

METROPOLITAN BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

August 6, 2019

A meeting of the Board of Parks and Recreation of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee was held on Tuesday, August 6, 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, Mr. George Anderson and Mr. Jeff Haynes. Ms. Tari Hughes and Dr. Sharon Gentry 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; Capt. Chris Taylor, Parks Police; Ms. Jackie Jones, Community Affairs and **Ms. Macy Amos, representing the Metro Legal Department.**

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD JULY 2, 2019 APPROVED

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Mr. Anderson, the Board approved the minutes of the board meeting held Tuesday, July 2, 2019 as presented.

V. METRO COUNCIL REFERRALS - none

VI. OLD BUSINESS

09-15-03

BOARD APPROVES FINAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN METRO PARKS AND THE TENNESSEE WOMAN SUFFRAGE MONUMENT INC REGARDING INSTALLATION AND PLACEMENT OF THE WOMAN SUFFRAGE MONUMENT IN CENTENNIAL PARK

Ms. Yvonne Wood, President of the Tennessee Woman Suffrage Monument Board was present to request board approval of Metro Arts final agreement related to the donation of the Tennessee Woman Suffrage Monument to Metro Parks.

Upon motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Haynes, the board approved the final agreement between the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, acting by and through the Metropolitan Board of Parks and Recreation, and Tennessee Woman Suffrage Monument, Inc. to donate the artwork **“Woman Suffrage Monument”** currently displayed at a temporary location in Centennial Park to Metro Park for installation and display at a permanent site as per the Centennial Park Phase 2 Construction Documents.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

07-19-06

BOARD GRANTS APPROVAL TO REQUEST OF METROPOLITAN NASHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR TWO EASEMENT AGREEMENTS

Mr. David Proffitt, representing Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools, was present to request board approval of agreement for dedication of a 10' drainage easement and an agreement for dedication of easement for temporary grading and sloping to Belmont University for of an indoor batting facility to be constructed on Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools Property from the board.

As per recommendation of the Acquisition Committee, upon motion of Mr. Anderson and seconded by Mr. Fossick, the board approved request of the Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools for the following easement agreements:

- Agreement between Metro Parks and Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools for dedication of a 10' drainage easement in E.S Rose Park.
- Dedication of Easement for Temporary Grading and Sloping between Metro Parks and Metro Nashville Public Schools in E.S. Rose Park for the purpose of construction by Belmont University of a new building to be jointly used by Belmont University, Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools and/or a local nonprofit organization.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

8-19-01

BOARD APPROVES AUGUST 2019 CONSENT AGENDA

Upon motion of Ms. Scott Barnes, seconded by Mr. Haynes, the board approved the August 2019 consent agenda as presented.

AMPLIFICATION APPROVAL

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| • Old Hickory Chamber of Commerce | Old Hickory Park-Night Out Against Crime | Tues., Aug. 6, 2019 |
| • Spirit and Truth Believer's Fellowship | Coleman Park Greenspace/back to school event | Fri., Aug. 9, 2019 |
| • Blind Faith University | E.S. Rose Park Greenspace/back to school bash | Sat., Aug. 10, 2019 |
| • Aalieya Billing-picnic | Sevier Park picnic shelters 1 & 2 | Fri., Aug. 16, 2019 |
| • Salahadeen Center of Nashville | Edwin Warner Park-community picnic | Sun., Aug. 18, 2019 |
| • Belmont University Athletics | Sevier Park Shelter/green space-picnic | Wed., Aug. 21, 2019 |
| • MNPD-El Protector Program | Coleman Park Greenspace-festival | Sat., Aug. 31, 2019 |
| • Willie Holt – picnic | Two Rivers Park shelter 1 | Sun., Sept. 1, 2019 |
| • Compass Rose Events-picnic | Shelby Park Event Field | Sat., Sept. 14, 2019 |
| • Elizabeth Walsh/Michael Baum | Parthenon – wedding | Sat., Sept. 14, 2019 |
| • Nashville Civic Design Center | Church St. Park-Parking Day 2019 | Fri., Sept. 20, 2019 |
| • Eric Cox – picnic | Two Rivers Park Picnic Shelters 3 & 4 | Sat., Sept. 21, 2019 |
| • Spirit and Truth Believer's Fellowship | Centennial Park Event Shelter-picnic | Sat., Sept. 21, 2019 |

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AMPLIFICATION APPROVAL (con't.)

- Race Nashville-5k Run/Walk Shelby Park/Bottoms Thurs., Sept. 26, 2019
- Stephanie White – picnic Centennial Park picnic pavilion Sun., Sept 29, 2020
- Nations Neighborhood Association Richland Park–Night Out Against Crime Tues., Oct. 1, 2019
- Davidson Transit Org/WeGo Public Transit/MTA Two Rivers Park shelters 1-5 Sat., Oct. 19, 2019
- Kleinrock/Levy Wedding Centennial Park Sun., May 24, 2020
- Ray Webster-picnic Sevier Park Sat., June 20, 2020

FUNDRAISING APPROVAL

- Tiffany Williams-Walk & Raize Community event Southeast Community Center Sat., Sept. 28, 2019
- Nashville State community College Foundation Richland Creek Greenway-6k Sat., Oct. 26, 2019
- Emily Kessler-Meditation & Music Experience Parthenon Mon., Nov. 11, 2019

ALCOHOL APPROVAL

- Colonnade Group-Music City Madness Walk of Fame Park Fri., Oct. 18, 2019
- Circle Players-“The Rocky Horror Show” Looby Theater Oct., 18, 19, 20, 24, 25, 26, 27, 31, Nov. 1, 2 and 3, 2019
- Andrea Moseley-wedding Centennial Park Event Shelter Thurs., Oct. 31, 2019

AMPLIFICATION AND FUNDRAISING APPROVAL

- James Kaiser – AF Bridges Invitational Steeplechase Cross Country Course Sat., Sept. 14, 2019
- James Kaiser – Jr. Ward TN XC Classic Steeplechase Cross Country Course Sat., Sept. 21, 2019
- MK Jones - Take Heart 5k Richland Park Greenway Sat., Sept. 21, 2019
- Nashville Striders-Shelby Bottoms Boogie Shelby Park/Bottoms Sat., Oct. 5, 2019
- Girls on the Run of Middle Tennessee-Fall 5k Shelby Park Event Field Sat., Dec. 7, 2019
- Miles J Freeman Memorial Scholarship Fdn Shelby Park/Riverview Shelter Sat., March 14, 2020
- Ora’s Alliance Kickin Kidney Disease 5k Shelby Park/Riverview Shelter Sat., March 21, 2020
- Nat’l Multiple Sclerosis Society-Walk MS Nashville 2020 Shelby Park Event Field Sat., March 28, 2020
- Pinnacle Financial Partners-Pinnacle 5k Shelby Park/Riverview Shelter Sat., May 9, 2020

AMPLIFICATION AND ALCOHOL APPROVAL

- Event Logistics, Inc.-HealthTrust Platinum Party Walk of Fame Park Mon, Aug. 12, 2019
- 12South Farmers Market Food and Arts Festival Sevier Park Tues., Sept. 17, 2019
- Advance Financial Birthday Bash Parthenon Sat., Sept. 28, 2019
- Nashville Firefighters Association- picnic Walk of Fame Park Wed., Oct. 10, 2019
- Events Hatched, Inc.-Firehouse Expo 2019 Walk of Fame Park Fri., Oct. 11, 2019

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AMPLIFICATION, ALCOHOL, AND FUNDRAISING APPROVAL

- Centennial Park Conservancy/YELP vendor exhibition Parthenon Fri., Sept. 27, 2019
- Associated Protective Service, Inc.-concert Public Square Park Sun., Sept. 29, 2019
- Rhizome Productions, Inc./Ride for Reading East Park April 17 & 18, 2020
- Rhizome Productions Inc./TN Breast Cancer East Park Sat., May 9, 2020

AMPLIFICATION, ALCOHOL, FUNDRAISING AND AFTER-HOURS APPROVAL

- New Nashville Events, LLC-The End Slavery Ball Parthenon Fri., Aug. 23, 2019

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

08-19-02

**BOARD DEFERS REQUEST OF DONATION OF SCULPTURE
FOR BELLS BEND NATURE CENTER**

Correspondence received from Mr. Mark Manner requesting the board to accept a donation of sculpture, valued at \$42,000, to be placed at Bells Bend Nature Center at no cost to Metro Parks was presented to the board for approval.

Upon motion Mr. Haynes, seconded by Mr. Fossick the board voted to defer request of the potential donation of a 30-foot red three-dimensional, painted metal sculpture pending completion of the Metro Arts Commission's review of the sculpture.

08-19-03

**BOARD GRANTS ACCEPTANCE OF A DONATION IN KIND FOR DESIGN
AND ILLUSTRATION OF SIGNAGE, TREE IDENTIFICATION FABRICATION,
REPLACEMENT PANELS AND INSTALLATION
ON THE BETTY BROWN TREE TRAIL**

Correspondence received from Mr. Martin Brown requesting the board to accept a donation in kind in the amount of \$50,000 for design and illustration of signage, tree identification fabrication, replacement panels and installation on the Betty Brown Tree Trail in Riverfront Park was presented to the board for approval.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

08-19-03 (con't.)

BOARD GRANTS ACCEPTANCE OF A DONATION IN KIND FOR DESIGN AND ILLUSTRATION OF SIGNAGE, TREE IDENTIFICATION FABRICATION, REPLACEMENT PANELS AND INSTALLATION ON THE BETTY BROWN TREE TRAIL

Upon motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Fossick, the board accepted this donation in kind in the amount of \$50,000 for design and illustration of signage, tree identification fabrication, replacement panels and installation on the Betty Brown Tree Trail. Please note that this donation requires no match or any other obligation from the Metropolitan Government or Metro Parks. **LET THE RECORD REFLECT THAT MS. SUSANNAH SCOTT BARNES RECUSED HERSELF FROM AGENDA ITEM 08-19-03.**

08-19-04

BOARD GRANTS APPROVAL TO REQUEST OF THE NASHVILLE PREDATORS TO FUND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CENTENNIAL SPORTSPLEX ICE FACILITY

Correspondence received from Mr. Tim Friedenberger, representing the Nashville Predators, requesting the board to approve improvements, valued at \$49,525.37, to four locker rooms at the Centennial Sportsplex Ice Facility was presented to the board for approval.

Upon motion of Ms. Scott Barnes, seconded by Mr. Haynes, the board approved improvements to the locker room areas between Rink A and Rink B (locker rooms 3, 4, 7 and 8) valued at \$49,525.37. These improvements include new flooring, repainting walls, duct work repairs and door hardware, replace sinks, toilet, urinal and install partition with door at toilet location. These improvements require no obligation from the Metropolitan Government or Metro Parks as the Nashville Predators are funding said improvements in its entirety.

08-19-05

BOARD DEFERS REQUEST OF THE HARPETH VALLEY UTILITIES DISTRICT FOR THE APPROVAL OF THREE EASEMENTS FOR INSTALLATION OF A NEW SANITARY SEWER FORCE MAIN IN HARPETH RIVER PARK

Correspondence received from Mr. Jared Williams, representing the Harpeth Valley Utilities District, requesting the board to approve 2 permanent easements and 1 temporary construction easement on Metro property, Parcel 14200021700, for installation of a new sanitary sewer force main at the Harpeth Youth Soccer Association complex in Harpeth River Park was presented to the board for approval.

As per board policy 3000.25 the board deferred these requests to the Acquisition Committee of the board preceding the September 3rd board meeting

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

08-19-06

**BOARD DEFERS ACTION ON REMOVAL/RELOCATION OF THE
CONFEDERATE PRIVATE MONUMENT IN CENTENNIAL PARK**

Staff requested recommendation from the board regarding initiating the petition Process for removal/relocation of the Confederate Private Monument in Centennial Park.

The monument is a statue of a confederate private in uniform with a rifle created by sculptor, George Julian Zolnay, who designed many other confederate sculptures. The monument includes a plaque with the names of 540 members of the Frank Cheatham Bivouac. The monument was dedicated in Centennial Park on June 19, 1909. The purpose of this staff request is out of concern because the monument was vandalized by an unknown perpetrator in June 2019. The words “they were racists” were painted with red spray paint on the monument and our maintenance department cleaned the monument immediately after discovery. Since then and before, the department has received inquiries from the public if this monument should be located on public property. In 2017 Metro Parks convened a group of local historians and representatives from the Historical Commission and there was no definitive recommendation resulting from the meeting. One suggested option was to add interpretive signage to put monument in context. Removal, relocation or renaming of this monument falls under the Tennessee Heritage Protection Act and it does not allow monuments on public property to be removed without approval from the State Historical Commission. Mr. Tim Netsch, Assistant Director of Parks stated that the Centennial Park Master Plan makes general recommendations regarding monuments in the park. There are three monuments located in the park associated to the Civil War - Confederate Private, Powder Grinder Wheels located behind the Art Center and two cannons atop First Amendment Hill. First Amendment Hill is most significant with regard to the Civil War as the hill was Union Fortification during the occupation of Nashville. The Master Plan recommends relocating all relics and monuments to the top of the hill and design a space or plaza with landscaping for those monuments and provide context and history. The Master Plan was completed prior to state legislation requirements; therefore, movement to another location within Centennial Park will also require State approval.

The board will have to vote to determine how to proceed as the board has never addressed this monument. Therefore, upon motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Ms. Scott-Barnes, the board deferred this request to the Public Arts Committee of the Parks Board.

IX. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

**THE FRIENDS OF SHELBY PARK PRESENT
THEIR ANNUAL UPDATE TO THE BOARD**

Ms. Sarah Brawner, representing the Friends of Shelby Park was in attendance to present their annual update to the board.

Friends of Shelby Park was founded in 2008 with a mission to help preserve, protect and enhance historic Shelby Park and Bottoms. Officers for this year (in addition to 15 other board members) are:

Katey Burris, President
Sarah Brawner, Vice President
Margaret Darby, Treasurer
Kevin Martelli, Secretary

Committees have been changed for this group due to a shift in priorities, committees are:

- Marketing/membership – focus on brand and community
- Event/fundraising – maintain name events (Hot Chicken Festival, 4 Pickin’ Parties), volunteer events, education events and partner events (Walk/Bike Nashville).
- Grants and Park Projects
- Temporary committee to select an Executive Director for the friends’ group. Interviews will be held in August and hopefully hire will be made by October.

Accomplishments:

- Launched campaign for specialty license plate to increase visibility for Shelby Park.
- Relaunched membership campaign as “My Shelby” with perks.
- Working with the nature center to identify areas for tree planting. Root Nashville is assisting. Invasive plant removal on trails.
- Nature Center Partnership – annual discretionary fund to be used for park projects, continuing education and educational activities.

Volunteer/Partner Projects:

- Building \$31,000 playground at Cornelia Fort
- Working to secure storage in hanger 1
- Support of East Nashville Little League
- Looking toward long-term Capital Capitol projects

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

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Future Goals:

- Infrastructure needs
- Executive Director
- Combining efforts to leverage private funds
- Community input
- Naval Reserve Center
- Open bridge 5 in Shelby Bottoms
- Update the 2009 Shelby Park Master Plan

**THE FRIENDS OF FORT NEGLEY PRESENT
THEIR ANNUAL UPDATE TO THE BOARD**

Mr. Chris Cotton, President of the Friends of Fort Negley, was in attendance to present their annual update to the board.

Friends of Fort Negley Park was organized in 2013 and their mission is to protect, preserve and promote Fort Negley Park. Officers for this year (in addition to a 16-member board) are:

Chris Cotton, President
Bea Thompson, Vice President
Lynn Maddox, Secretary
Kitty Porter, Treasurer

Advocacy – Excellent opportunity to show others Fort Negley and its resources. Designation by UNESCO on May 21, 2019 - Fort Negley was designated as a "Site of Memory" as part of UNESCO's Slave Route Project. Ft. Negley is one of 24 World Heritage sites in the United States.

Education – Provide education thru interpretative panels in the park. Also provide tours, field trips, and school sponsored field trips. Sponsor Fossil Finders - a monthly event to educate attendees about geology.

Participant in the Wedgewood/Houston Art Crawl in order to expose the visitor's center to others. Mr. Cotton spoke of the Seventeen Men exhibit and encouraged those who have not seen it to try to attend.

\$45,000 was brought in this year with the largest fundraiser being the Taste of Wedgewood/Houston, this year's event is scheduled for September 24th.

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

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Working to raise \$65,000 this year for archeological native landscape research of the site. Currently continuing to advocate for the park by raising funds for existing programs, panels and to have longer open hours at the Fort Negley Visitor's Center. Mr. Cotton thanked the board for the opportunity to partner with Metro Parks.

X. CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE – Tim Netsch

- **Centennial Master Plan Phase Two Great Lawn** – construction team mobilized on site. Fencing going up and the Confederate Private monument is inside the fenced zone.
- **Orchard Bend – Pavilion and Swings** – Construction begins this month.
- **Shelby Bottoms – Cornelia Fort Playground** – Construction should begin this month.
- **Smith Springs – Pavilion and Swings** – Construction should begin this month.
- **Fort Negley** – demo still underway, will begin grading soil into usable green

Mr. Netsch also distributed a brochure from the City Parks Alliance on a case study of *City Parks: A Smart Investment for America's Health, Economy and Environment* and Metro Parks was included in the brochure.

Mr. Netsch also provided a cost estimate in the amount of \$172,479.69 for the proposed trailhead in Mill Ridge Park to board members. This trailhead is separate from Phase 1 and currently unfunded.

XI. UPCOMING SPECIAL ACTIVITIES/EVENTS – Jackie Jones

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| August 16 | 10:00 am | Miss Lillie Bolton's 100 birthday celebration at Elizabeth Center |
| August 17 | 11:00 am - 2:00 pm | Red Caboose Playground Ribbon Cutting/Bellevue Park |
| August 24 | 11:00 am 12:00 pm | Woman's Suffrage Monument event Centennial Park |

Back to School Events were scheduled on various dates at the following park locations:

Bordeaux Gardens Park
Southeast Park
Hadley Park
Watkins Park
South Inglewood Park
Morgan Park
Coleman Park
E. S. Rose Park

XII. DEPARTMENT UPDATES - None

XIII. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

Ms. Odom reported:

- Staff is working hard to determine which vacant positions will be used this year to satisfy our salary savings target. Metro Parks savings target is \$1,065,000 and can be met by holding vacant positions.
- Community Recreation Division has successfully completed Summer Enrichment Camp and have now started after-school programming.
- The board's tour of parks facilities is scheduled for Wednesday, August 28, 8:30 am – 12:00 pm. This will be the first in a series of facility tours.
- September Board Meeting will be held at a satellite site.
- Demolition of Greer Stadium is complete, Still awaiting final inspection for grading permit and storm water pollution protection plan.
- Repair of bridge 5 in Shelby Bottoms is scheduled to begin in September.

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

The board meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 3 after the Labor Day holiday will remain on September 3.

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

Monique N. Odom, Director

Dr. Michelle Steele, Chairperson