donation of 1,000 trees, valued at \$200,000, to be planted at Ravenwood Park. Ms. Houghton explained that Root Nashville is a campaign to restore Nashville's urban tree canopy by planting 500,000 trees in Nashville by 2050 and this campaign is endorsed by Mayor Briley's Office and supported by Martin Brown and his family, Nissan North America, Nashville Health, and Senator Bill Frist.

Trees planted as part of this campaign will be at least 1" caliper and 6-8 feet tall. The species will be selected by Metro Parks and consistent with the Ravenwood Park Master Plan, procured in McMinnville, Tennessee and planted by Tennessee Tree and Shrub. The Cumberland River Compact will pay for the trees, their planting and first two years of watering with Root Nashville funds.

02-19-07

**BOARD DEFERS NAMING REQUESTS OF THE MIRACLE FIELD OF MUSIC CITY
AS PER PARK POLICY 3000.1**

As per Parks Board policy, the board deferred the request of Mr. Scott Tygard, representing the Miracle Field of Music City, as per board policy 3000.1. Mr. Tygard requested board approval of the following naming rights:

- The MLMC requests permission for the naming rights to the Complex of the Miracle Field of Music City to be named "The Miles for Miles Foundation Miracle Field Complex of Music City." The Complex consists of the playing field area, the concession stand area, fan area, bathrooms and the playground. The Miles for Miles Foundation is a nonprofit 501©3 located here in the Middle Tennessee area and helps in funding programs for Downs Syndrome families. In exchange for the naming rights to the MLMC complex, the Miles for Miles Foundation has pledged \$350,000 to the MLMC and is ready to write a check ASAP.
- The MLMC requests permission for the naming rights to the Miracle Field itself to be named "The More Than Me Foundation Miracle Field of Music City Field." The field consists of the Miracle Field itself. The More than Me Foundation is a 501©3 nonprofit and consists of MLB players, some of which are ex Vanderbilt baseball players, whose mission is to reach out and donate funds and volunteers to community efforts such as the MLMC. In exchange for the naming rights to the MLMC field, the More than Me Foundation has pledged \$250,000 to the MLMC. Their fundraising for the \$250,000 is ongoing.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

02-19-08

**BOARD ACCEPTS DONATION OF GYMNASTICS EQUIPMENT AND FUNDS
VALUED AT \$5,924.00 TO ESTABLISH A YOUTH GYMNASTICS PROGRAM
AT MADISON RECREATION CENTER**

Upon motion of Ms. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Fossick, the board accepted a donation of gymnastics equipment and funds valued at \$5,924.00 from VP Tumbl Trak, American Gymnast, Flip Fest Gymnastics Camp and USAG Gymnastics TN to establish a youth gymnastics program at Madison Recreation Center. Donated funds and equipment were sought out by Recreation Leader, Rachel Wahlstrom.

Rachel Wahlstrom started gymnastics when she was 5. She continued into competitive gymnastics and placed 4th all around at the Eastern National Gymnastics Competition. Competing took a major toll on her body and she underwent 11 surgeries. She decided it would be better to coach gymnastics after this. She graduated from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga with a bachelor's in Sports Management & Administration, minoring in Promotions. She hit the ground running when she started as a Recreation Leader at Madison Community Center in August of 2018 and has accrued many donations to start her gymnastics classes at Madison Community Center. She is very eager, full of great ideas, and is a very integral member of the Madison team.

02-19-09

**BOARD ACCEPTS DONATION OF 25 TREES VALUED AT \$3500.00
FROM THE CUMBERLAND RIVER COMPACT**

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Ms. Hughes, the board accepted a donation of 25 trees, valued at \$3500.00, from the Cumberland River Compact to be planted along the 440 Greenway as part of the Root Nashville program. Please note that the value of the trees was amended by Ms. Cindy Harrison from \$1500.00 to \$3500.00 as larger trees will now be planted.

Mayor David Briley launched Root Nashville, a campaign to plant and care for 500,000 trees across Nashville by 2050 in collaboration with private, nonprofit and philanthropic partners. The campaign is designed to increase the city's tree canopy and create a more equitable distribution of the health and sustainability benefits of urban trees across all neighborhoods. Parks Maintenance Landscape Division will manage the planting and watering during the grow-in period and has approved the proposed planting locations.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

02-19-10

BOARD DEFERS STAFF REQUEST TO APPLY AND ULTIMATELY ACCEPT A LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING A MULTI-USE GREENWAY TRAIL FROM THE CUMBERLAND RIVER PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE TO THE OPRY MILLS COMPLEX AS PER PARK POLICY 3000.25 ACQUISITION AND DISPOSITION OF PARK PROPERTY

This request of staff asking board approval to apply and ultimately accept a License Agreement with the Tennessee Department of Transportation to utilize an estimated 2.07 acres of TDOT surplus property located along the east bank of the Cumberland River, between 1 Gaylord Drive and 0 Two Rivers Court for the purpose of constructing a multi-use greenway trail from the Cumberland River Pedestrian Bridge to the Opry Mills Complex was deferred to the Acquisition Committee of the Parks Board as per park policy 3000.25 Acquisition and Disposition of Park Property.

02-19-11

BOARD DEFERS STAFF REQUEST TO ACCEPT TWO TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION ACCESS AGREEMENT AND TWO PERMANENT GREENWAY CONSERVATION EASEMENTS ON PROPERTY LOCATED ALONG THE EAST BANK OF THE CUMBERLAND RIVER FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING A MULTI-USE GREENWAY TRAIL FROM THE CUMBERLAND RIVER PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE TO THE OPRY MILLS COMPLEX AS PER PARK POLICY 3000.25 ACQUISITION AND DISPOSITION OF PARK PROPERTY

This request of staff asking board approval to accept 1 Temporary Construction Access Agreement and 2 Permanent Greenway Conservation Easements from Ryman Hospitality Group and 1 Temporary Construction Access Agreement from the Simon Group, Inc. on property located along the east bank of the Cumberland River between 1 Gaylord and 0 Two Rivers Court for the purpose of constructing a multi-use greenway trail from the Cumberland River Pedestrian Bridge to the Opry Mills Complex of constructing a multi-use greenway trail from the Cumberland River Pedestrian Bridge to the Opry Mills Complex was deferred to the Acquisition Committee of the Parks Board as per park policy 3000.25 Acquisition and Disposition of Park Property.

IX. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

**INTRODUCTION OF MS. KATIE PETROLE, EDUCATION DIRECTOR
AT THE PARTHENON, TO THE BOARD**

Ms. Wesley Paine, Director of the Parthenon, introduced Ms. Petrole to the board and provided the following information. Katherine (Katie) Petrole joins The Parthenon Museum as the Education Director after completing four years as the Steinmetz Family Foundation Museum Fellow at Corinth Excavations in Ancient Corinth, Greece.

For five years, Katie led archaeology and paleontology programming at The Children's Museum of Indianapolis, the largest children's museum in the world

She has completed numerous independent projects and internships from evaluating innovative art installations to cleaning and inventorying 3,500 marble sculptures at the Agora Excavations in Athens, Greece. In total, Katie spent six summers excavating and supervising museum projects at the Agora Excavations.

Recently, Katie was awarded J. M. Kaplan Fund Scholarships for Executive Leadership Development in exhibit development, natural and cultural heritage interpretation, and strategic planning. She has been named a Skype Global Learning Expert and Certified Microsoft Innovative Educator, and has been recognized with four other awards from the Microsoft Educator Community including the Microsoft Educator Community Influencer Award. She is a Certified Interpretive Guide with Interpret Europe.

Katie holds a BA in Classical Humanities from Miami University and a MA in Museum Studies from Indiana University in Indianapolis (IUPUI).

**INTRODUCTION OF MS. HELEN SIEWERS, TECH SPECIALIST
WITH THE GREENWAYS DIVISION, TO THE BOARD**

Ms. Cindy Harrison, Assistant Director of Parks/Greenways, introduced Ms. Siewers, Tech Specialist with Greenways to the board. Helen Siewers is a Registered Landscape Architect and LEED Accredited Professional. She started with Metro Parks Nashville in January as Greenways Project Manager. Helen worked previously as Project Director with Cave Country Trails based in Mammoth Cave, Kentucky, as Campus Landscape Architect at Western Kentucky University, and Greenways Coordinator for Bowling Green and Warren County, Kentucky. Her first favorite park is Percy Warner Park in Nashville, TN, where she grew up.

IX. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

MR. PHIL CLAIBORNE, REPRESENTING THE FRIENDS OF TWO RIVERS MANSION, PRESENTS ANNUAL UPDATE TO THE BOARD

Mr. Phil Claiborne introduced Ms. Mary Hart, 2019 President of the Board of the Friends of Two Rivers Mansion to the Parks Board. Mr. Claiborne reported that the 2018 budget was set at \$73,688; however, with an unexpected expense and revision of the budget because of the cancellation of The Evening of Elegance they completed 2018 on budget with a surplus of \$2,087.

The attendance numbers for events in 2018, including market visitors was 12,464, an increase of 1,899 over 2017. Halloween at the Mansion had an attendance of 4000+ the largest crowd to date.

The following objectives from Phase One-5 Year Plan have been completed:

Physical Site Improvements

- Archaeology and design of proposed rental facility
- Pointed exterior mansion restoration
- Front entrance fence, gate and sign
- Buchanan-Harding House (1780-1850) restoration
- Frontier/Early Plantation Home
- Replace cabinets with original

Interpretation

- Update site/house tour

Administration

- Create Education Advisory Committee
- Develop education programs/teacher recruitment
- Create a collection's committee
- De-accession unwanted/unneeded collection
- Accession numbering of retained collection
- Introduce collections software

Mr. Claiborne asked the Parks Department to focus on the following items during 2019:

- The construction phase of the event center
- Addressing the HVAC needs
- Funding a full time employee at the Mansion

X. CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE – Tim Netsch

- **Centennial Master Plan** – Phase 2 (Great Lawn) construction contract negotiations currently underway with Rock City.
- **Percy Warner** – Page Road parking lot should open this month.
- **Tony Rose Park** – Construction by Panattoni not complete yet because of the inclement weather, will be offsite soon. Mural will begin later this spring (partnership with Oasis)
- **Wharf – Master Plan** – Master plan consultant list is down to 3 and they have submitted to the Mayor’s Office.

XI. UPCOMING SPECIAL ACTIVITIES/EVENTS – Jackie Jones

February 8	6:00 pm	Annual Senior Valentine Ball Cathedral of the Incarnation
February 8	5:00 pm	Worlds of Calligraphy, Canvas, and Clay Centennial Art Center
February 23	9:00 am	Metro Parks Health and Fitness Fair Southeast Community Center

XII. DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Mr. Jim Hester acknowledged the resignation of Mr. Mark Weller, Director of the Friends of Warner Parks effective January 31, 2019.

XIII. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

Ms. Odom announced:

- FY20 budget submission is due February 7th.
- A special thank you to the community center staff and park police officers for their assistance in making the cold weather shelter successful as the anticipated number of participants has exceeded expectations.
- Close to completion of the contract for the deconstruction of Greer Stadium.

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

Mr. Anderson stated that the Fort Negley Advisory Committee has held an introductory meeting and hopefully within the next 2 months they will make a presentation to the board. Members of the committee are:

George Anderson
Clay Bailey
Mayor David Briley
Kix Brooks, chair
Kathryn Carell Brown
Chris Cotton
Marty Dickens
Vince Durnan
Senator Bill Frist
Eddie George
Carl Haley
Robert Hicks
Kent Kirby
Dr. Reavis Mitchell
Monique Odom
Ann Roberts
Ron Samuels
Joyce Searcy
John Seigenthaler
Tim Walker
Dr. Carroll Van West

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

Monique N. Odom, Director

George Anderson, Chairperson