

METROPOLITAN BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

June 4, 2019

A meeting of the Board of Parks and Recreation of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee was held on Tuesday, June 4, 2019 at 12:00 pm in the Centennial Park Boardroom, 2565 Park Plaza, Nashville, TN. Board members present were: Dr. Michelle Steele, Ms. Susannah Scott-Barnes, Mr. Stan Fossick, Ms. Tari Hughes, Mr. George Anderson 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.**

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD MAY 7, 2019 APPROVED

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Mr. Haynes, the Board approved the minutes of the board meeting held Tuesday, May 7, 2019 as presented.

V. METRO COUNCIL REFERRALS - none

VI. OLD BUSINESS

09-18-05

BOARD DEFERS PROPOSED PARKING PLAN SUBMITTED BY CHEEKWOOD

Upon motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Ms. Hughes, the board accepted the recommendation of the acquisition committee to defer the request submitted by Cheekwood to enter into a 15- year MOU with Metro Parks for use of Warner Park for overflow parking.

This request has been deferred until July or until the parking plan, in the form of a lease, has been approved by Metro Legal, reviewed by both parties of the lease and resubmitted to the Park Board's Acquisition Committee for consideration.

05-19-09

BOARD ACCEPTS DEDICATION OF 2 GREENWAY CONSERVATION EASEMENTS FROM BINNS FARM LAND COMPANY LLC

As per recommendation of the Acquisition Committee, upon motion of Ms. Hughes and seconded by Mr. Anderson, the board approved staff request to receive the dedication of 2 Greenway Conservation Easements from Binns Farm Land Company LLC, located on parcel 52, tax map no. 74 of Davidson County and 3100 LF of new 12-foot wide greenway trail to be constructed as part of phase one construction of Parkhaven Communities residential development.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

05-19-09 (con't.)

**BOARD ACCEPTS DEDICATION OF 2 GREENWAY CONSERVATION EASEMENTS
FROM BINNS FARM LAND COMPANY LLC**

These easements and greenway trail are conditions of a Final SP rezoning approved by Metro Council for Phase 1 of Parkhaven Communities residential development, (formerly called Binns Farm) located at 2040 Hickory Hill Lane. Acquisition of these easements is important for the conservation of 125 acres of public open space and for the continuation of the Cumberland River Greenway, as recommended in Plan to Play. The developer will be constructing over ½ mile of greenway trail at no cost to Metro. **Please note that the year on page 8 of the Agreement for Grant of Easement for Conservation Greenway needs to be changed from 2003 to 2019.**

- Easement #1 will contain 124.14 acres with 1.3 miles of frontage on the Cumberland River and bordering Lytle Bend and Ravenwood Park.
- 3100 LF of 12' wide greenway trail connecting to the existing Stones River Greenway trail located on Lytle Bend/Ravenwood Park, will be constructed within Easement #1 as part of Phase 1 of the Parkhaven Communities development.
- Easement #2 will contain 0.96 acres bordering Ravenwood Park.
- A publicly accessible trailhead with 12 parking spaces will also be constructed in the public right of way for access to this new greenway.

05-19-11

**MDHA WITHDRAWS REQUEST TO ENTER INTO A TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION
EASEMENT AGREEMENT FOR USE OF LOT 2 OF
KIRKPATRICK PARK SUBDIVISION PARCEL #09304006700**

MDHA withdrew request to enter into a temporary construction easement agreement with Boscobel Heights Development Company, Inc. for use of Lot 2 of Kirkpatrick Park Subdivision, Parcel # 09304006700. This request was for temporary use of land adjacent to Kirkpatrick Community Center to be used as a construction material staging area for the new Explore Community School.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

06-19-01

BOARD APPROVES JUNE 2019 CONSENT AGENDA

Upon motion of Mr. Haynes, seconded by Mr. Anderson, the board approved the June 2019 consent agenda as presented.

AMPLIFICATION APPROVAL

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| • LaShaunda Smith-picnic | West Park picnic shelter | Sat., June 8, 2019 |
| • Robert Johnson-picnic | Cedar Hill Park picnic shelter 6 | Sat., June 8, 2019 |
| • Mary Robertson-picnic | Centennial Park picnic pavilion | Sun., June 9, 2019 |
| • Mina Yousef-picnic | Seven Oaks Park picnic shelter 1 | Sun., June 9, 2019 |
| • Mutt Mingle Music City | Elmington Park | Sat., June 15, 2019 |
| • Fifty Forward-picnic | Centennial Park Event Shelter | Mon., June 17, 2019 |
| • Fifty Forward-picnic | Centennial Park picnic pavilion | Mon., June 17, 2019 |
| • African American Cultural Alliance | Fort Negley Park-Juneteenth Celebration | Wed., June 19, 2019 |
| • Esther Schara-picnic | Centennial Park picnic pavilion | Fri., June 21, 2019 |
| • JUMP-Jefferson Street Art Crawl | Buena Vista Park | Sat., June 22, 2019 |
| • U.S. Smokeless Tobacco Employee Picnic | Cornelia Fort | Sat., June 22, 2019 |
| • Centennial Park Conservancy-wedding | Centennial Park Sunken Garden | Fri., June 28, 2019 |
| • Friends of Fort Negley-July 4 celebration | Fort Negley | Thurs., July 4, 2019 |
| • Davidson County Republican Party | Centennial Park Event Shelter-picnic | Sun., July 7, 2019 |
| • Cumberland Garden Reunion-picnic | Clinton B. Fisk Park | Sat., July 27, 2019 |
| • Kechelle Williams -picnic | West Park picnic shelter | Sat., Aug. 3, 2019 |
| • WMGC El Jefe 96.7FM | Coleman Park- Back to School 2019 | Sun, Aug. 4, 2019 |
| • Team Magic, Inc.-Cat Financial 5k Run | Centennial Park | Fri., Aug. 9, 2019 |
| • Weight No More-5k Walk/Run | Shelby Park Event Field | Sat., Aug. 10, 2019 |
| • Sinh Minh-picnic | Centennial Park picnic pavilion | Sun., Aug. 11, 2019 |
| • Julie Renaud-Resch-wedding | Centennial Park Sunken Garden | Fri., Aug. 23, 2019 |
| • Mi Casa Realty-Client Appreciation event | Coleman Park Greenspace | Sat., Aug. 24, 2019 |
| • School of Rock Nashville - concert | Riverfront Park | Sun., Aug. 25, 2019 |
| • Tennessee Telugu Samithi-picnic | Edwin Warner picnic shelters 9, 10, 11 | Sun., Aug 25, 2019 |
| • Nashville S.O.L.E. - cultural festival | East Park | Sat., Sept. 7, 2019 |
| • Nashville Youth Athletics-XC meet | Steeplechase Course | Sept. 8 & 29, 2019 |
| • Vanderbilt University-XC meet | Vaughn's Creek/Hwy. 100 | Sat., Sept. 14, 2019 |
| • Nashville Youth Athletics-XC meet | Vaughn's Creek/Hwy. 100 | Sept. 15,22, Oct. 5, 2019 |
| • Shelia Garner-picnic | Hartman Park picnic shelter 1 | Sat., Sept. 21, 2019 |
| • Darren Johnson -picnic | Centennial Park picnic pavilion | Sat., Sept. 28, 2019 |
| • TN Craft Fall Craft Fair | Centennial Park | Oct. 11-13, 2019 |
| • Run Nash - Marathon, Half Marathon,5k | Shelby Park | Sat., Nov. 9, 2019 |
| • Davidson County Register of Deeds | Southeast Regional Park -egg hunt | Sat., April 4, 2020 |

FUNDRAISING APPROVAL

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| • West Nashville Sports League | Edwin Warner Park-baseball tourneys | June 1, 2, 7, 8, 9, 10,
14, 15, 16, 17, 21, 22, 23, 24, 29, 30, July 1 and 2, 2019 |
| • Vanderbilt Celiac Clinic-5k run/walk | Shelby Walk | Sat., Nov. 2, 2019 |
| • HCA Healthcare Run for the Fund | Edwin Warner Park picnic shelter 9 | Fri., April 10, 2020 |

ALCOHOL APPROVAL

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| • Catherine Sgamati-wedding | Hodge House/Warner Park | Sat., June 15, 2019 |
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06-19-01 (con't.)

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AMPLIFICATION AND FUNDRAISING APPROVAL

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| • Divas Hustler ENT Summer Fest | Hadley Park | Sun., June 16, 2019 |
| • SCLC Stop the Violence Festival | Hadley Park | Sun., July 21, 2019 |
| • Nat'l. Veterans Golden Age Games bbq cook-off | Southeast Regional Center/Park | Sat., Aug. 3, 2019 |
| • Brave Women Veterans Retreats-concert | Hamilton Creek Marina | Sun., Aug., 4, 2019 |
| • TN Interscholastic Cycling League | Cedar Hill Park Mnt. Bike Trails | Sun., Sept. 15, 2019 |
| • Fighting with Red Blood Cells- picnic/festival | Centennial Park Event Shelter | Sun., Sept. 29, 2020 |
| • Nashville Cherry Blossom Festival | Public Square Park | Sat., April 4, 2020 |

AMPLIFICATION AND ALCOHOL APPROVAL

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| • Peach Festival | Sevier Park | Tues, June 25, 2019 |
| • Loveless Cafe Food Truck Launch Party | Centennial Park Event Shelter | Thurs., June 27, 2019 |
| • Nodat Place Advertising Vacay & Stay Nashville | East Park-festival | Sat., July 13, 2019 |
| • OMEGA 14 Inc. Louisville Funk Fest | Riverfront Park | Sat., Aug. 3, 2019 |
| • Vanderbilt Dermatology Annual Picnic | Cumberland Park | Sat., Aug. 10, 2019 |

AMPLIFICATION AND ALCOHOL APPROVAL (con't)

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| • Austin Hudson/Laine Kelly-wedding | Steeplechase Grandstand area | Sun., Sept. 1, 2019 |
| • Cammie Claybrook-engagement celebration | Centennial Art Center/Courtyard | Sat., Sept. 21, 2019 |
| • Nashville Predators Kickoff to 2019-20 Season | Walk of Fame Park | Sun., Sept. 29, 2019 |
| • Maple Ridge Events-private reception | Walk of Fame Park | Wed, Oct. 2, 2019 |
| • Destination Nashville-private event | Riverfront Park | Tues., Oct. 29, 2019 |
| • Nashville Parks Foundation-Earth Day Festival | Centennial Park | Sat., April 18, 2020 |

AMPLIFICATION, ALCOHOL AND FUNDRAISING APPROVAL

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| • Friends of Mill Ridge Park-Summer Solstice Brunch | Southeast Park | Sat., June 22, 2019 |
| • Music City Inc -July 4 th Celebration | Riverfront, Cumberland, Public Square
Fort Nashboro, Walk of Fame, East Bank Parks | July 3-4, 2019 |
| • NXT LVL Xperiece Summer Kick-off | Cumberland Park | Sun., Sept. 22, 2019 |
| • Nashville CARES | Public Square Park | Sat., Oct. 5, 2019 |
| • Greenways for Nashville | Cumberland Park | Thurs., Oct. 3, 2019 |

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

06-19-02

BOARD ACCEPTS AN ADA COMPLIANT DRINKING FOUNTAIN TO BE PLACED IN HARPETH RIVER PARK BY THE HARPETH YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION

Correspondence from Mr. Kelly Foster, representing the Harpeth Youth Soccer Association, requesting the board to accept a freestanding ADA compliant bi level drinking fountain with a freeze kit, valued at \$11,005 including installation, to be placed adjacent to the concession stand was presented to the board.

Upon motion of Mr. Haynes, seconded by Ms. Hughes, the board accepted this drinking fountain as the initial step in gaining approval to install the fountain. Permission will have to be obtained from the State of Tennessee since this park is state-owned property leased by Metro Parks. The drinking fountain, once approved by all parties, will be installed and maintained by Harpeth Youth Soccer Association at no cost to Metro Parks.

06-19-03

BOARD ACCEPTS DONATION FROM ETHOS CHURCH TO FUND SUMMER FIELD TRIPS FOR WATKINS PARK SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

Correspondence from Mr. Andrew Smith, representing Ethos Church, requesting the board to accept a donation in the amount of \$1530.00 to fund summer field trips for the summer enrichment program at Watkins Park was presented to the board.

Upon motion Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Haynes, the board accepted this donation to provide transportation for youth involved in the summer enrichment program at Watkins Park Community Center. Please note there is no obligation or match required by Metro Parks or the Watkins Park Community Center.

This donation will provide:

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| • Nashville Shores: 6 hours | \$ 390 |
| • Wave Country: (2 trips @ 4 hours each) | 500 |
| • Urban Air: 5 hours | 320 |
| • Strike and Spare: 5 hours | <u>320</u> |

\$1530 TOTAL

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

06-19-04

BOARD APPROVES DONATION OF MURAL FOR KIRKPATRICK COMMUNITY CENTER AND PUG MILL FOR CENTENNIAL ART CENTER FROM CREATIVE PARKS NASHVILLE. APPROVAL WAS ALSO GRANTED TO CREATIVE PARKS NASHVILLE TO ACCEPT PRIVATE DONATIONS TO SUPPORT METRO PARKS MUSIC, THEATER AND VISUAL ARTS.D

Mr. Tim Pierce, President of Creative Parks Nashville was present to request approval from the board for the following:

- Accept donation of a mural for Kirkpatrick Community Center. A local artist will work with community youth, families and patrons at Kirkpatrick this summer. **This mural, funded by a \$6500.00 grant in which Creative Parks Nashville received from the Nashville Predators Foundation, will engage a local artist to work with area youth, families and patrons at the center this summer to produce a community art project. The Metro Arts Commission has been made aware of this future mural and has shared their expertise with regard to technical questions as well as offered assistance.**
- Accept donation of a pug mill, valued at \$6500.00, for the Centennial Art Center. (Pug Mill mixes and reconstitutes used clay). **This pug mill will mix and reconstitute used clay which has been stored and then sold to Metro Parks art students at a discounted price. Recycling this clay will also prevent sewer and/or drainage issues which have built up over the years.**
- Approval to accept private donations to support Metro Parks Music, Theater and Visual Arts. Donations will support continued efforts by Creative Parks Nashville to enrich programs and facilities for Music, Theater and Visual Arts. **These donations will support continued efforts such as Big Band dances, visual arts gallery openings, theater productions, other cultural arts events as well as enrich programs and facilities for Metro Parks music, theater and visual arts.**

Upon motion of Ms. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Fossick, the board approved the requests as submitted.

06-19-05

BOARD ACCEPTS DONATION TO FUND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE TENNIS COURTS IN ELMINGTON PARK

Ms. Gretchen Pritchett, Director of the Nashville Parks Foundation, was in attendance to request the board to accept a donation in the amount of \$100,000 to fund improvements to the tennis courts in Elmington Park.

Upon motion of Mr. Haynes, seconded by Mr. Fossick, the board accepted this donation to fund renovations at the existing tennis courts in Elmington Park. **LET THE RECORD REFLECT THAT MS. SUSANNAH SCOTT BARNES RECUSED HERSELF FROM AGENDA ITEM 06-19-05.**

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

06-19-06

**BOARD APPROVES OPEN RANGE SALARY INCREASE
FOR THE DIRECTOR OF PARKS**

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Mr. Haynes, the board approved an open range salary increase as per the 2019-2020 Metropolitan Government Pay Plan for Monique Odom, Director of Metro Parks. This pay plan designates a 2.0% salary increase to all eligible employees in the open range series and the board must approve all salary increases for the Director of Metro Parks.

06-19-07

**BOARD ACCEPTS A FOOSBALL TABLE AND BASKETBALL ARCADE FROM
LOCKELAND SPRINGS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**

Correspondence from the Lockeland Springs Neighborhood Association was presented to the board requesting the acceptance an 8-person foosball table and basketball arcade totaling \$7967.00 for Shelby Community Center.

Upon motion of Ms. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Haynes, the board accepted a foosball table and basketball arcade valued at \$7967.00 for Shelby Community Center. This is the third donation of recreation equipment that Lockeland Springs Neighborhood Association has provided for the patrons of Shelby Community Center.

06-09-08

**BOARD APPROVES AMPLIFICATION AND FIREWORKS DURING A CARRIE
UNDERWOOD REMOTE CONCERT IN CENTENNIAL PARK ON WEDNESDAY,
JUNE 5, 2019. PERMISSION WAS GRANTED TO REMAIN
IN THE PARK OVERNIGHT**

Correspondence from Mr. Jim Craig, representing CMT/Viacom, requesting permission for amplification and fireworks during a 2019 CMT Music Awards-Carrie Underwood Remote Concert in Centennial Park on the front lawn of the Parthenon on Wednesday, June 5, 2019 and permission to remain in the park overnight was presented to the board for approval.

Upon motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Fossick the board approved this request. Ms. Scott Barnes asked that in the future the board is given more time to review and approve events. Ms. Odom agreed and stated that she wanted to make sure the board is aware of all large events occurring in Metro Parks.

IX. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

THE FRIENDS OF SEVIER PARK PRESENT ANNUAL UPDATE TO THE BOARD

Mr. Brett Sheriff, board member, presented the annual update in Ms. Lindsay Moffett's absence. Mr. Sheriff stated that the Friends of Sevier Park raise funds for park improvements through various fundraisers and have secured benches and drinking fountains and currently working to raise funds for a splash pad. He stated that they typically host one major fundraiser, Sevier Park Fest, in May and it includes a Friday night concert and fundraising activities on Saturday. Friends of Sevier Park are hosting an additional event in October to assist with fundraising.

Ms. Odom reminded Mr. Sheriff that all improvements to the park must first be reviewed and approved by parks' staff.

CREATIVE PARKS NASHVILLE PRESENT ANNUAL UPDATE TO BOARD

Mr. Tim Pierce, President of Creative Parks Nashville (CPN), introduced Ms. Michelle Crain, Vice President of CPN to the board. Ms. Crain began the report by reading the mission statement of CPN.

Creative Parks Nashville provides community-based leadership to Metro Nashville Parks and Recreation music, theater and visual arts divisions. Creative Parks Nashville supports these divisions in efforts to provide educational arts, related activities and diverse cultural events for the greater Nashville area."

CPN Supports Metro Parks Cultural Arts

Youth Scholarships

- CPN provided 22 youth scholarships for Metro Parks music, theater and visual arts classes

Supplemental Programs

- CPN provided artists to lead various arts workshops to supplement Metro Parks Cultural Arts programming such as: Etch-A-Sketch, calligraphy, pottery, summer jam bands, summer theater camp, Big Band Dances, story time at CPAS, music therapy for Parks disABILITIES program and theater homeschool classes.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2018-2019

Expenses	\$58,866.31
Revenue	\$71,504.44

X. CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE – Tim Netsch

- **Aaittifama Archeological Park** – Currently reviewing design development packet.
- **Bellevue-Red Caboose Playground Replacement** – Playground construction should be complete June 2019 with ribbon cutting scheduled for July.
- **Centennial – Master Plan** – Working with TDEC on permit.
- **Mansker Park** – Construction should be complete in a few weeks with ribbon cutting to be scheduled soon after.
- **Fort Negley** – demo still underway, will begin grading soil into usable green.

XI. UPCOMING SPECIAL ACTIVITIES/EVENTS – Monique Odom for Jackie Jones

June 6	10:00 am – 11:00 pm	CMA Music Festival-Riverfront
June 19	2:00 - 8:00 pm	Juneteenth Celebration Fort Negley Visitors Center
Now until June 19		Seventeen Men exhibit Fort Negley Visitors Center
July 4	11:00 am - 3:00 pm	Hot Chicken Festival-East Park
July 4	12:00 - 10:00 pm	Fourth of July Celebration Riverfront Park

XII. DEPARTMENT UPDATES

John Holmes reported that the WTA tennis event has withdrawn their request to hold event this year and hopefully will return in 2020.

Cindy Harrison reported that Shelby pedestrian bridge #5 is closed because of flood damage, fallen trees, eroded banks and structure is settling. Bridge will be closed through the summer and an unpaved route has been designated as an alternate detour. Corrective plan is to set bridge back from river where stream is narrow.

XIII. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

Ms. Odom stated:

- that Shelby pedestrian bridge 5 is a safety issue and costly to repair. Funding will be reallocated if this becomes a high priority. We respond to safety issues and high priority issues first; however, we do not always have funding to do everything therefore choices are by priority. Please know that we remain diligent and responsible stewards of the funding we receive.

XIII. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR (con't.)

- Scooters are allowed on roadways in parks; however, they are not allowed on paved trails, paths or greenways. The Parks Department, like the City of Nashville, does not have Parks Police officers or staff to monitor scooters at all times.
- Summer Enrichment Programming began Monday, June 3 with 2800 youth enrolled at our centers.
- Wave Country had a successful opening on Memorial Day weekend with record attendance on Saturday and Memorial Day. Thank you to the Metro Police Officers for additional police presence on opening weekend.

Ms. Odom thanked everyone for attending Metro Parks' budget hearing before the Metro Council on Wednesday, May 22nd.

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

Ms. Scott-Barnes stated that she was looking forward to the board's site visits. She has visited locations with Mr. Neloms and has greatly benefitted from the visits. Mr. Fossick agreed with Ms. Scott-Barnes and asked if it was possible to meet quarterly at another parks' location for the board meeting. Ms. Odom stated that we could do that although Metro 3 might not be able to film the meetings offsite. Ms. Odom also stated we will schedule more than one tour of various parks' locations.

Ms. Hughes asked if the July meeting would be held on July 2nd or 9th because of the July 4th holiday. After much discussion it was determined that the July meeting would be held on Tuesday, July 2nd if Dr. Gentry was available to seat a quorum. Ms. Odom stated that she would confirm with Dr. Gentry.

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

Monique N. Odom, Director

Dr. Michelle Steele, Chairperson