

METROPOLITAN BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING October 6, 2020

A meeting of the Board of Parks and Recreation of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee was held on Tuesday, October 6, 2020 at 12:00 pm via teleconference and was broadcast through the Metro Nashville Network, (MNN) <http://stream.nashville.gov> and select MNN, live on Nashville's Comcast Channel 3, AT&T UVerse Channel 99, Google Fiber channel 3 and streamed live on the MNN Roku app. Board members present were: Dr. Michelle Steele, Ms. Susannah Scott-Barnes, Ms. Tari Hughes, Mr. George Anderson, •Mr. Crews Johnston, Mr. Jeff Haynes, and Dr. Sharon Gentry. Mr. Tom Cross, representing the Metro Legal Department was also present.

Dr. Michelle Steele, chair, called the meeting to order and stated that the first order of business will be a motion to determine under the Governor's Executive Order #16 that the meeting agenda constitutes essential business of this board and meeting electronically is necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of Tennesseans in light of the COVID-19 outbreak. Ms. Tari Hughes moved for approval, Ms. Scott-Barnes seconded, and the board approved without objection.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 1, 2020 APPROVED

Upon motion of Ms. Scott-Barnes, seconded by Mr. Anderson, the Board approved the minutes of the board meeting held Tuesday, September 1, 2020 as presented.

IV. METRO COUNCIL REFERRALS

Councilmember Nancy VanReece was present and stated that as chair of the Metro Council Parks, Library and Arts Committee she will try to attend all Parks Board meetings. She also expressed her appreciation to the board members and thanked them for their service as Nashville moves forward with concerns of pending referendum and what is valued by the City.

- **Denotes arrival of Mr. Crews Johnston, board member, at 12:07 pm**

V. OLD BUSINESS

09-18-05

BOARD APPROVES PARKING AGREEMENT BETWEEN METRO PARKS AND CHEEKWOOD BOTANICAL GARDENS AND MUSEUM OF ART

As per recommendation of the Acquisition Committee, upon motion of Ms. Hughes, seconded by Ms. Scott-Barnes, the board granted approval to a parking agreement between Metro Parks and Cheekwood Botanical Gardens and Museum of Art as follows:

- Cheekwood's monthly parking fee will remain frozen at \$4000 per month.

V. OLD BUSINESS

09-18-05 (con't.)

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- As per the parking agreement Cheekwood will now submit 75% of their monthly payment to Friends of Warner Parks and 25% to Metro Parks.
- Because of the COVID-19 pandemic Cheekwood has experienced lost revenue and the impact will continue with modified operations during the reopening phase; therefore, Cheekwood will not be charging for parking.
- The parking agreement will be extended 4 years and will expire December 2024. Utilization of the areas to the southwest of the entrance into Cheekwood for overflow parking on a regular basis will continue and will include the gated area known as the slash dump. Parks will continue to utilize this as an active storage area for natural vegetation and tree limbs, etc. simply focusing on the edges of the dump site. Additionally, after dusk, the parking area next to our golf course clubhouse may be used for valet parking during special events.
- Cheekwood will present a biannual report to Metro Parks with regard to development of on-site parking.
- No permanent parking improvements are permitted. Minor maintenance in overflow parking areas are permitted with Metro Parks approval. Cheekwood is responsible for all damage and other impacts of use.
- Cheekwood has agreed to begin development of plans to create a solution to their parking needs on Cheekwood's property.

Parks and Cheekwood will agree to communicate on a regular basis pertaining to events on both sites which may impact the other entity.

02-20-04

BOARD ACCEPTS IN-KIND GRANT OF SIGNAGE VALUED AT \$7,000 FROM THE FRIENDS OF TWO RIVERS PARK

Correspondence received from Mr. Phillip Claiborne, Founder and President Emeritus of the Friends of Two Rivers Mansion, was presented to the board requesting acceptance of way finding signage in the amount of \$7,000 for the Mansion and the 1802 House from the Friends of Two Rivers Mansion.

V. OLD BUSINESS

02-20-04 (con't.)

**BOARD ACCEPTS IN-KIND GRANT OF SIGNAGE VALUED AT \$7,000
FROM THE FRIENDS OF TWO RIVERS PARK**

As per recommendation of the Signage Committee, upon motion of Ms. Hughes, seconded by Ms. Scott-Barnes, the board accepted an in-kind grant of way finding signage valued at \$7,000 from the Friends of Two Rivers Mansion for Two Rivers Mansion and the 1802 House. This grant will not require any matching funds from Metro Parks and/or the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County.

08-20-03

**BOARD DEFERS REQUEST OF COUNCILMEMBER AT LARGE SHARON HURT
TO RENAME HADLEY PARK "NASHVILLE FREEDOM RIDERS PARK" TO THE
POLICY COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD FOR REVIEW OF
POLICY 3000.1 NAMING OF PARKS**

As per recommendation of the Naming Committee, upon motion of Ms. Scott-Barnes, seconded by Ms. Hughes the board has deferred request to rename Hadley Park "Nashville Freedom Riders Park" until a review of Parks Policy 3000.1 Naming of Parks has been completed by the board's policy committee as chaired by Dr. Sharon Gentry, along with selected Metro Parks staff members. This review has been granted a minimum of 3 meetings to be held over a period of the next 3 months.

09-20-03

**BOARD APPROVES STAFF REQUEST TO ENTER INTO A LICENSE AGREEMENT
WITH THE STATE OF TENNESSEE TO INSTALL, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE A
PEDESTRIAN WALKING TRAIL ON AN EXISTING SECTION
OF THE STONES RIVER GREENWAY**

As per recommendation of the Acquisition Committee, upon motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Ms. Scott-Barnes, the board approved staff request to enter into a License Agreement (Project No. 19041-3269-94 BR-STP-24(20) with the State of Tennessee to install, maintain and operate a pedestrian walking trail on an existing section of the Stones River Greenway in ROW at Lebanon Road that provides connectivity to the Kohl's trailhead to the south and Ravenwood Park to the north. This is an existing 10-year renewable license set to begin in 2020 and will expire in 2030. Please note that this license is provided at no cost to Metro Parks and/or the Metropolitan Government, with the exception of routine maintenance.

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VI. CONSENT AGENDA

10-20-01

BOARD APPROVES OCTOBER 2020 CONSENT AGENDA

Upon motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Dr. Gentry, the board approved the October 2020 consent agenda as presented.

AMPLIFICATION APPROVAL

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| • Molly Murphy Music – concert | Elmington Park | Sat., Oct. 9, 2020 |
| • Sweet Hour of Prayer | Hartman Park – in vehicle prayer event | Sun., Oct. 11, 2020 |
| • Barre Roots-outside Barre class | Red Caboose Playground | Sat., Oct. 17, 2020 |
| • Aaron Eskind-picnic | Edwin Warner Park Shelter 6 | Sat., Oct. 17, 2020 |
| • Alisha Thunem- wedding | Centennial Park Sunken Garden | Wed., Oct. 21, 2020 |
| • Seun Olosunde – wedding | Centennial Park Sunken Garden | Sat., Oct 24, 2020 |
| • Friends of Mill Ridge Park | Mill Ridge Park – Outside Cinema | Fri., Oct. 30, 2020 |
| • Nashville North Collaborative | Ted Rhodes Soccer Field-Drive in Movie | Sat., Oct. 31, 2020 |
| • Elaine Prine – wedding | Centennial Sunken Garden/Event Shelter | Sat., Nov. 7, 2020 |
| • Water Lantern Festival | Centennial-Lake Watauga/Parthenon Lawn | Sat., May 15, 2021 |
| • Melody Marquez-wedding/reception | Centennial Park Event Shelter | Sat., May 22, 2021 |
| • Nashville Humane Association | Shelby Park Event Field | Sun., May 23, 2021 |
| • Tracey Woods-picnic | Flora Wilson Park | Fri., June 11, 2021 |
| • Victoria Alexander-wedding | Centennial Park Sunken Garden | Sat., July 24, 2021 |
| • U.S. Navy Patrol Squadron One | Centennial Park Event Shelter-reunion | Sat., Sept. 18, 2021 |

FUNDRAISING

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| • Benchmark Adventure Ministries | Warner Lodge-Mission Awareness | Oct. 9-11, 2020 |
| • American Legion Post 5-shred event | Elmington Park | Sat., Oct. 17, 2020 |

AMPLIFICATION AND FUNDRAISING APPROVAL

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| • Youth Changes-Dinner & Movie | Centennial Park Event Shelter | Sat., Oct. 17, 2020 |
| • Donelson Hermitage Chamber-holiday mkt | Two Rivers Mansion grounds | Nov. 6 & 7, 2020 |
| • | | Raindate Nov. 13-14, 2020 |
| • Nashville Striders-Half Marathon | Percy/Edwin Warner Parks | Sat., Dec. 5, 2020 |
| • Nat'l. Multiple Sclerosis Society | Cumberland Park-Walk MS Nashville | Sat., April 17, 2021 |
| • Elmington Elevates-walk | Centennial Park | Sat., May 1, 2021 |
| • Small World Yoga-free yoga event | Cumberland Park | Tues., June 21, 2021 |

AMPLIFICATION AND ALCOHOL APPROVAL

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| • Jennifer Lampley-wedding reception | Centennial Art Center Courtyard | Sat., Oct.24, 2020 |
| • Our Pride Encompasses Nashville | Public Square Park-Nashville Pride Festival | June 26-27,2021 |
| • 615GP, LLC-Music City Grand Prix | Cumberland Park | Aug. 5-8, 2021 |
| • Musicians Corner-September Sundown | Centennial Park | Thurs., Sept. 2, 9, 16,
23, 30, 2021 |
| • Monica Dunn – wedding | Centennial Art Center Courtyard | Sat., Oct. 16, 2021 |
| • Erik Georges - wedding | Centennial Art Center Courtyard | Sat., Oct 23, 2021 |

AMPLIFICATION, FUNDRAISING AND ALCOHOL APPROVAL

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| • Essential Needs-Juneteenth on the River | Riverfront Park | Sat., June 19, 2021 |
| • Essential Needs – Privy Popup | Riverfront Park | Sat., Sept. 18, 2020 |

VII. NEW BUSINESS

10-20-02

BOARD ACCEPTS GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$150,000 FROM THE FRIENDS OF WARNER PARKS FOR REPAIRS TO THE WARNER PARKS NATURE CENTER

Correspondence received from Ms. Jenny Hannon, Executive Director of the Friends of Warner Parks, requesting the board to accept a grant in the amount of \$150,000 for the purpose of contributing to the repair of the Warner Parks Nature Center Roof and Chimney was presented for approval.

Upon motion of Ms. Hughes, seconded by Dr. Gentry, the board accepted a grant in the amount of \$150,000 for the purpose of contributing to the repair of the Warner Parks Nature Center roof and chimney. This is a Metro Parks renovation project with a total cost of \$627,000 in which Metro Parks is funding \$477,000 and the project will include a new roof system, reconstruction of the chimney, window replacement, new lightning protection system and repair of water damaged siding and roof line. Please note that this grant will not require any matching funds from Metro Parks and/or the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County

VIII. CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE – Tim Netsch

Aaitifama Archeological – Phase One

Design complete
In the queue for construction bidding

Mill Ridge – Phase One

Design complete
Construction contract protested-Metro Procurement working on resolution

Beaman - Trails

Wayfinding signage installation start this week
Construction complete: Fall 2020 10 trail miles open

Ravenwood – Phase One

Design complete
Construction contract protested-Metro Procurement working on resolution

Centennial – Children’s Memory Garden

Design complete-replacement memorial/privately funded
In the queue for construction bidding

Centennial – Phase Two

Construction underway-opening in phases
November – Great Lawn open
Construction complete: Fall 2020

Watkins Park – Pump Track

Partnership with SORBA, Nashville Parks Foundation & Oasis Bike Workshop
In construction permitting
Construction complete: Fall 2020

Fort Negley Master Plan

Planning RFP released last month
Proposals due October 23

Wharf – Master Plan

Frozen until further notice

Hadley – Pavilion

Construction contract executed
Construction start pending release of funds

COMPLETED IN THE LAST TWELVE MONTHS

Antioch – community center renovation
Bellevue – community center
Frankie Pierce – new park
Orchard Bend – swings and pavilion
Percy Warner-Allee restoration completed
Smith Springs – swings and pavilion

Kossie Gardner Sr. – Phase One

Construction underway
Construction complete: Fall 2020

Madison – Tennis Courts Reconstruction

Construction underway
Construction complete: Fall 2020

IX. UPCOMING SPECIAL ACTIVITIES/EVENTS – Jackie Jones

- Bellevue Farmers Market**, 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., every Thursday until further notice.
12 South Farmers Market, 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., every Tuesday from May 5 – October 27
Richland Farmers Market, 9:30 a.m. – 12: 30 p.m., every Saturday until December 31.
Hip Donelson Farmers Market, 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., every Friday until further notice.

- 9: Spooky Season Show, 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m., Elmington Park
11: Church Prayer, 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Hadley Park
17: Dinner and Movie, 6:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. Centennial Park
Get Your Caboose Kicked – Barre3 Class, 8:30 a.m., Red Caboose Playground
Shred on the Run, 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Elmington Park
25: Blue Moves Dance Concert, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., Centennial Park
The Pink Pop Out, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., Hadley Park
Battle Reenactment, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Fort Negley
30: Cornelia Fort Pickin’ Parties, 3:00 – 5:00, Cornelia Fort Hangar
Summer Cinema – Friends of Mill Ridge Park, 7:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m., The Lawn
31: Fall Family Drive In, 5:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m., Ted Rhodes Soccer Field
Music City Small Business Festival, 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Hadley Park
Centennial Youth Ballet Mini–Nutcracker Film, 10:00 a.m., Cockrill Springs

X. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

- In reference to email sent the board regarding the hiring freeze, operational savings and capital spending suspension, Ms. Odom reiterated the implications of such a reduction related to the referendum as this is very serious for the Parks Department both from operations and a capital perspective. Metro Parks operations will be cut 35% and will result in layoffs and closures. Senior Staff have been made aware of the possibilities and we will move as the budget dictates. Ms. Odom will keep the board apprised. Even before the pending referendum a hiring freeze and a request for reduced spending has been implemented throughout Metro. Our department is currently understaffed and underfunded so streamlining spending will manifest on shortfalls of the department. However, in spite of impending reductions, our staff is working diligently.
- As you know this fiscal year Metro Parks received \$450,000 to open neighborhood centers on Saturday for half days and we are happy to report that 7 centers opened this past Saturday. Metro Park is grateful for these hours and look forward to expanding to all centers.
- Programming has shifted due to Covid-19 – Hadley Park Line Dancers and Centennial Performing Arts Dance Classes are utilizing the Centennial Park Event Shelter for their activities.
- Due to moving into Phase 3 of the reopening of Nashville, the Sportsplex is beginning to offer classes once again.
- Metro Parks disABILITIES group is hosting a bocce ball event with social distancing. This program is one of our most requested and currently has a waiting list.

X. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR (con't.)

- Metro Parks has received a proposal from the Historic Capitol Corridor Foundation to delay improvements to Church Street Park until Spring. The park is currently fenced because of improvements; however, it denies accessibility to public land. This group will be asked to attend the November Parks Board meeting to discuss proposal to delay improvements. (Mr. Anderson asked Ms. Odom if the group was granted permission to extend their agreement regarding Church Street Park and if the article which appeared in the *Tennessean* came from Metro Parks? Ms. Odom answered no to both questions.)

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

Because the November Parks Board Meeting is scheduled for Election Day, Dr. Steele asked the board if they wanted to meet on November 3 or November 10. It was decided that the meeting would be held on Tuesday, November 10, 2020.

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

Monique Horton Odom, Director

Dr. Michelle Steele, Chairperson