

METROPOLITAN BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

October 1, 2019

A meeting of the Board of Parks and Recreation of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee was held on Tuesday, October 1, 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, Ms. Tari Hughes, and Mr. George Anderson. Mr. Stan Fossick, Mr. Jeff Haynes 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 SEPTEMBER 3, 2019 APPROVED

Upon motion of Ms. Scott Barnes, seconded by Ms. Hughes, the Board approved the minutes of the board meeting held Tuesday, September 3, 2019 as presented.

V. METRO COUNCIL REFERRALS

Ms. Odom acknowledged former Councilmember Bill Pridemore of District 9 and Mr. Pridemore introduced Ms. Tonya Hancock, newly elected councilmember representing District 9 to the board.

VI. OLD BUSINESS - none

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

10-19-01

BOARD APPROVES OCTOBER 2019 CONSENT AGENDA

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

AMPLIFICATION APPROVAL

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| • Immanuel Nashville Church-picnic | Richland Park | Sun., Oct. 6, 2019 |
| • Fort Nashborough Chapter DAR | Buchanan Station Cemetery | Fri., Oct. 11, 2019 |
| • Kirat Cultural Society of Tennessee, Inc. | Cane Ridge Picnic Shelters 2 & 3-picnic | Sun., Oct. 13, 2019 |
| • Breonna Ford – picnic | Hadley Park Picnic Shelter 2 | Sun., Oct. 13, 2019 |
| • Pleasant Green Baptist Church | Watkins Park Picnic Shelter | Sun., Oct. 13, 2019 |
| • Music City Inc.- Induction Ceremony | Walk of Fame Park | Tues., Oct. 22, 2019 |
| • Bellevue Middle School Prep Rock Band | Bellevue Park stage area -concert | Thurs., Oct. 24, 2019 |
| • Shed Fitness East Nashville | Shelby Park/Cornelia Fort Airpark | Sun., Oct. 27, 2019 |
| • The Rising Church-picnic | Two Rivers Park Picnic Shelter 2 | Sun., Oct. 27, 2019 |
| • Friends of Mill Ridge Park – Fall Fest | Mill Ridge Park | Sat., Nov. 2, 2019 |

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AMPLIFICATION APPROVAL (con't.)

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| • TVA – Award Ceremony | East Park | Wed., Nov. 6, 2019 |
| • Grow Enrichment-Permaculture Action Day | Two Rivers Park | Mon., Nov. 11, 2019 |
| • March for Moms | Shelby Park | Sun., May 3, 2020 |
| • MASNA – picnic | Centennial Park Event Shelter | Mon., May 25, 2020 |
| • Kishanna Hawthorne-picnic | Two Rivers Park Picnic Shelter 3 | Sat., June 13, 2020 |
| • MASNA – picnic | Centennial Park Event Shelter | Sat., July 4, 2020 |
| • Christopher Brown-picnic | Seven Oaks Park Picnic Shelter 1 | Sat., July 18, 2020 |
| • MASNA – picnic | Centennial Park Event Shelter | Mon., Sept. 7, 2020 |

FUNDRAISING APPROVAL

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| • Nashville City Cemetery Association | City Cemetery-Living History Tour | Sat., Oct. 12, 2019 |
| • Rho Psi Alumni - cookout | Hadley Park Bandshell | Fri., Oct. 18, 2019 |
| • American Legion Post 5-shred event | Elmington Park | Sat., Oct. 19, 2019 |

ALCOHOL APPROVAL

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| • Hilton Nashville Downtown | Walk of Fame Park-employee picnic | Sat., Oct. 26, 2019 |
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AMPLIFICATION AND FUNDRAISING APPROVAL

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| • Leukemia/Lymphoma Society-Nashville | Cumberland Park-walk/race | Fri., Nov. 1, 2019 |
| • NeedLink Nashville-walk | East Bank Landing Oval Lawn | Sat., Dec. 7, 2019 |
| • National MPS Society | Shelby Park-picnic & walk/race | Sat., July 18, 2020 |
| • Music City Douglas-fun run | Shelby Park/Riverview Shelter | Sat., Sept. 26, 2020 |

AMPLIFICATION AND ALCOHOL APPROVAL

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| • CSM Production (Nascar) Fan Fest | Riverfront Park/Court of Flags area | Dec. 3, 4, & 5, 2019 |
| • American Artisan Festival | Centennial Park | June 19, 20, & 21, 2020 |
| • Centennial Park Conservancy | Centennial Park Musicians Corner area | June 19 & 20, 2020 |
| • Nashville Bar Association-picnic | Walk of Fame Park | Thurs., Sept. 24, 2020 |

AMPLIFICATION, ALCOHOL, AND FUNDRAISING APPROVAL

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| • Community Options, Inc. – Cupids Chase | Shelby Park/Riverview Shelter | Sat., Feb. 8, 2019 |
| • Pourtaste – Nashville Cocktail Festival | Centennial Event Shelter | Sat., April 25, 2020 |

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

10-19-02

**BOARD DEFERS STAFF REQUEST TO NAME THE PROPOSED PARK LOCATED
AT 1606 JEFFERSON STREET, KOSSIE GARDNER, SR. PARK,
TO THE NAMING COMMITTEE OF THE PARKS BOARD**

Ms. Keisha Gardner Beard, granddaughter of Kossie Gardner, Sr. was in attendance to present an informative account of Mr. Gardner's life and career to the board. Therefore, as per the naming policy of the board, this request was deferred to the naming committee of board to be heard at their November meeting.

10-19-03

**BOARD ACCEPTS DONATION OF A MEMORIAL SIGN TO BE PLACED
AT THE NEELY'S BEND BOAT RAMP IN PEELER PARK
IN HONOR OF OFFICER ERIC MUMAW**

Former 9th District Councilmember Bill Pridemore was present to request the board to accept a donation of a memorial sign, valued at \$1,261.79, in honor of Officer Eric Mumaw to be placed near the Neely's Bend Boat Ramp in Peeler Park.

Upon motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Ms. Scott-Brown, the board accepted the donation of a memorial sign valued at \$1,261.79 to be placed near the Neely's Bend Boat Ramp in Peeler Park in honor of the supreme sacrifice of Metro Police Officer Eric Mumaw. Officer Mumaw lost his life by drowning trying to save a suicidal person at this boat ramp. It is to be noted that JarviSigns is donating this sign including installation with no specific terms for the donation and no match or obligation from the Metropolitan Government or Metro Parks.

10-19-04

**BOARD GRANTS APPROVAL TO THE NASHVILLE PREDATORS TO ADD
WINDOWS ON THE WALL OF THE PREDATORS FACILITY
LOCATED AT THE CENTENNIAL SPORTSPLEX**

Correspondence received from Mr. Nat Harden, representing the Nashville Predators requesting board approval to add 4 windows on the east wall of the Nashville Predators facility located at the Centennial Sportsplex was presented to the board for approval.

Upon motion of Ms. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Anderson, the board approved request to add four (4) outside windows on the east wall of the Nashville Predators Training Facility located at the Centennial Sportsplex at no cost or obligation to Metro Parks or the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

10-19-05

**BOARD GRANTS APPROVAL TO THE NASHVILLE FOOD PROJECT
TO INCREASE TOTAL ACREAGE TO THREE ACRES AT THE COMMUNITY FARM
IN MILL RIDGE PARK**

Ms. Lauren Bailey, representing The Nashville Food Project, was present to request board approval to increase total acreage to three acres at the Community Farm in Mill Ridge Park and add a driveway and parking.

Upon motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Ms. Scott-Barnes the board granted permission to The Nashville Food Project to increase the total acreage to three (3) acres in Mill Ridge Park in order to build out programming. Permission was also granted to add an access point, small shed, driveway and parking at this location as well. All plans and structures have been reviewed and approved by the appropriate Parks' staff. It is the understanding that The Nashville Food Project is responsible for all changes, additions, etc. at no cost or obligation to Metro Parks or the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County.

10-19-06

**BOARD GRANTS PERMISSION TO THE NASHVILLE FOOD PROJECT TO APPLY
FOR A USDA NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE'S
COMMUNITY FOOD PROJECTS COMPETITIVE GRANT**

Ms. Tallu Schuyler Quinn, CEO of The Nashville Food Project, was present to request board approval to apply for a USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture's Community Food Projects Competitive Grant and, if approved, funding is to be used primarily on purchasing equipment and operation of their programs in Mill Ridge Park.

Upon motion of Ms. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Anderson, the board granted permission to The Nashville Food Project to apply for a USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture's Community Food Projects Competitive Grant and if approved, funding is to be used primarily on purchasing equipment and operation of their programs in Mill Ridge Park. Funding not to exceed \$400,000 is available for up to four years beginning September 2020. If awarded, The Nashville Food Project will request funding for the following, several of which will be permanently installed at Mill Ridge Park, including the Moore Farm:

- Electricity installation
- Irrigation and water installation, including a hydrant
- Fencing
- 8 x 10 cool bot for on-site cold food storage
- Greenhouse and hoop houses
- Small pavilion with tool storage and wash station
- Renovations to existing Moore farmhouse on property
- Natural play space

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

10-19-06 (con't.)

BOARD GRANTS PERMISSION TO THE NASHVILLE FOOD PROJECT TO APPLY FOR A USDA NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE'S COMMUNITY FOOD PROJECTS COMPETITIVE GRANT

It is to be noted that a dollar-for-dollar match is required for this grant and The Nashville Food Project's partner, Friends of Mill Ridge Park, will match requirements through staffing and supplies budget for this project. Also, no cost or obligation from Metro Parks or the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County is required

10-19-07

BOARD ACCEPTS AN INKIND GIFT FROM THE FRIENDS OF WARNER PARKS IN THE AMOUNT OF APPROXIMATELY \$25,000 FOR IMPROVEMENTS AT THE PERCY WARNER GOLF COURSE

Ms. Jenny Hannon, Executive Director of The Friends of Warner Parks, was present to request the board to accept an inkind gift of approximately \$25,000 for the following improvements, Sand Bin and Port o-let fields blinds, at the Percy Warner Golf Course.

Upon motion of Ms. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Anderson, the board accepted an in-kind donation valued at approximately \$25,000 for the following improvements, sand bin and Port-o-let field blinds at the Percy Warner Golf Course. Please note that this donation requires no required match and/or any other obligation from Metro Parks or the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County.

10-19-08

BOARD GRANTS APPROVAL TO ADOPT THE CHILD AND ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM FOR METRO PARKS' AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Upon motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Ms. Hughes the board granted approval to request of Metro Parks staff to adopt the Child and Adult Care Food Program to be offered in six (6) of Metro Parks' after school programs. This program provides consistent nutritious meals and snacks for children attending after school programming that contributes to their wellness, healthy growth and development.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

10-19-09

**BOARD GRANTS APPROVAL TO AMEND A PREVIOUSLY APPROVED
AMENDMENT TO THE GREENWAYS CONSERVATION EASEMENT
FROM RYMAN HOSPITALITY FOR THE OPRY MILLS GREENWAY CONNECTOR**

Upon motion of Ms. Scott-Barnes, seconded by Ms. Hughes, the board granted approval to staff request to further amend a previously approved amendment to the Greenways Conservation Easement from Ryman Hospitality for the Opry Mills Greenway Connector, to include an additional 20' x 550' in order to continue the greenway trail further to the north, terminating at a new trailhead.

IX. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

**DR. SHARI BARKIN PRESENTS ANNUAL UPDATE ON THE
NASHVILLE COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN
MONROE CARELL JR CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL AT VANDERBILT
AND METRO PARKS TO THE BOARD**

Dr. Shari Barkin began her presentation by thanking Metro Parks for partnering with the Monroe Carell Jr Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt and the Division of General Pediatrics. She stated that in 2008 the Nashville Collaborative was launched and since that time 11 programs have been developed and tested regarding childhood obesity. All programs were developed to reduce childhood obesity and improve both parent and child health outcomes while reducing health disparities. Over 10,000 families in Metro Parks Recreation Centers have been influenced during the past 11 years as the Nashville Collaborative is guided by a community advisory board representing 15 community organizations.

Highlights of the Nashville Collaborative:

- One of the few programs that has shown a reduction in early childhood obesity.
- Brings families into the recreation centers, building sustained patrons who continue to utilize the programs.
- Demonstrates that after-school programs yield more physical activity than normal after school childcare. The gender gap between male and female physical activity is reduced because of beginning physical activity earlier.
- The Teaching Kitchen Outreach (TKO) is the 11th of the 11 programs and led by Metro Parks, created as a partnership between Parks and the Collaborative. This program expanded from 2 to 20 programs in 6 weeks reaching 700 children and is a hands-on program for ages 5 – 15 building happy cooking and eating habits.
- There was a 74% improvement in average cooking self-efficacy, 30% improvement in average cooking attitude and 23% improvement in average fruit and vegetable preference among the participants. The more TKO sessions a child participated in, the better the outcome. In addition to the overall report, center specific feedback was presented to each center as well.

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AND METRO PARKS TO THE BOARD (con't.)**

Up next is to build a bridge between Metro Parks and Head Start Programs by teaching through TKO as 35% of families experience food insecurity at some point. The Nashville Collaborative is a semi-finalist with the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation as they are interested in ideas to continue to build bridges within communities.

**THE FRIENDS OF METRO PARKS disABILITIES AND MAGIC PROGRAMS
PRESENT ANNUAL UPDATE TO THE BOARD**

Ms. Janet Carpenter, representing the Friends of Metro Parks disABILITIES and Magic Program, presented the annual update to the board.

Mission of the Friends of Metro Parks disABILITIES and Magic Program: It is the mission of the Metro Parks disABILITIES Programs to provide every citizen of Nashville and Davidson County with intellectual and Developmental disABILITIES with an equal opportunity for safe recreational and cultural activities through a variety of age and ability appropriate programs and activities that highlight the ABILITIES of all participants.

DAY PROGRAMS:

- There are 4 day programs with 78 participants.
- Metro Parks has 2 full time staff and 4 part time staff.
- There are 161 individuals on the waiting list to attend these programs.
- There is a participant donation of \$75.00 per session.

SPORTS LEAGUES PARTICIPATION:

- 96 participants in Tuesday bowling and 53 participants in Wednesday bowling.
- 41 athletes with 11 partners participate in flag football on Friday and Saturday.
- 41 athletes with 16 partners participate in soccer on Friday and Saturday.
- 63 athletes with 17 partners participate in basketball on Friday and Saturday.
- 52 athletes participate in bocce on Friday.
- 16 athletes with 12 partners participate in floor hockey on Saturday.
- 18 athletes with 10 partners participate in volleyball on Saturday.
- Softball will be available to participants Spring 2020.
- 600+ Volunteer hours were accrued.

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**THE FRIENDS OF METRO PARKS disABILITIES AND MAGIC PROGRAMS
PRESENT ANNUAL UPDATE TO THE BOARD (con't.)**

ART PROGRAMS: There are six 6-week sessions with 14 participants. Participant's artwork was displayed at the Frist Center this year.

COMMUNITY DAY PARTICIPATION: There is an average of 115 individuals who participant in 2 monthly events.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS PARTICIPATION: There is an average of 55 participants with 12 coaches and volunteers who participate in Special Olympics.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS PARTICIPATION:

- Best Buddies – monthly activities with 62 participants
- Cheerleading – six activities per year with 20 participants
- Performances – three performances per year with 35 participants

Ms. Carpenter invited all the board members to **“A Magical Night”** an annual fundraiser where the disABILITIES participants perform magic and provide other entertainment. This event will be held on Saturday, November 23 at 5:00 pm on the campus of Father Ryan High School at 700 Norwood Drive. There will be an array of heavy appetizers beginning at 5:00 followed by a silent auction and performance.

THE FRIENDS OF METRO DANCE PRESENT ANNUAL UPDATE TO THE BOARD

Ms. Janis Turner, President of Friends of Metro Dance presented the annual update to the board.

Mission of the Friends of Metro Dance: To enhance, enrich and encourage the support of the Metro Parks Dance programs through funding and volunteerism.

Enhance the art of dance in the Metro community. **Enrich** the programs of the Metro Parks Dance Division; and **Encourage** the growth of dancers of all ages and abilities

Board of Directors - The board is comprised of 15 members and made up of parents of dancers, adult dancers, and those who work in the dance profession – all volunteers:

Janis Turner, President
Katrina Norris, Secretary
Kenya Nelson Stevens, Treasurer
Cynthia Balfour
Amanda Cantrell Roche
Allyson Edwards

Laurie Ford
Emily Masters
Jeana Mauch
Amy Seigenthaler
Lynn Sherman
Nae Soundara

Kaela Victor
Brent Wiebe
Kathryn Wilkening, *Ex Officio*

IX. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

THE FRIENDS OF METRO DANCE PRESENT ANNUAL UPDATE TO THE BOARD

This year, Friends of Metro Dance have been working on aligning their committees to a strategic plan. Current committees include:

- Volunteer and Ticketing; Fundraising (Membership/Donations/Sponsors)
- Community Outreach and Grant Funding
- Finance and Legal; and Promotions (Social Media, website and newsletter)

Metro Parks Dance Division offers 73 classes each week for students from age 1.5 years to seniors at the Centennial Performing Arts Studios (CPAS) as well as Sevier, McCabe, Coleman and Hadley Community Centers. Dance is taught from the beginning to professional level. It is the goal of Friends of Metro Dance to support the dance classes taught by Metro Dance and to advocate for increasing the availability of dance to the public.

- Last year, Friends of Metro Dance supported Artist in residence, Windship Boyd, and dancers from her project, Papalagui Exposed, as she workshopped and then performed parts of the piece with adults at Hartman and Hadley and children at McCabe Community Centers in the Fall and Spring.

Dancing with Parkinson's Class held at Sevier Park Recreation Center on a weekly basis.

- Special Events – Friends of Metro Dance partnered with Duncan Dance Project and the Centennial Park Conservancy for a second Isadora Duncan event performed at the Parthenon with the Portara Vocal Ensemble, March 27-29, 2020

Centennial Youth Ballet Summer Intensive - Providing High-Quality, Pre-Professional Level Ballet Training to Dancers 12-18 Years

- Friends of Metro Dance works with the Metro Parks Dance Division to provide access to high-quality classical ballet training to 25-40 students every summer who want to commit to and benefit from the rigor of more intensive training regardless of the ability to pay.
- Friends of Metro Dance bring nationally-renowned teaching artists from places like New York, Atlanta, Australia and Romania to share their wide breadth of experience and expertise with the students. The students learn a range of ballet styles and repertory including classical, neo-classical, and contemporary along with character and pantomime, and get experience and guidance in composition and choreography to begin developing their own voices as artists.

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THE FRIENDS OF METRO DANCE PRESENT ANNUAL UPDATE TO THE BOARD

Friends of Metro Dance also bring in many talented local teaching artists for classes in classic modern dance such as Limon, Horton, Graham or Duncan, Afro-Caribbean, hip-hop/house, international folk dance, Pilates, and somatic work.

- The intensive ends in a studio performance for friends and family.

Injury Prevention Workshops & Physical Therapy Consultations – Supporting Strong and Healthy Dancers

- Through a partnership with P3: Precision, Physical Therapy & Pilates, important information on nutrition and injury prevention was shared to ensure students gain the knowledge they need to keep their bodies healthy, strong and full of energy through more intensive training and how to interpret signs of fatigue, stress, or injury.
- Partnering with Elizabeth Harrison, RPT from Susan Underwood Physical Therapy to provide free physical therapy consultations to students.

Strengthen Social Connections and Acknowledge Achievement

- To foster community and to publicly acknowledge the years of effort and dedication of the senior dancers have made, Friends of Metro Dance commissioned a new jewelry piece, dancer's wings imprinted with lace from Mini-Nutcracker costumes, by Tony Perrin. The first sets of wings were awarded this past Spring to six senior dancers.
- A year-end Centennial Youth Ballet sleepover was held at Sevier Park.

Produce Centennial Youth Ballet Performances: The Mini-Nutcracker is held at Harpeth Hall and the Annual Spring Dance Concert at Looby Theater.

- Purchase costumes and supplies, set pieces, and props
- Hire technical director, costume designer, guest choreographers and performers
- Provide volunteer support sewing costumes, working backstage, baking cookies to sell in the lobby, ushering, selling tickets, flowers, and merchandise

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THE FRIENDS OF METRO DANCE PRESENT ANNUAL UPDATE TO THE BOARD

FUNDRAISING:

Membership Drive's focus for this year is to increase family and community involvement in Friends of Metro Dance, open to all, but with focus on our dance families for this fall. Membership benefits include:

- Membership Launch Party on Sunday, October 20th, 2 to 4 pm, with fun and informative sessions for youngest dancers to dance parents.
- Invitation to a Backstage Event with OZ this winter
- Isadora Duncan event in March

DONATIONS:

- Continue to ask for donations at both our Mini-Nutcracker and Spring Concert, as well as year-round.
- Incentives to join and get the early bird code for Mini-Nutcracker tickets
- 3300 attendees at Harpeth Hall's theater for the Mini-Nutcracker and over 500 attendees at the Looby Theater.
- Participation in the Big Payback in May where those donations are specifically directed to the Performance Pointe Shoe Fund
- Partnered with Kendra Scott for a percentage of the profits at a shopping fundraiser event

SPONSORSHIPS:

Friends of Metro Dance are continuing to grow the sponsorships for the Mini-Nutcracker and the Spring Concert, with the add-on for our Summer Intensive this year.

PROMOTIONS:

Friends of Metro Dance are working to increase community awareness of their non-profit and the work they do.

- Restarted quarterly newsletter with an electronic version published to all Metro Dance families and interested community members
- New promotional products:
 1. Mini-Nutcracker Let's Get Crackin' t-shirt for sale to the community
 2. Special t-shirt given to all dancers and instructors for the Summer Intensive
- Purchasing advertising in select markets to increase donations and attendance for Friends of Metro Dance supported programs
- Planning to place more emphasis on social media output
- Updating website to align with Strategic Plan and ease of viewing

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THE FRIENDS OF METRO DANCE PRESENT ANNUAL UPDATE TO THE BOARD

FUTURE PLANS:

- Aligning work and progress to the Strategic Plan developed summer and fall of this year.
- Continue to grow membership and impact on the community
- Increasing fundraising efforts for donations and sponsorships
- Setting sights on grants to support specific program
- Develop additional partnerships within the community
- Expand marketing performance through increased social media presence
- Partner with Parks on the development of a new cultural arts building as part of the Centennial Park Master Plan

X. CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE – Tim Netsch

- **Hadley Park Pavilion** – construction bids came in significantly over budget and will now rebid
- **Jefferson Street** – funded by MDHA and they will manage construction. Currently wrapping up permitting and hope to break ground soon.
- **Orchard Bend Swings and Pavilion** – Construction underway, should be complete Fall/Winter 2019.
- **Smith Springs Swings and Pavilion** – Construction underway, should be complete Fall/Winter 2019.
- **Shelby Bottoms – Cornelia Fort Playground** – Construction is substantially complete. Friends of Shelby Park assisted with funding.

XI. UPCOMING SPECIAL ACTIVITIES/EVENTS – Jackie Jones

The following event series end in October: Full Moon Pickin' Party, 12 South Farmers Market, Azafran Farmers Market, Food Truck Lunch in the Park, Brown Bag Lunch Concerts, and Jazz on the Cumberland.

October 3	6:00 - 11:00 pm	Dinner by the Bridge
October 5	10:00 am – 6:00 pm	Celebrate Nashville

XII. DEPARTMENT UPDATES – No department updates

XIII. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

Ms. Odom reported:

- Mr. William Sawyer, the hiker lost in and around Beaman Park for two nights, was found in good condition. Thank you to staff, Metro Police and the 100's of volunteers who assisted with the search. Special thanks to Bill Troup who assisted with mapping of trails and Chris Guerin who stayed for 2 nights in the park.
- A Celebration of Life Service is scheduled for Mr. George Carpenter on Sunday, October 13 at 9:30 am at the Shelby Golf Course. Mr. Carpenter was murdered as he was leaving work at the golf course on Sunday, September 15th. Thank you to the Metro Police Department for the support of our employees and leadership in the ongoing investigation.
- A group of Metro Parks employees recently attended the National Recreation and Parks Association conference held in Baltimore, Maryland. This national conference will be held in Nashville in 2021.
- Celebrate Nashville will be held Saturday, October 5th, please attend if you are able.
- Date of the ribbon cutting for Frankie Pierce Park is pending, date will be sent to you upon confirmation.
- Recreation Center staff have been in preliminary discussions with the Metro Police Department about partnering with school resource officers to come into our centers and interact with the children and other park users during school breaks.
- Currently there is an Op Ed on the *Tennessean's* website written by Parks Board member, Jeff Haynes, about Metro Parks. After a tour of park facilities a few weeks ago, Mr. Haynes was inspired to talk about what he saw and the needs of Metro Parks.

XIV. ANNOUNCEMENTS/ REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/OPEN ITEMS – there were none

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

Monique N. Odom, Director

Dr. Michelle Steele, Chairperson