

METROPOLITAN BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

September 3, 2019

A meeting of the Board of Parks and Recreation of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee was held on Tuesday, September 3, 2019 at 12:00 pm at Hartman Park Regional Recreation Center, 2801 Tucker Road, Nashville, TN. Board members present were: Dr. Michelle Steele, Ms. Susannah Scott-Barnes, Mr. Stan Fossick, Ms. Tari Hughes, Mr. Jeff Haynes and Dr. Sharon Gentry. Mr. George Anderson 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; Ms. Jackie Jones, Community Affairs and **Ms. Macy Amos, representing the Metro Legal Department.**

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AUGUST 6, 2019 APPROVED

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Mr. Haynes, the Board approved the minutes of the board meeting held Tuesday, August 6, 2019 as presented.

V. METRO COUNCIL REFERRALS

Ms. Odom introduced Ms. Tonya Hancock, newly elected council member representing District 9.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

08-19-05

BOARD APPROVES TWO PERMANENT EASEMENTS AND ONE TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT IN HARPETH RIVER PARK AS REQUESTED BY THE HARPETH VALLEY UTILITIES DISTRICT

Mr. Jared Williams, representing the Harpeth Valley Utilities District, was present to request the board to approve two (2) permanent easements and one (1) temporary construction easement on Metro property, Parcel 14200021700, for installation of new sanitary sewer force main at the Harpeth Youth Soccer Association complex in Harpeth River Park.

As per recommendation of the Acquisition Committee, upon motion of Ms. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Haynes, the board approved request of the Harpeth Valley Utilities District. It is Metro Parks understanding that this sewer project is slated to begin in September 2019 and construction on the subject parcel is slated for November 2019. This project consists of approximately 16,000 feet of 24-inch sewer which will address capacity issues at the Flat Creek pump station and once construction is complete the site will be restored back to its original landscape.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

08-19-06

**BOARD ACCEPTS RECOMMENDATION FROM THE PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE
TO HAVE THE CONFEDERATE PRIVATE MONUMENT REMAIN
IN CENTENNIAL PARK WITH CONTEXTUAL INTERPRETATIVE SIGNAGE**

Lieutenant Colonel Ron Hartley, representing the AMVETS Legislative Task Force, addressed the board in support of the provisions of the Tennessee Heritage Protection Act to protect military historical monuments, markers, headstones, statues and commemorative plaques.

Ms. Krista Castillo, Museum Coordinator at the Fort Negley Visitor's Center, provided the board with history of the monument.

Therefore, after much discussion and as per recommendation of the board's Public Art Committee, upon motion of Ms. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Fossick, the board approved retaining the monument in Centennial Park and providing contextual and interpretive signage at the site. Ms. Odom will present a proposed timeline for the completion of this project to the board at a later date.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

09-19-01

BOARD APPROVES SEPTEMBER 2019 CONSENT AGENDA

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

AMPLIFICATION APPROVAL

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| • TN Army National Guard-picnic | Cedar Hill Park Shelters 1 & 2 | Sat., Sept. 7, 2019 |
| • Nashville Downtown Partnership | Walk of Fame Park-Tug of War | Wed., Sept. 11, 2019 |
| • Stuart Brown-picnic | Edwin Warner Picnic Shelter 2 | Sat., Sept. 14, 2019 |
| • Anna Patton - picnic | West Park picnic shelter | Sat., Sept. 14, 2019 |
| • Premier Parking – picnic | Edwin Warner Picnic Shelter 3 | Sat., Sept. 21, 2019 |
| • Barre Roots – pop up barre class | Red Caboose Playground | Sat., Sept. 21, 2019 |
| • Infinite Hospitality-private event | Parthenon | Tues., Sept. 24, 2019 |
| • Vanderbilt Medical Center-picnic | Centennial Park Event Shelter | Fri., Sept. 27, 2019 |
| • LEAD Monitoring Program-festival | Elizabeth Park | Sat., Sept. 28, 2019 |
| • Brittany Love – wedding | Centennial Park Sunken Garden | Sat., Sept. 28, 2019 |
| • Nashville Life Church-Movies in Park | Fannie Mae Dees Park | Sat., Sept. 28, 2019 |
| • Glencliff Neighborhood Association | Coleman Center-Night Out against Crime | Tues., Oct. 8, 2019 |
| • Southern Festival of Books | Church Street Park | Oct. 11, 12, 13, 2019 |

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AMPLIFICATION APPROVAL (con't.)

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| • The Budd Group - Harvest Festival | Two Rivers Park | Sat., Nov. 2, 2019 |
| • HCA – Caring for Community event | Centennial Park Event Shelter | Fri., Nov. 8, 2019 |
| • Swing Dance Nashville-dance | Centennial Park Event Shelter | Sat., Feb. 22, 2020 |
| • YMCA Healthy Kids Day Festival | Elmington Park | Sat., April 18, 2020 |
| • Prevent Child Abuse TN | Sevier Park-Pinwheel Festival | Sat., May 2, 2020 |
| • Cumberland River Compact-Waterfest | Cumberland Park | Sun., July 12, 2020 |
| • Nashville Greek Picnic | Cumberland Park | Sat., Aug. 1, 2020 |
| • Jacques Hargrove – picnic | Sevier Park picnic shelter 1 | Sat., Aug. 22, 2020 |

FUNDRAISING APPROVAL

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| • Maria Cartmell - cancer survivors event | Parthenon | Sun., Sept. 22, 2019 |
| • Walk Bike Nashville - triathlon | Shelby Park | Sun., Oct. 13, 2019 |

ALCOHOL APPROVAL

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| • Kathleen Donais-Bridal Shower | Hodge House-Warner Park | Sun., Sept. 22, 2019 |
| • Sarah Salim – dance showcase | Centennial Performing Arts Studios | Fri., Oct. 11, 2019 |
| • DPR Construction-company picnic | Centennial Park Event Shelter | Fri., Oct. 18, 2019 |
| • Kim McCaskill-wedding | Cumberland Park East Bank Oval | Fri., July 17, 2020 |

AMPLIFICATION AND FUNDRAISING APPROVAL

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| • Top Buttons Halloween Fun Run | Edwin Warner Park Shelters 6 & 10 | Sat., Oct. 26, 2019 |
| • Girls on the Run Spring 5k | Shelby Park Event Field | Sat., May 16, 2020 |
| • TN Stormwater Association-5k/festival | Shelby Park Event Field | Sat., Aug. 1, 2020 |

AMPLIFICATION AND ALCOHOL APPROVAL

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| • Daddy's Dogs-Nashtoberfest | Richland Park | Sat., Oct. 5, 2019 |
| • Maple Ridge Events-private event | Walk of Fame Park | Mon., March 9, 2020 |
| • Musicians Corner | Centennial Park Front Lawn | Friday, May 8, 15, 22, 29; |
| | June 5, 12, 26, 2020 | Saturday, May 9, 16, 23, 30; June 6, 13, 27, 2020 |
| • Wildhorse Saloon/AAPD-private event | Riverfront Park | Fri., Aug. 22, 2020 |

ALCOHOL AND FUNDRAISING APPROVAL

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| • Centennial Park Conservancy | Parthenon – Art Symposium | Wed., Sept. 25, 2019 |
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AMPLIFICATION, ALCOHOL, AND FUNDRAISING APPROVAL

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| • Partners Non-Profit-TN Beer and Wine Festival | Grounds of Two Rivers Mansion | Sat., Oct. 19, 2019 |
| • Project 615 – Nashvember Festival | Sevier Park | Sat., Nov. 2, 2019 |
| • Cumberland River Compact-cocktail party | Cumberland Park | Fri., June 19, 2020 |
| • Cumberland River Compact-Dragon Boat Festival | Cumberland Park, | Sat., Sept. 12, 2020 |

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09-19-01 9 (con't.)

BOARD APPROVES SEPTEMBER 2019 CONSENT AGENDA

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AMPLIFICATION AND SELLING MERCHANDISE

- Theresa Steward-1 yr. anniversary/Launch Party Southeast Regional Center Sat., Oct. 12, 2019

CHARGING PARTICIPATION FEE

- Leadership Academy LLC-Nature Day Camp Bells Bend & Beaman Parks June 1 – July 3, 2020
- Leadership Academy LLC-Nashville Sail Camp Hamilton Creek Marina July 6 – August 7, 2020
- Leadership Academy LLC-Camp Two Rivers Two Rivers Grow Garden Site July 6 – July 31, 2020

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

09-19-02

BOARD APPROVES LEASE BETWEEN METRO PARKS AND THE SPORTS AUTHORITY FOR A NEW COMMUNITY ICE HOCKEY AND SKATING COMPLEX AT ONE BELLEVUE PLACE

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Ms. Hughes, the board approved request by Staff to approve lease between Metro Parks and the Sports Authority for a new community ice hockey and skating recreation complex at One Bellevue Place. Below are the recitals of the contract document:

1. Metro Parks and the Sports Authority have determined that a new community ice hockey and skating recreation complex at One Bellevue Place encourages and fosters economic development and prosperity and provides recreational and other opportunities for the citizens of Nashville and Davidson County.
2. Metro Parks owns and operates property located at One Bellevue Place, 7638 Highway 70S, Nashville, TN, map/parcel 12800019600 on which, pursuant to Resolutions RS2017-713 and RS2017-963 it has caused a new recreation center and ice sports complex to be developed and constructed (“Building”) utilizing the Metropolitan Government General Services Department as project manager.
3. Pursuant to Section 7-67-109 of the Tennessee Code Annotated, the Sports Authority has the express power to acquire land by lease in order to operate a project such as a sports and recreation facility.
4. Pursuant to Section 7-67-111 of the Tennessee Code Annotated, Metro Parks is permitted to convey land by lease to the Sports Authority.

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5. Metro Parks has agreed to lease to the Sports Authority and the Sports Authority has agreed to lease from Metro Parks a portion of the Building known as Suite B as depicted on Exhibit A to be operated by the Sports Authority or the Sports Authority's contractor as an ice rink open to the public for sporting and recreational purposes and other activities within the mission of the Sports Authority.

09-19-03

**BOARD GRANTS APPROVAL TO THE NASHVILLE PARKS FOUNDATION,
THE OASIS CENTER AND SORBA-MID TN TO RAISE FUNDS
FOR THE WATKINS PARK PUMP TRACK**

In December 2018, the Board approved inclusion of the Watkins Park Pump Track to the annual permit issued to SORBA-Mid TN for construction and maintenance of mountain bike facilities countywide. SORBA, Oasis and the Nashville Parks Foundation have since partnered to raise funds for the pump track. Per the annual permit, SORBA will design and build the pump track. The completed facility will be donated at no cost to Metro Parks.

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Mr. Haynes, the board granted approval to the Nashville Parks Foundation, the Oasis Center and SORBA-Mid TN to raise funds for the Watkins Park Pump Track.

09-19-04

**BOARD GRANTS APPROVAL TO THE NASHVILLE PARKS FOUNDATION,
TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF
THREE (3) FIVE-A-SIDE SOCCER FIELDS IN COLEMAN PARK**

The proposed project has been reviewed by the Planning, Maintenance, Recreation and Special Events divisions. The synthetic turf fields are proposed to be located on the footprint of an existing, poorer quality multi-use field. The proposed fields will have gross dimensions of approximately 125' x 225'. The intent is for the fields to be designated for general community use. All final plans, donor recognition and other terms require approval of Metro Parks staff and compliance with all applicable standards and policies. The completed facility will be donated at no cost to Metro Parks.

Upon motion of Mr. Haynes, seconded by Ms. Scott Barnes, the board granted approval to the Nashville Parks Foundation to raise funds for the development of three (3) five-a-side soccer fields in Coleman Park.

IX. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

**MR. RIDLEY WILLS, REPRESENTING THE FRIENDS OF AAITTIFAMA
ARCHEOLOGICAL PARK PRESENTS ANNUAL UPDATE TO THE BOARD**

Mr. Wills began by thanking Metro Parks' employees, Mr. Tim Netsch and Ms. Amrita Chatterjee, for their assistance with the Master Plan and the LPRF grant compliance. He stated that Hodgson and Douglas Landscape Architects are preparing the long-term Master Plan and the LPRF grant will build it. Friends of Aaittifama are funding the design, permitting, etc. and at the completion of this project, there should be \$200,000 in the bank to assist with maintenance of park. Currently 95% through the construction document and stormwater permitting is currently with TDEC. Should be going to Codes this week (September 2).

The initial phase will consist of:

- Pull in from Old Hickory Boulevard
- Building entrance plaza walkway
- Signage (will be maintenance free)
- Part palisade wall

No history from people who disappeared in 1450 and although they were here for thousands of years, they did not leave their stories to be told. Friends of Aaittifama are trying to save this last remaining village in Davidson County. Building the palisade wall, which is a fortification made of wood and located 12 feet north from where the original palisade wall was located, with 6-inch core 10 steel posts and at the 13-foot mark and up on the posts everything above will be painted yellow ochre or be lighted going up each foot. Building off and north of the exact location of the wall so as not to disturb all the archeological knowledge which is based south of the original wall and to preserve what is left. At night all poles above 13 feet will light up and resemble a streak of light. This method is to make an artist's image of what was here and hoping that people driving by will wonder what it is and research it.

Ms. Hughes, board member, asked Mr. Wills how they knew when in that 6 month period of 1420 the wall was built? He responded that you cannot tell from the type wood that was taken from the older posts; however, you can tell within 6 months when the post hole was dug because of the seeds from the squash and beans workers spit into the post hole.

This project is scheduled to begin Spring 2020 and hopefully completed in Fall 2020.

X. CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE – Tim Netsch

- **Centennial Master Plan Phase Two Great Lawn** – small crews working on identifying underground utilities.
- **Jefferson Street** – Construction by MDHA begins this month.
- **Shelby Bottoms – Cornelia Fort Playground** – Construction should be completed this month.

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XI. UPCOMING SPECIAL ACTIVITIES/EVENTS – Jackie Jones

This month there are 20 walks/runs, 14 festivals and 9 weddings.

September 5	5:30 - 9:00 pm	Hummingbird Happy Hour Warner Park Nature Center
September 7–October 19 (Friday & Saturday)		Musician’s Corner Centennial Park
September 19, 20, 21		African Street Festival Hadley Park
September 22	1:00 – 4:00 pm	Learn to Ride a Bike Class Cornelia Fort

XII. DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Ms. Odom introduced Ms. Adrean Gregory, Facility Coordinator, at Hartman Regional Center. Ms. Gregory welcomed everyone to the center and stated that she has been working with Metro Parks for 22 years.

Ms. Gregory said that on Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays she works with senior programming. They have a line dancing group that has been in existence for 18 years and still growing strong. There are 80 participants at Hadley and 40 at Hartman. Out of this line dancing class a group was established that go out into the community and perform an average of 13-14 free performances annually. There is also a large population of seniors who gather and walk each morning on the adjacent greenway.

The Summer Program averages 130 youth and a showcase is presented at the end of the Summer. It is mandatory that all participate by singing, dancing, playing music, etc. If one participant doesn’t participate it will cause a domino effect so all participants have to be involved. This program and the showcase help to develop self-esteem, learn a skill and promote participation.

Mr. Contee Harris oversees the swimming pool and has a traveling swim team in which the majority of his youth swimmers receive scholarships.

The After-school Program involves Robert E. Lillard Elementary, Haynes Middle School, and Whites Creek High School. All three of these schools are priority schools and Hartman staff volunteer during their breaks at least once a week at one of the schools. (Purpose Prep students arrive at 4:30 pm). NAZA program with Haynes Middle School in the afternoon is right at 30 youth; however, only approved for 15 and Robert E. Lillard has about 45 attendees. Staff makes sure all youth also participate in sports activities.

Ms. Odom expressed her appreciation for facility managers like Ms. Gregory who are so committed to the community, center participants and promote activities that generate attendance.

XIII. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

Ms. Odom reported:

- The ribbon cutting for Red Caboose Playground was held Saturday, August 17 with a great turnout.
- 100th birthday celebration for Ms. Lillie Bolton was held on Friday, August 16 at Elizabeth Senior Center.
- The Woman's Equality Day event was held on Saturday, August 24 in Centennial Park.
- Special Olympic Golf Tournament was held at Two Rivers Golf Course and raised \$12,000.
- A wheel chair adaptive open hockey session was held at the Centennial Sportsplex.
- Chew Crew will return to Fort Negley to assist with landscape maintenance.
- Wave Pool and Cumberland Spray Park closed for the season Monday, September 2nd.
- Bridge in Shelby Park at Davidson Street is beyond repair and currently working on a new design.
- Improvements to Elmington Park Tennis Courts will be delayed until Spring.

Ms. Odom thanked all board members and staff who participated in the first of many site visit tours to be held for the board. She was happy to feature staff, programming, and services of our department.

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

Naming of the Jefferson Street Pocket Park will be included on the October Parks Board Agenda.

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

Monique N. Odom, Director

Dr. Michelle Steele, Chairperson