

# **METROPOLITAN BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION**

## **MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING**

**December 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, December 3, 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, Mr. Jeff Haynes and Dr. Sharon Gentry.

Staff present were: Ms. Chinita White, Administration and Finance; Mr. Jerry Terfinko and Mr. Jeff Chandler in Mr. Rick Taylor's absence, 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 NOVEMBER 5, 2019 APPROVED**

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Mr. Haynes, the Board approved the minutes of the board meeting held Tuesday, November 5, 2019 as presented.

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

Ms. Tonya Hancock, Councilmember representing District 9 and co-chair of the Parks and Library Committee of the Metro Council was in attendance.

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

#### **VII. CONSENT AGENDA**

**12-19-01**

### **BOARD APPROVES PERMITS FOR FACILITY USE FOR 2020**

Upon motion of Ms. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Haynes, the board approved permits for facility use for 2020 contingent upon all 2019 permit obligations being met.

**Big Willie's Action Sports** – Shelby Bottoms Boat Ramp, East Bank Park and others  
**Bike the Greenway, Inc.** – Wave Country Parking Area  
**Boys & Girls Clubs of Middle Tennessee** – Cleveland Community Center  
**Camp Grow** – Two Rivers Park  
**Leadership Academy LLC-Nature Day Camp** - Bells Bend & Beaman Parks  
**Leadership Academy LLC-Nashville Sail Camp** - Hamilton Creek Marina  
**Leadership Academy LLC-Camp Two Rivers** - Two Rivers Grow Garden Site  
**Leadership Academy LLC Warner Day Camps** – Percy and Edwin Warner Parks  
**Leadership Academy LLC Mountain Bike Camp** – Percy and Edwin Warner Parks

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**Cane Ridge Community Club**-building in Cecil Rhea Crawford Park  
**Charlotte Park Little League**-Charlotte Park ballfields  
**Crieve Hall Youth Athletic Association**- Pitts Park  
**Cumberland Kayak**-Shelby Bottoms boat ramp and East Bank Park  
**East Nashville Athletics** – 3 youth athletic fields in Shelby Park  
**GNASH** – Centennial Sportsplex Ice Rinks  
**GROW Enrichment** – Two Rivers Park  
**Joelton Community Club**-Joelton-McDowell Community Park  
**Lakewood Dixie Youth** – Lakewood Park  
**Metropolitan Action Commission**-Dudley Community Center  
**MGD Elite Hockey** – Centennial Sportsplex Ice Rinks  
**Mid State Sports Leagues** – Frederick Douglass Sports Field  
**Mid State Sports Leagues** – Two Rivers Softball Field 1 & 2  
**Music City BMX**--BMX Track-Hamilton Creek Park  
**Nashville Amateur Radio Club**-Corps of Engineers Bldg/Lock II Park  
**Nashville Aquatic Club**-Centennial Sportsplex Aquatic Center  
**Nashville Cricket** – Whites Creek Park  
**Nashville Food Project** – Mill Ridge Park  
**Nashville Junior Predators** – Centennial Sportsplex Ice Rinks  
**Nashville Old Timers Baseball Association**-Shelby Park Baseball Fields  
**Nashville Paddle Company** – Hamilton Creek Beach  
**Nashville Skating Academy** – Centennial Sportsplex Ice Rinks  
**Nashville Sports Leagues** – Paragon Mills Softball Field  
**Nashville Youth Hockey League** – Centennial Sportsplex Ice Rinks  
**Nashville Youth Soccer Association**-Heartland Park Soccer Complex  
**Old Hickory Girls Softball League** – Old Hickory Park (2 fields)  
**RBI Association**-2 youth ballfields-Seven Oaks Park  
**River Queen Voyages**- Shelby Bottoms Boat Ramp and East Bank Park  
**Sandlott Sports** – Seven Oaks Baseball field  
**Southern Off-Road Bicycle Association of Middle TN**-Mountain Bike Trails in parks  
**Stones River Woman's Club**-Two Rivers Mansion  
**Swim America** – Centennial Sportsplex Aquatic Center  
**Tennessee Soccer Club** – Harpeth River Park Soccer Complex  
**Una Recreation Center, Inc.**-youth football fields-Una Park  
**West Nashville Sports League** – baseball and softball fields - Warner Park  
**Whites Creek Community Club** – 3854 Whites Creek Pike  
**Whites Creek High School** – athletic fields at Whites Creek High School

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#### X. CONSENT AGENDA (con't.)

12-19-02

#### **BOARD APPROVES DECEMBER 2019 CONSENT AGENDA**

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

#### **AMPLIFICATION APPROVAL**

- Tracy Harris-Fort Negley Ft. Negley-artillery firing demonstration Sat., Dec. 7, 2019
- Battle of Nashville Preservation Society Ft. Negley- artillery firing demonstration Sun., Dec. 8, 2019
- MIX, Women's March, ERTN Public Square Park – Rally/Protest Sat., Dec. 14, 2019
- NRA-meetings, exhibits Outdoor Festival Walk of Fame Park April 17, 18, 19, 2020
- Competitor Group-Rock'n'Roll Marathon Shelby Park Sat., April 25, 2020
- 12 South Farmers Market LLC Sevier Park – Tuesday Farmer's Market May 5-Oct.27, 2020
- Rachael McClain – wedding Cumberland Park Sat., May 9, 2020
- Phit-n-Phat Personal Training Stones River Percy Priest Trailhead Sat., May 16, 2020
- JoAnn Williams Thompson-picnic Seven Oaks Shelter #1 Fri., July 17, 2020
- Silva Entertainment Coleman Park-back to school festival Sun., July 26, 2020
- Centennial Park Conservancy Centennial Park-Kidsville family festival Sat., Sept. 19, 2020

#### **FUNDRAISING APPROVAL**

- Handmade Nashville Bellevue Park-Arts & Crafts Show Sat., May. 9, 2020

#### **ALCOHOL APPROVAL**

- Ctr for Educational Adventure The Parthenon - Dinner Thurs., Dec., 10, 2019

#### **AMPLIFICATION AND FUNDRAISING APPROVAL**

- Nat'l. Multiple Sclerosis Society Cumberland Park-Walk MS Sun., March 29, 2020
- Nashville Children's Alliance Sevier Park-walk/race Sat., April 4, 2020
- American Academy of PA's-run/walk Shelby Park Tues., May 19, 2020
- Race Nashville-401k for Jr. Achievement Shelby Bottoms Sat., June 6, 2020
- Small World Yoga-International Day of Yoga Cumberland Park Sun., June 21, 2020
- Adult Congenital Heart Association Centennial Park Event Shelter-walk Sat., Sept. 12, 2020
- Pancreatic Cancer Action Network E. Warner Park Shelters 9, 10, 11 Sat., Oct. 3, 2020
- Tuberous Sclerosis Alliance-walk E. Warner, shelter 11 Sat., Oct. 24, 2020
- Cure SMA - Nashville Walk-n-Roll Centennial Park Event Shelter Sat., Oct. 25, 2020

#### **AMPLIFICATION AND ALCOHOL APPROVAL**

- Nashville Sports Leagues-field day West Park multi-use field Sat., Dec. 14, 2019
- Hannah Sudbrink – family welcome Centennial Park Event Shelter Fri., June 12, 2020
- Cherita Okoro- wedding The Rose Arbors in Centennial Park Sat., July 4, 2020
- Centennial Park Conservancy Centennial Park-Musicians Corner Sundown Sept. 3,10,17,24, 2020
- EnMotive-I Love the 90's 5k Shelby Park Event Field Sat., Sept. 19, 2020
- C3 Presents-Music City Food Wine Walk of Fame Park Sept. 19 & 20, 2020
- Nashville Gypsy jazz & Django Festival Sevier Park Sat., Sept. 26, 2020
- Centennial Park Conservancy Centennial Park-Nashville Food Truck Fest Sat., Sept. 26, 2020
- Acme Radio Company Riverfront Park-Dancin' in the District Thurs., Oct. 1, 2020

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**AMPLIFICATION, ALCOHOL, AND FUNDRAISING APPROVAL**

- Walk Bike Nashville Frankie Pierce Park Sat., May 9, 2020
- Friends of Shelby Park Cornelia Air Park-Cornelia Fort Pickin'Party July 18, Aug. 15/22, Sept. 26, Oct. 10, 2020
- Essential Needs-Privy Diner Popup Riverfront Park-ultimate dinner party Sat., Sept. 19, 2020
- Youinspire Inc. – Fall Barn Dance Centennial Park Event Shelter Sat., Oct. 17, 2020

**PERMISSION TO CHARGE ADMISSION FEE**

- TSSAA-Cross Country Championships Percy Warner Park Steeplechase Course Nov. 7, 2020  
Nov. 6, 2021

**12-19-03**

Upon motion of Ms. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Haynes, the board approved the request of the Percy Priest Yacht Club requesting permission to base its regatta and other sailing activities at Hamilton Creek Sailboat Marina and to serve, not sell, alcoholic beverages for three hours after each event. PPYC also requests permission to isolate one parking lot and launching ramp at Hamilton Creek from 6:00 am – 12:00 noon for Regatta dates March 28, April 18, May 14-17, June 13, September 12, October 3-4, October 17-18, November 7, and December 6, 2020. Permission to serve alcohol has also been requested for the following Red Cup events: February 8, March 14, April 3, May 6, June 3 & 27, July 1 & 25, August 5 & 22, September 2, 26 & 30 and December 5, 2020.

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

**12-19-04**

**BOARD DEFERS REQUEST OF CAPITAL VIEW JOINT VENTURE UNTIL THE JANUARY BOARD MEETING AS PER PARK POLICY 3000.25 ACQUISITION AND DISPOSITION OF PARK PROPERTY**

As per Park Policy 3000.25 the request of Capital View Joint Venture asking the Metro Parks Board to accept a donation of 2 parcels of land, a segment of the Gulch Greenway and greenway trailhead will be deferred one board meeting. These parcels identified as 0.26 acres parcel 09301009800 located at 128 Lifeway Plaza and 0.14 acres parcel 093305020300 located at 1008 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard. Capital View Joint Venture also requests approval for Metro Parks to enter into a maintenance agreement that would allow Capital View Joint Venture to maintain the landscape on these 2 parcels and Metro Parks to maintain hardscape.

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

**12-19-05**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF CREATIVE PARKS NASHVILLE FOR APPLICATION AND ULTIMATE ACCEPTANCE FOR FY2021 GRANT FUNDING FROM THE TENNESSEE ARTS COMMISSION TO SUPPLEMENT A YEAR OF FREE BIG BAND DANCES**

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Ms. Hughes, the board approved application and ultimate acceptance of FY2021 grant funding up to \$4,500 from the Tennessee Arts Commission Arts Project Support Grant by Creative Parks Nashville to supplement a year of free big band dances for the public with Metro Parks to provide the matching funds required of this grant.

**12-19-06**

**BOARD APPROVES FACILITY RENTAL FEES FOR THE NEW BELLEVUE REGIONAL CENTER**

Upon motion of Ms. Scott-Barnes, seconded by Ms. Hughes, the board granted approval of facility rental fees for the new Bellevue Regional Center scheduled to open Saturday, December 14, 2019.

Community Center	40104110	407801	Recreation	Bellevue Regional Community Center Rental Fee, Clubroom 1 (w/Sink)	11/21/19	\$ 50.00	\$ 60.00
Community Center	40104110	407801	Recreation	Bellevue Regional Community Center Rental Fee, Clubroom 2 (w/kitchen)	11/21/19	\$ 100.00	\$ 115.00
Community Center	40104110	407801	Recreation	Bellevue Regional Community Center Rental Fee, Clubroom 3 (w/Sink)	11/21/19	\$ 50.00	\$ 60.00
Community Center	40104110	407801	Recreation	Bellevue Regional Community Center Rental Fee, Clubroom 1,2, and 3	11/21/19	\$ 200.00	\$ 210.00
Community Center	40104110	407801	Recreation	Bellevue Regional Community Center Rental Fee, Gymnasium	11/21/19	\$ 125.00	\$ 140.00
Community Center	40104110	407801	Recreation	Bellevue Regional Community Center Rental Fee, All Reservable Areas	11/21/19	\$ 300.00	\$ 310.00

**IX. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS**

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

Mr. Jim Haney, representing the Friends of Beaman Park, presented the annual update to the board. He reported the following:

- The Old Proctor Barn was rebuilt and completed this year. A ceremony was held to dedicate the barn and unveil the plaque. Another celebration was held later to honor Mrs. Mary O'Neil for her donation of the barn and the property.
- A 10-mile loop with a 5-mile cut through has been constructed in the back country/virgin forest of Beaman Park. It will open once the boardwalk is complete and signage is up.
- The friends group currently has \$4,000 in savings/checking account including a \$900 endowment check received last week.

**THE FRIENDS OF BELLS BEND PARK PRESENT  
THEIR ANNUAL UPDATE TO THE BOARD**

Mr. Graham Sherrill, representing the Friends of Bells Bend Park, presented the annual update to the board. He reported the following:

- Managing a wetlands project started for shorebird ponds, money for this project came from the Tennessee Department of Conservation. Repaired a break in the dam of this wetland this year and currently working on a bid for invasive plant removal from these wetland areas. Planning to build a duck blind as an observation point for the shorebirds.
- The pond between the outdoor center and the campground was repaired this year. Currently planning to build a floating dock on the pond for use in nature programming.
- In March a weed wrangler event was held with volunteers from Hands On Nashville, a school group and Bells Bend neighbors. 200 sheep from the Chew Crew visited to assist with the control of overgrown privet around the Buchanan/Bell House located on parks property.
- In April the Outdoor Exp and Recreation Show was held. This event showcases recreation and outdoor activity vendors and includes food provided by a local tractor club, music, kid's activities, hayrides and a running competition. There were 1605 in attendance.
- In October Farm Day was held and included a barbecue wagon staffed by the local Scottsboro/Jordonia Tractor Club, antique tractors, kid's games pumpkin race, vendors, horses, chickens, sheep, goats, hayrides provided by the Graves family, and local artisans. Tractor Supply was the event sponsor. Fiddle, banjo, folksong and old-time due competitions were held attracting local/regional musicians. This event was sponsored by Scouts Barber Shop, the Old School Farm to Table and the Bells Bend Conservation Corridor.

**IX. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS**

**THE FRIENDS OF BELLS BEND PARK PRESENT  
THEIR ANNUAL UPDATE TO THE BOARD (con't.)**

- The Friends of Bells Bend Park are excited about the recent acquisition of the Sod Farm and would like to be included in discussions about this land.

**GREENWAYS FOR NASHVILLE PRESENT  
THEIR ANNUAL UPDATE TO THE BOARD**

Amy Crownover, Executive Director of Greenways for Nashville, presented the annual update to the board. The mission of Greenways for Nashville (GFN) is to create, preserve and promote a system of greenways in Nashville and Davidson County. Greenways for Nashville is a 25-year non-profit group to Greenways and the Open Space Division of Metro Parks with 26 board members who are actively engaged. There are nearly 100 miles of paved, multi-use greenway trails in Nashville/Davidson County.

**CREATE** - Physically contributing toward the actual construction such as the 440 Greenway Trail. GFN contributed the hard dollars toward the capital construction as well as enhancements on the trail working with the greenways division to improve and upgrade the graphic designs on the trailheads. This will be seen throughout the new Urban Group City Central System and 440 greenway trailheads.

**PRESERVE** – GFN has engaged in preserving land such as Lytle Farms adjacent to Stone Hall, acquired several years ago with private donations and in the master planning process.

**PROMOTE** – The greenway system map, in its 3<sup>rd</sup> upgrade, listing 100 trails including primitive trails and parks across the county. These paper maps are distributed free in the nature centers, community centers, by councilmembers, etc.

The Greenway Crumpled Map is a limited-edition full county map available during the holiday season at REI in Brentwood with 100% of proceeds coming back to GFN.

There is also a free app called NASHGR, this pocket app can be used to explore greenways in the parks.

**FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS – FYE 6-30-2018**

\$207,709	Contributions toward greenway trail construction and improvements
100% increase	GFN staff has doubled
1,000	Total attendance at GFN membership and fundraising events, i.e. Richland Creek Run, Dinner by the Bridge, private member's event
20,000	Printed Nashville greenways maps and distributed in the community
36	Public outreach events produced by GFN staff and volunteers

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**COMMUNICATION**- Currently have a staff member dedicated to communication and outreach.

- 3000 greenprint newsletters distributed
- Facebook 6996 likes and 7179 follows
- Twitter 1436 followers
- Instagram 1464 followers
- 4967 e-newsletter subscribers

Celebrating #Giving Tuesday today with a 25<sup>th</sup> years of Greenways graphic produced with private dollars. The graphic highlights achievements of:

- nearly 100 miles of greenways
- 75+ trailhead access points
- 90% of Nashville neighborhoods are within 2 miles of a greenway trailhead
- 11 greenway corridors

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

- **Swings at Smith Springs Park** – Construction complete
- **Allee in Percy Warner Park** – Total restoration is a 6-month project with construction zone to be fenced soon.
- **Pump Track at Watkins Park** – kick-off event at Watkins Park on Saturday, December 14. This will be a first in Middle Tennessee working with the Nashville Parks Foundation and SORBA to raise awareness.

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

Holiday Student/Teacher Art Sale at the Centennial Art Center

December 6                      6:00 pm                      City Christmas Tree lighting  
Public Square Park

December 14                      1:00 pm                      Grand Opening of Bellevue Regional  
Center-7638A Highway 70 South

**XII. DEPARTMENT UPDATES - none**



**XIII. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR**

Ms. Odom reported:

- Mayor Cooper has created a Task Force on Public Integrity and copies of ethical acknowledgements and a printout of the board member training/orientation that Macy Amos provided to board members covering ethical standards, conflict of interest and roles and responsibilities of board members were distributed to board members.
- Fees for the Bellevue Regional Center were approved at today's meeting; however, next month an updated department-wide fee schedule will come to the board for consideration. A vote is not expected at the January meeting. In the past we have revised and proposed new fees every couple of years, however, the last overall fee update was in 2016. John Holmes, Stevon Neloms, Jim Hester and Chinita White have been working diligently on this fee schedule since this summer.
- Our mid-year budget meeting with the Metro Finance Department is scheduled for Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> and discussions on Parks current budget year, savings target and upcoming budget year are expected. Hopefully more detailed instructions will be received at this meeting so we can move forward. Have been told by Mayor Cooper and the Finance Director that the annual budget process will begin in December and once the instructions have been received, we will share with the board.
- Under the leadership of Tari Hughes, a finance committee meeting of this board will be scheduled to update, talk about the budget instructions and strategy for the department.
- Continuing to meet with new councilmembers orienting them on the department and listening to their needs of the community. Planning to continue meeting with councilmembers.
- Special thank you to the Nashville Parks Foundation for their generous support of our employee holiday lunch scheduled for Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. For the past few years the Foundation has financially supported this event.

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

Dr. Sharon Gentry announced that on Sunday, December 8 First Baptist Church Capitol Hill will be celebrating its 154<sup>th</sup> church anniversary and as a part of that celebration they will be dedicating J. Frankie Pierce Park. J. Frankie Pierce was a member of First Baptist Church Capitol Hill and in 1923 she started the Tennessee Vocational School for Colored Girls. She was also one of the few Tennessee black suffragists and was very instrumental in getting black women out to vote in the 1919 election which formed the municipal government that we have today. The unveiling of the Nelson Merry historical marker will also take place. Pastor Nelson Merry was the first Pastor of First Baptist Church Capitol Hill and Nashville's first ordained African American Minister. All are welcome to attend. Special thanks to the Metro Parks Department and Capitol View Joint Venture Group.

**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**