

METROPOLITAN BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING November 10, 2020

A meeting of the Board of Parks and Recreation of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee was held on Tuesday, November 10, 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, and •Dr. Sharon Gentry. Ms. Macy Amos, representing the Metro Legal Department was also present. Mr. Jeff Haynes was not in attendance.

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 OCTOBER 6, 2020 APPROVED

Upon motion of Ms. Scott-Barnes, seconded by Ms. Hughes, the Board approved the minutes of the board meeting held Tuesday, October 6, 2020 as presented.

IV. METRO COUNCIL REFERRALS

Councilmember Nancy VanReece representing the 8th District and Councilmember Freddie O'Connell representing the 19th District were in attendance.

V. OLD BUSINESS

05-20-12

THE HISTORICAL CAPITOL CORRIDOR FOUNDATION PROVIDES THE BOARD AN UPDATE ON CHURCH STREET PARK AND THE BOARD APPROVES MEETING TO ALL WHO WANT TO SPEAK ON CHURCH STREET PARK

In May 2020 the Parks Board granted approval to an in-kind gift of approximately \$465,000 for the purpose of improvements to and programming for Church Street Park from The Historical Capitol Corridor Foundation. This approval was granted with the understanding that the first phase was to be an anticipated phase for both planned improvements and programming to Church Street Park expected to be completed in advance of the suffrage celebration events in August and would require the park to be closed for a short period of time in order to protect public safety and allow work to proceed as efficiently as possible. (Please note that board members Anderson and Fossick abstained from voting on board item 05-20-12.)

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These initial improvements and programming were to include:

- Updated lighting to existing landscaping;
- Addition of colorful seasonal plants;
- Introduction of high-quality, outdoor-grade flexible furnishings: moveable tables and chairs, shade umbrellas, and planters;
- A six-week "preview season" of free educational and entertainment programming for the public; and,
- An initial six-week period (to coincide with the programming schedule) of gold-standard operation, including daily presence of a park ambassador/caretaker and regular horticultural maintenance.

Because Church Street Park is still fenced and closed to the public and after an article appeared in the *Tennessean* stating that the park would remain closed until spring 2021 Mr. Anderson requested at the October board meeting to ask The Historical Capitol Corridor Foundation to come back before the board to provide an update.

Ann Butterworth, chair of the foundation, Dan Biederman and Alexia Poe were in attendance representing the Historical Capitol Corridor Foundation. Ms. Butterworth stated that on the onset of the partnership they did not realize the extent of the COVID-19 pandemic, noting that 80% of the working public have not returned to work, tourists are staying away from downtown and the Nashville Public Library has not re-opened. She also stated that a park less than 1/3 acre is difficult to accommodate social distancing.

Mr. Biederman stated that the park will be a top tier destination upon completion with horticulture, movable chairs/tables, programming and lighting in winter as soon as everyone returns downtown. They decided to postpone the opening of the park from August to April because of the high COVID-19 numbers in Nashville and Tennessee.

Councilmember Freddie O'Connell provided the board the council history of this grant. He encouraged the board to engage in order to meet a collective goal and focus on the property. With it being November 2020 the suffrage celebration didn't occur and the park hasn't opened everyone should be content for grant to play out until March/April 2021. Metro should receive regular updates about the progress being made against the revised schedule from the foundation and decide what happens after April 2021 and that conversation needs to begin now. A public process to include Metro Parks, Planning, Historic Capitol Corridor Foundation, Civic Design Center, Nashville downtown Partnership, Nashville Public Library, supporting foundations of Parks and Libraries and the urban residents should be involved in the discussions.

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Councilmember Nancy VanReece, chair of the Metro Council's Parks, Library and Arts Committee, offered her support to Councilmember O'Connell's comments and is hoping to hear from the Parks Board that they are fully engaged to make sure community remains the focus of the issue that it is the City's park and a pocket park for the community.

Mr. Anderson agreed with both councilmembers regarding community engagement. He also stated that the board accepted grant too quickly because of the suffrage celebration which unfortunately did not happen and he would like to give any concerned groups/stakeholders that want to discuss the park the opportunity to address the board at the January 2021 meeting.

Ms. Scott-Barnes stated that it was amazing that a gift of this amount came to Parks at this time considering the state Metro's budget. The board should recognize the process as no one expected the pandemic to last this long and allow an extension to this group as they are already invested in project.

Mr. Anderson didn't disagree and asked how much money had been spent in the park.

Mr. Biederman responded that approximately one-half of the money had been spent and staff has not been hired, as well as no lighting or last-minute plantings. Planters have been installed and much needed new irrigation system

Councilmember O'Connell stated that his concern is that the state of the park is declining with no considerable lack of management. It will take energy to staff and effort to ensure multiple phases of operation. He wants to see beginning now a process that ensures not only multiple phases of reinvigorating the park, but also an operational plan, partnership plan and long-term stakeholder support. If the board chooses to delay, the best long-term interest of the park is to revisit a transparent view of what is possible.

Ms. Hughes stated she was curious about programming and staffing for only 6 weeks and what happens after. Board should be interested in the long-term vision – how to get there incrementally with phase 1, move forward and begin having long-term conversations have as many people as possible assisting in a timely manner.

Ms. Butterworth stated that the Foundation is committed to working with the Parks Board as a partner to make sure the park is programmed and provide services that will attract those in the area and be successful for Nashville.

Ms. Scott-Barnes stated that she supports the public/private partnership and if we are not appreciative of private dollars, it will discourage other groups.

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Mr. Anderson asked what did the board approve in May? He also stated he is confused about the intent and what is the timeframe as it was to happen in the summer and now it is winter?

Director Odom stated that the board approved the improvements to the park coinciding with the anniversary of Woman's Suffrage and then a 6-week period after for programming.

Mr. Biederman stated the foundation's intentions are clear – show improvement, then raise dollars from area real estate who will benefit with no intention to slide back. The park will be opened with programming, completed plantings and lighting, activity and amenities - the only thing they can't control is COVID-19 as it is hard to activate a park with no users.

Mr. Anderson stated that he was not for or against the foundation, but it needs to be an open process - open to other groups to share what they would like to do.

Dr. Steele closed discussion and asked for a motion to determine the next step.

Councilmember O'Connell stated as the parks board considers motions, what is needed is a Master Plan, this isn't about a RFP, but the RFP is about a Master Plan. The former agreement was attached to an event in which Nashville was the center of and that moment has now passed, should focus on the future of the park now.

Director Odom stated that before entertaining a motion she wanted to make sure the motion is clear about time and if other ideas are to be entertained for that space that it is a park space under the purview of the Parks Department. The recommendation that came before the previous administration was recommended by that administration. Any ideas entertained for this park in the interest of transparency are as a park space given that we are the Parks Board and Department. If something else is recommended, there is another process for that.

Dr. Steele stated she would now accept a motion.

Ms. Hughes asked Director Odom if "Plan to Play" the Master Plan for the Parks Department states anything specific about Church Street Park.

Director Odom responded that Church Street Park and downtown parks in particular are mentioned in "Plan to Play" and it is deemed as a pocket park. As you know the resources that we have in this department are one of the reasons why the park is in the condition it was in before the foundation donated improvements. Ideally, it would be a vibrant pocket park for residents and employees downtown.

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Dr. Steele requested a motion from the board to proceed.

Ms. Scott-Barnes made motion to allow The Historical Capitol Corridor Foundation to extend agreement as laid out with timeline and allow others who are interested in participating in space to offer alternative Master Plan. Ms. Hughes seconded.

Mr. Anderson asked Ms. Scott Barnes to add “and bring to the January board meeting” to her motion.

Dr. Gentry asked that the motions be separate as the second motion tends to undermine the Historical Capitol Corridor Foundation. One motion should extend the permit to allow the foundation to continue with their timeline and the second motion is to allow the board to entertain proposals from other groups.

Dr. Steele asked Ms. Scott-Barnes if she would divide her previous motion to extend agreement with timeline.

Ms. Scott-Barnes agreed and made motion to entertain additional plans for Church Street Park no later than the January 2021 board meeting. Mr. Anderson seconded.

Ms. Hughes stated that she has concern with this particular motion because groups will come forward with no long-term plan and is this where the board wants to go?

Dr. Steele stated that the board’s discussion went from community engagement to a planning process and it can be two different items or the same; therefore Dr. Steele understands Ms. Hughes concerns.

Dr. Gentry asked what are we asking people to come in and offer and what are we trying to achieve by asking what individuals are going to contribute? Asking others for proposals is almost mute because the board doesn’t know what these proposals support. Dr. Gentry stated her concern about having others coming in and submitting ideas when a foundation hasn’t been laid yet. She also said if talking about a Master Plan for the park and then asking individuals to come in and discuss how they would contribute to the actualization of that plan she agrees the plan comes before the opening.

Director Odom stated for the sake of clarity and moving forward in the proper way and for clarity for the Parks Board what usually happens when conducting a Master Plan for a location or site normally the Parks Department has funding to procure those services working with Metro’s Procurement Department in a transparent and competitive solicitation bid process for proposals. Director Odom said she wants to make sure if talking about other groups submitting or coming before the board about

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Director Odom continued:

this location with other ideas that this doesn't interfere, undermine or undercut the procurement process that we may be required to use as a Metro Department.

Mr. Anderson recommended that if other groups have suggestions, they should just make a formal request to appear before the board.

Director Odom stated that the Parks Department will have to post appropriate notification to make the public aware.

Dr. Steele asked if the board is interested in a community engagement process or a master planning process? Keeping in mind that we have Plan to Play Master Plan overview of this park. Specifically, regarding this park we are having two different, but the same conversation happening.

Ms. Hughes asked if a master plan process includes community engagement? She then stated that we need community engagement first because we need to know where we want this park to go. The Historical Capitol Corridor Foundation has given us many steps in the right direction, but after the 6 weeks of programming, what happens?

Ms. Scott-Barnes withdrew her motion to entertain additional plans for Church Street Park no later than the January 2021 board meeting.

Director Odom stated that for clarification whatever is decided the Parks Department will post an appropriate public notice.

Ms. Hughes made motion to give public notice to all who want to speak on the future of Church Street Park at the January 2021 meeting. Mr. Anderson seconded the motion and the board approved.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

11-20-01

BOARD APPROVES NOVEMBER 2020 CONSENT AGENDA

Upon motion of Ms. Scott-Barnes, seconded by Mr. Anderson, the board approved the November 2020 consent agenda as presented.

AMPLIFICATION APPROVAL

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| • Franklin Street Church-live worship | Centennial Park Event Shelter | Sat., Nov. 21, 2020 |
| • Market and Broad LLC-Unicorn Festival | East Park | Sat., July 24, 2021 |
| • Narcotics Anonymous-picnic | Centennial Park Event Shelter | Mon., Sept. 6, 2021 |
| • Elmahaba Center-Nayrouz Festival | Coleman Park | Sept. 11 & 12, 2021 |
| • Fran Patton-wedding | Centennial Park Sunken Garden | Sat., Sept. 18, 2021 |
| • Katelyn Lepere- wedding | Riverfront Park Tiered Lawn | Fri., Oct. 22, 2021 |

FUNDRAISING

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| • Tennessee Voices for Victims | P. Warner Horse Trails- Trail ride | Sat., Sept. 18, 2021 |
| • Community Options, Inc.-Nashville | Shelby Park Riverview Shelter- 5k | Sat., Feb. 13, 2021 |
| • The Marfan Foundation - walk | Centennial Park Event Shelter | Sat., April 17, 2021 |
| • MOVE Inclusive Dance 5k | E. Warner Park Area 11 | Sat., April 24, 2021 |
| • National MPS Society 5k | Shelby Park | Sat., June 26, 2021 |

AMPLIFICATION AND ALCOHOL APPROVAL

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| • Melody Marquez-wedding | Centennial Park Event Shelter | Sat., May 22, 2021 |
| • Lightning Event Mgt. LLC | Public Square Park- Live on the Green | May 19, 26, Sept. 2, 3, 4, and 5, 2021 |
| • Centennial Park Conservancy | Centennial Park-Food Truck Fest | Sat., Sept. 25, 2021 |
| • Nashville Bar Association Member Picnic | Walk of Fame Park | Thurs., Sept. 30, 2021 |
| • Celebrate Nashville, Inc. | Centennial Park-Cultural Festival | Sat., Oct. 2, 2021 |
| • Centennial Park Conservancy | Centennial Park – Centennial Craft Fest | Oct 23-24, 2021 |
| • Arena Inc.-U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame Game | Walk of Fame Park-Pregame Party | Sat., Oct. 30, 2021 |

AMPLIFICATION, FUNDRAISING AND ALCOHOL APPROVAL

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| • Volunteer State Horsemen’s Foundation | Warner Park-Iroquois Steeplechase | Thurs., May 6; Sat., May 8, 2021 |
| • iHeartMedia–Taste of Music City | Public Square Park | Sat., May 29, 2021 |
| • iHear Media-Music City Brewer’s Fest | Walk of Fame Park | Sat., July 31, 2021 |
| • NACH, LLC-Music City Old School Festival | Riverfront Park | Sept. 4 & 5, 2021 |
| • iHeartMedia-Wine on the River | Riverfront Park | Sat., Sept. 11, 2021 |
| • Nashville Humane Association | Centennial Park-Dog Day Festival | Sat., Oct. 16, 2021 |

AMPLIFICATION, ALCOHOL, OVERNIGHT AND FEE WAIVER APPROVAL

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| • Middle Tennessee Pony Club | Warner Park-Equestrian Center | October 1 – 2, 2021 |
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VII. NEW BUSINESS

11-20-02

**MR. STEVE HINKLEY, REPRESENTING THE ADVENTURE SCIENCE CENTER
PRESENTS THE ADVENTURE SCIENCE CENTER'S ARBORETUM PROJECT
TO THE BOARD**

Mr. Steve Hinkley, President and CEO of the Adventure Science Center, was in attendance to present the Adventure Science Center's Arboretum project to the board. Mr. Hinkley stated that he had mentioned to the board previously that it was his desire to take the Adventure Science Center's mission outdoors and he would like to convert adjacent property to a level 1 Arboretum.

The purpose and scope of the project would be to:

- Extend the Adventure Science Center's learning mission outdoors in a publicly accessible, free space
- Improve the beauty of the site
- Create dialog about nature, climate science, biodiversity and other stories

Project Components are:

- New trees will be planted closest to the building for greater accessibility
- Currently there are approximately 13 species of trees; however, as many as 17 additional will be needed and the trees will have the capability to grow to 15 ft.
- ID labels are required. A map and education curriculum for school groups and public guests will be made available. Included are:
 - Biodiversity of Tennessee
 - Climate change/heat mitigation
 - Pollinator habitat
 - Pollution remediation
 - Food
 - Importance of nature
- Private donations secured, no funding from the Metro Government.

Proposed partners (including community input partners):

- Adventure Science Center's education team
- Daigh Rick Landscape Architects (Wade Rick serves on Board of the Nashville Tree Foundation)
- Nashville Tree Foundation (Andrew Bell)
- Surrounding Edgehill and Wedgewood-Houston Neighborhood
- Metro Parks
- Tennessee Urban Forestry Council (Ashley Kite-Rowland)

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Process and proposed timeline

- November/December - Concept planning, project scope
- January/February - Education curriculum completion
- March – Application to TUFC, sourcing trees
- April – planting, grand opening and certification

Please note that:

- No tree removal unless trees are sick and/or harmful
- This will be the first and only arboretum in Davidson County available to the public for free and
- The first and only arboretum as part of the Metro Parks system.



Ms. Odom explained that Metro Legal advised that the Adventure Science Center shouldn't need Parks Board approval because of their lease with Metro, but it would be best for them to explain to the board about the Arboretum. She also stated that the board should be prepared to answer public questions about the trees, as the clearing of trees at Fort Negley previously was controversial. Metro Parks should also take into consideration if the trees will interfere with events, programming, etc. at Fort Negley.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

11-20-03

BOARD APPROVES GRANT FUNDING REQUEST FOR FY2022 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,500 FROM CREATIVE PARKS NASHVILLE TO SUPPLEMENT A YEAR OF FREE BIG BAND DANCES

Correspondence received from Creative Parks Nashville requesting board approval for application and ultimate acceptance for FY 2022 grant funding of \$4,500 from the Tennessee Arts Commission to supplement a year of free Big Band Dances for the Public with Metro Parks to provide matching funds required of the grant was presented to the board for approval.

Upon motion of Ms. Hughes, seconded by Dr. Gentry, the board approved application and ultimate acceptance of FY2022 Arts Project Support Grant funding of up to \$4,500 from the Tennessee Arts Commission by Creative Parks Nashville to supplement a year of free big band dances for the public with Metro Parks to provide matching funds required of the grant. Please note that due to the current uncertain financial status of the Metropolitan Government grant is subject to be withdrawn.

11-20-04

BOARD ACCEPTS GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$35,836.00 FROM THE CENTENNIAL PARK CONSERVANCY FOR THE INSTALLATION AND FIRST TWO YEARS OF WIFI MONTHLY EXPENSES AT THE PARTHENON

Correspondence received Mr. John Tumminello, Executive Director of the Centennial Park Conservancy, requesting that the board accept a grant in the amount of \$35,836.00 for the installation and first two years of monthly expenses for WiFi at the Parthenon was presented to the board for approval.

Upon motion of Ms. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Anderson, the board accepted a grant in the amount of \$35,836.00 which includes the installation and the first two years of monthly expenses of WiFi at the Parthenon.

	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Installation of WiFi at the Parthenon	\$ 23,836.00
Installation expenses/internet service fees (2 years)	\$ <u>12,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 35,836.00

Please note that any future internet service fees and any equipment maintenance expenses related to WiFi beyond the first two years will be the responsibility of the Centennial Park Conservancy. Please note that there is no match or any other obligation to Metro Parks and/or the Metropolitan Government related to this grant.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

11-20-05

BOARD ACCEPTS DONATION OF TWO WORKS OF ART BY PAUL LANCASTER ON BEHALF OF THE PARTHENON FROM MR. AND MRS. GREY CARTER

Upon motion of Ms. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Anderson, the board accepted a donation of two works of art created by Nashville artist, Paul Lancaster, and valued at \$15,000 - \$20,000 each from Mr. and Mrs. Grey Carter. These works of art, offered to the permanent collection at the Parthenon, and included in the book "*Paul Lancaster: Immersed in Nature*" include:

"Two Eves" 1990 42" x 48", Oil on Canvas

"Still Life with Two Views" 2004 37" x 57" Oil on Canvas

The Parthenon, which owns two other Lancaster works, one in the Century III Collection and one in the Regional Contemporary Collection, mounted a retrospective of his work in 2013 and the addition of these paintings will add immeasurably to the significance to the Parthenon's holdings by this important Tennessee artist.

Please note that this generous donation to the Parthenon's collections is free of any liens or other encumbrances and that Metro Parks (Parthenon) and/or the Metropolitan Government will receive no goods, services, or other payments in exchange for these two works of art.

11-20-06

BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD TO SUSPEND SECTION 4, ITEM L OF POLICY 3000.1 FROM THE PARKS POLICY MANUAL

Dr. Sharon Gentry, chair of the board's policy committee, reported that the policy committee met and determined that the suspension of Section 4, Item L of Policy 3000.1 Naming of Parks from the Parks Policy Manual would be necessary in order to move forward with review and/or amendment of the Park's naming policy. Section 4. L. states "No park, once named, may ever be changed".

Therefore, upon motion of Ms. Hughes, seconded by Dr. Steele, the board suspended Section 4, Item L of Parks Policy 3000.1 indefinitely while reevaluating the current naming policy for revision.

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VIII. CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE – Tim Netsch

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Aaittifama 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

Centennial – Children’s Memory Garden

Design Complete
In the queue for construction bidding

Ravenwood – Phase One

Design complete
Construction contract protested-Metro Procurement
working on resolution

Centennial – Phase Two

Construction underway
Great Lawn complete: Fall 2020
Other areas complete: Spring 2020

Watkins Park – Pump Track

Partnership with SORBA, Nashville Parks
Foundation & Oasis Bike Workshop
Construction underway
Construction complete: Winter 2020/21

Fort Negley Master Plan

RFP proposals in review
Funding frozen

Wharf – Master Plan

Funding frozen

Hadley – Pavilion

Construction contract executed
Construction funding frozen

COMPLETED IN THE LAST TWELVE MONTHS

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

Kossie Gardner Sr. – Phase One

Construction underway
Construction complete: Fall 2020

*completed this month

Madison – Tennis Courts Reconstruction

Construction underway
Construction complete: Fall 2020

IX. UPCOMING SPECIAL ACTIVITIES/EVENTS – Jackie Jones

NOVEMBER 2020

Richland Farmers Market, 9:30 a.m. – 12: 30 p.m., every Saturday until December 31.

- 8: The Whiskey Run – Half Marathon & 5K, 8:00 a.m., Two Rivers Park.
Cumberland River Marathon, 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Riverview Shelter.
- 11: Veterans Day Flag Memorial Service, 9:00 a.m. – Red Caboose Park.
- 13: Mountain Tales Film Festival, 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., Centennial Park Event Shelter.
- 14: Norf Fall Festival Co-sponsored by the Parks Foundation, 10:00 – 6:00 p.m., Fisk Park.
4th Quarter Strong Community Revival, 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m., Hadley Park.
Shelby Bottoms Boogie 15K & 5K, 7:30 a.m., Shelby Park.
Blair Children’s Chorus Rehearsals, 9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Centennial Park.

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IX. UPCOMING SPECIAL ACTIVITIES/EVENTS – Jackie Jones (con't.)

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- 15: Silence the Violence, 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., Hadley Park.
- 16: Kossie Gardner Senior Park Grand Opening (Virtual Event), 9:30 a.m., 1606 Jefferson Street
- 19: Rock & Roll Marathon Expo, 12:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., Nissan Stadium.
- 21: Franklin Street Church Service, 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., Centennial Park.
- 22: Flying Monkey Marathon, 7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Percy Warner Park.
Giving Back to the Community, 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., Hadley Park.

X. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

Ms. Odom reported:

- Recently the court ruled in favor of Metro with regard to the 34% property tax referendum. We are currently waiting to hear from the Administration and Metro Finance for guidance on how to proceed and will communicate this information once received.
- Facilities are having to rearrange scheduling because of staff having to isolate because of Covid and/or exposure.
- After a recent violent crime at McFerrin Community Center we are currently looking for guidance from Capt. Chris Taylor and will explore options.
- Working on details of the cold weather shelter at the Fairgrounds, this year Metro Parks facilities will not be used; however, Parks Police will participate in the security rotation as usual.
- Nature Centers are hosting both in-person and virtual programming and have received many positive comments.
- Currently running hybrid in person and virtual programming for the Essential Worker Support Program and our after-school program pending staff availability.
- Cultural Arts classes are doing well with hybrid in person and virtual programming.
- Consolidated Maintenance Division is busy completing their routine maintenance.
- Greenways Division continues to work with councilmembers, developers and constituents on greenway endeavors
- John Holmes and Stevon Neloms are serving on the Rose Park Advisory Committee. Special thanks to Councilmember Burkley Allen for her leadership in this initiative. This committee is working to change the perception of Rose Park.
- Thank you to the Nashville Parks Foundation for sponsoring Metro Parks Annual Holiday Event for staff again this year. This year's event will be modified by COVID guidelines and will be held on Friday, December 11th.

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

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

Monique Horton Odom, Director

Dr. Michelle Steele, Chairperson