

# **METROPOLITAN BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION**

## **MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING**

**November 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, November 5, 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. 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. Wayne Evans in Mr. John Holmes absence, 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 OCTOBER 1, 2019 APPROVED**

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Ms. Hughes, the Board approved the minutes of the board meeting held Tuesday, October 1, 2019 as presented.

#### **V. METRO COUNCIL REFERRALS**

Ms. Odom acknowledged District 11 Councilmember Larry Hagar, chair of the Parks and Library Committee of the Metro Council and District 9 Councilmember Tonya Hancock, co-chair of the Parks and Library Committee of the Metro Council.

Ms. Sharon Hurt, Councilmember at Large, was present to express her appreciation to the board for recognizing Mr. Kossie Gardner, Sr. by naming the park located at 1606 Jefferson Street for him and naming of the park at Capital View, 130 Lifeway Plaza, for Juno Frankie Seay Pierce, a Leader in Civic and Religious Organizations and one of the five suffrage leaders depicted on the Tennessee Woman Suffrage Monument in Centennial Park.

#### **VI. OLD BUSINESS**

**10-19-02**

### **BOARD GRANTS APPROVAL TO NAME SITE CURRENTLY REFERRED TO AS JEFFERSON STREET PARK LOCATED AT 1606 JEFFERSON STREET KOSSIE GARDNER, SR. PARK**

As per recommendation of the Naming Committee, upon motion of Mr. Haynes and seconded by Ms. Hughes, the board approved staff request to adopt the name Kossie Gardner, Sr. Park for the site currently referred to as Jefferson Street Park located at 1606 Jefferson Street.

**VI. OLD BUSINESS**

**10-19-02 (con't.)**

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JEFFERSON STREET PARK LOCATED AT 1606 JEFFERSON STREET  
KOSSIE GARDNER, SR. PARK**

Mr. Gardner was born as Carthegearius Cosby in Pulaski, Tennessee and indentured as a baby as an apprentice of farmer Daniel Gardner, from whom he took his name. He was a farmer and a Pullman Porter before becoming an undertaker.

Mr. Gardner was a prominent businessman and funeral director for many years beginning in a small rented room at the old colored YMCA. He operated schools of trade for veterans, had an 80-acre dairy farm, a construction company, was instrumental in the formation of the Gold Coast subdivision, developed Hills of Calvary Cemetery in 1958 and the black Masonic building on Fourth Avenue and hosted a live religious radio program from his funeral home for 14 years.

Mer. Gardner moved his funeral business, K. Gardner Funeral Home, to 1511 Jefferson Street in 1925 and operated at that location for 64 years. K. Gardner and Company was the first undertaking firm to put a motorized ambulance on Nashville streets.

**VII. CONSENT AGENDA**

**11-19-01**

**BOARD APPROVES NOVEMBER 2019 CONSENT AGENDA**

Dr. Steele motioned to suspend rules to include a late consent item, Ms. Hughes motioned to accept Dr. Steele's request; Mr. Fossick seconded the motion and the board approved the request. Therefore, upon motion of Ms. Scott-Barnes, seconded by Mr. Fossick, the board approved the November 2019 consent agenda as presented with the late amplification request submitted by Coast to Coast Permits.

**AMPLIFICATION APPROVAL**

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| • Gate Communications-DC PumpkinFest Centennial Park Event Shelter | Sat., Nov. 16, 2019        |
| • <b>Coast to Coast Permits – concert</b>                          | <b>Fri., Nov. 22, 2019</b> |
| • Lockeland Elementary School - 5k                                 | Sat., Nov. 23, 2019        |
| • TouchPoint Support Services-picnic                               | Sat., Nov. 23, 2019        |
| • All Community Events – Fun Run                                   | Thurs., Nov. 28, 2019      |
| • Sidewalk Prophets- family reunion                                | Sat., March 21, 2020       |
| • Water Lantern Festival   | Sat., May 9, 2020          |
| • Jeanelle Reeves – wedding  | Sat., May 23, 2020         |
| • Lamiesha Spruill - picnic  | Sun., Aug. 9, 2020         |
| • Team Magic, Inc.- triathlon                                      | Sun., Aug. 30, 2020        |
| • Evans Family Reunion   | Sat., Sept. 5, 2020        |
| • <b>Walk of Fame Park</b>   |                            |
| • Cornelia Fort Airpark  |                            |
| • Centennial Park Event Shelter                                    |                            |
| • Two Rivers Park  |                            |
| • Centennial Park Event Shelter                                    |                            |
| • Centennial Park Lake Watauga                                     |                            |
| • Richland Park  |                            |
| • Fannie Mae Dees Picnic Shelter 1                                 |                            |
| • Centennial Park Ellipse  |                            |
| • Centennial Park Event Shelter                                    |                            |

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**FUNDRAISING APPROVAL**

- SORBA-Watkins - Pumptrack kickoff      Watkins Park      Sat., Nov. 9, 2019
- Bellevue Community Fund-bb tourney      Bellevue Regional Center      Dec. 5-7, 2019

**ALCOHOL APPROVAL**

- TN Chapter of FBINAA      Walk of Fame Park-Presidents Reception Mon., Aug. 20, 2020

**AMPLIFICATION AND FUNDRAISING APPROVAL**

- Nat'l. Eating Disorders Association-walk      Centennial Park      Sat., April 4, 2020
- The Marfan Foundation-picnic/walk      Centennial Park Event Shelter      Sun., April 5, 2019
- Bladder Cancer Advocacy Network      Two Rivers Park-walk/run      Sat., May 30, 2020
- Nashville Pagan Pride Day, Inc.      Two Rivers Park - Festival      Sat., Oct. 20, 2020

**AMPLIFICATION AND ALCOHOL APPROVAL**

- Charlene Capita – wedding      Centennial Park Event Shelter      Sat., Dec. 7, 2019
- JoAnn Welch – wedding      Centennial Art Center      Sat., May 9, 2020
- Amanda Brahlek - wedding      Centennial Art Center      Sat., May 16, 2020
- Team Magic, Inc.-Music City Triathlon      East Bank Landing      Sat., July 25, 2020

**AMPLIFICATION, ALCOHOL, AND FUNDRAISING APPROVAL**

- Friends of Sevier Park-festival      Sevier Park      May 1 & 2, 2020
- Volunteer State Horsemen's Foundation      Warner Park Steeplechase area      Sat., May 9, 2020
- Nashville Humane Association      Shelby Park Event Field-Mutt Strutt      Sun., May 17, 2020
- Heartstrings LLC - Crawfish Bash      East Park      Sat., May 23, 2020
- Good Neighbor Festivals/Nashville Pride      Public Square Park      June 27 & 28,2020
- Nashville Humane Association      Centennial Park – Dog Day Festival      Sat., Sept. 12, 2020
- The Sing Me a Story Foundation      Shelby Walk/Cornelia Fort-bbq/music      Sat., Sept. 19, 2020
- Centennial Park Conservancy      Centennial Park Front Lawn-craft fair      Oct. 17 & 18, 2020

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

**11-19-02**

**BOARD GRANTS APPROVAL OF THE THIRD AMENDMENT TO THE LEASE  
BETWEEN METRO PARKS AND BELMONT UNIVERSITY  
REMOVING THE INDOOR BATTING AND LOCKER/TRAINING FACILITY  
FROM THE ROSE PARK PROPERTY**

Upon motion of Ms. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Fossick, the board approved the third amendment to the lease between Metro Parks and Belmont University to remove the indoor batting and locker/training facility from the Rose Park property. This amendment removes the section from the lease which granted approval to Belmont University to build an indoor batting and locker/training facility from Metro Parks property. This facility will now be built by Belmont University on Metro Nashville Public Schools property at Rose Park Middle School.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT BOARD MEMBER SHARON GENTRY VOTED IN OPPOSITION TO THIS REQUEST.**

**11-19-03**

**BOARD APPROVES THE JUNIOR GRIZZLIES AGREEMENT BETWEEN METRO  
PARKS AND MEMPHIS BASKETBALL TO OPERATE YOUTH BASKETBALL  
LEAGUES IN COMMUNITY CENTERS**

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Ms. Hughes, the board approved the Junior Grizzlies Agreement between Metro Parks and Memphis Basketball, authorizing Metro Parks to operate a youth basketball league. This agreement supports and promotes youth basketball programming in Metro Parks. Memphis Basketball and Metro Parks have been working together in this capacity for 11 years.

**IX. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS**

Mr. Wayne Evans, representing the Revenue Producing Division, introduced Mr. Wood Newton to the board. Mr. Newton is constructing a bench to honor the memory of Mr. George Carpenter, the Shelby Golf Course employee who was murdered as he left work in September. This bench, 51 inches wide, is to be placed on the porch of the Shelby Golf Course Clubhouse and will have the following inscription:

*George D. Carpenter  
Aug 5 1948 – Sep 15 2019  
He loved walking these hills*

The board expressed their gratitude to Mr. Newton for this donation.

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#### **X. CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE – Tim Netsch**

- **Trails at Beaman Park** – 10 more miles of trails are being built and when completed the current number of miles will triple.
- **Kossie Gardner, Sr. Park** – funded by MDHA and they will manage construction. Hoping to break ground soon.
- **Bellevue Community Center** – should be complete this month.
- **Frankie Pierce Park** – Construction complete and opening date to be determined.

#### **XI. UPCOMING SPECIAL ACTIVITIES/EVENTS – Jackie Jones**

Sat., Nov. 9	4:00 - 8:00 pm	McCabe Fall Festival
Fri., Nov. 15		Holiday Art Sale begins Centennial Art Center
Dec. 6-8		The Mini Nutcracker Harpeth Hall High School

Currently working to schedule the opening date of Frankie Pierce Park.

#### **XII. DEPARTMENT UPDATES - none**

#### **XIII. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR**

Ms. Odom reported:

- Thank you to all parks team members who helped make Celebrate Nashville a successful festival for the community of Nashville to embrace and learn about cultures other than our own. The festival had an estimated attendance of 50,000.
- Congratulations to Mr. Terrance Quattlebaum, Director of the Hadley Tennis Center, for being named Diversity and Inclusion Champion of the Year by the United States Tennis Association.
- The gates at the Ascend Amphitheater are now open and will remain open until April when the concert season begins. We are working with the Mayor's Office and Live Nation to make sure the pathway is minimally impacted, and the gates will be secured open, October through April. A contract is in place with Live Nation, however it is not an ideal situation to have a public greenway running thru a ticketed event venue as it creates issues. We are also working on signage referencing the gate opening.
- The Mayor's Office is working with Social Services to move the location of the warming shelter this year. Metro Parks only impact will be Parks Police providing assistance as needed, to Metro Police and/or the Sheriff's Department.

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

Ms. Odom reported:

- The annual budget process will begin earlier this year; however, at this time there are no details. Mayor Cooper will be looking at department's needs, personnel, and operations. Given Metro's fiscal position Parks may not be able to do everything in one year; hopefully within time Parks will receive improvements, particularly in the operating budget.

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

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

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**Monique N. Odom, Director**

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**Dr. Michelle Steele, Chairperson**