

METROPOLITAN BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

December 1, 2020

A meeting of the Board of Parks and Recreation of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee was held on Tuesday, December 1, 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 Mr. Jeff Haynes. Ms. Macy Amos, representing the Metro Legal Department was also present. Dr. Sharon Gentry 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. Scott Barnes moved for approval, Mr. Haynes seconded, and the board approved without objection.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 10, 2020 APPROVED

Upon motion of Ms. Scott-Barnes, seconded by Mr. Haynes, the Board approved the minutes of the board meeting held Tuesday, November 10, 2020 as presented.

IV. METRO COUNCIL REFERRALS

Councilmember Nancy VanReece representing the 8th Council District was in attendance.

V. OLD BUSINESS - NONE

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

12-20-01

BOARD APPROVES DECEMBER 2020 CONSENT AGENDA

Upon motion of Mr. Haynes, seconded by Ms. Hughes, the board approved the December 2020 consent agenda as presented.

Permission for the following organizations to renew 2021 Permit for Facility Use for a period of one- year contingent upon all 2020 permit obligations being met (**copies of each permit will be available for review at the board meeting**):

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
Cane Ridge Community Club-building in Cecil Rhea Crawford Park

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

12-20-01 (con't.)

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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
Leadership Academy LLC-Nature Day Camp - Bells Bend & Beaman Parks
Leadership Academy LLC Mountain Bike Camp – Percy and Edwin Warner Parks
Metropolitan Action Commission-Dudley Community Center
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 Chew Crew – Bells Bend
Nashville Cricket – Whites Creek Park
Nashville Food Project – Mill Ridge Park
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
Nature Conservancy - Ravenwood Park
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
Total Package Hockey (formerly Nashville Jr. Predators and MGD Elite Hockey) – Centennial Sportsplex Ice Rinks
Una Recreation Center, Inc.-youth football fields–Una Park
West Nashville Sports League – baseball and softball fields - Warner Park
Whites Creek High School – athletic fields at Whites Creek High School

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

12-20-02 (con't.)

BOARD APPROVES DECEMBER 2020 CONSENT AGENDA

Upon motion of Mr. Haynes, seconded by Ms. Hughes, the board approved the December 2020 consent agenda as presented.

AMPLIFICATION APPROVAL

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| • Keller Williams Realty | Sevier Park-Breakfast with Santa | Sat., Dec. 5, 2021 |
| • Open Table Nashville | Riverfront Park-homeless memorial | Sat., Dec. 19, 2020 |
| • Island Boyz Promotions | Riverfront Park-Nashville Carnival | Sat., May 22, 2021 |
| • Bellevue Community Foundation | Bellevue Park-911 20 th Anniversary | Sat., Sept. 11, 2021 |
| • Lisa Martin-Wedding | Centennial Park Sunken Gardens | Thurs., Oct. 28, 2021 |

AMPLIFICATION AND ALCOHOL

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| • Good Neighbor Festivals-American Artisan | Centennial Park Parthenon Lawn | June 18-20, 2021 |
| • Island Boyz Promotions | Riverfront Park-Music City Jerk Festival | Sat., July 17, 2021 |
| • Arkeisha Cox-wedding anniversary | Centennial Park Sunken Gardens | Sat., Sept. 4, 2021 |

AMPLIFICATION AND AFTER-HOURS APPROVAL

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| • Music City, Inc.-NYE in Nashville 2020 | All Downtown Parks | Thurs., Dec. 31, 2020 |
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FARMER'S MARKETS

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| • Bellevue Farmers Market | Bellevue Park | April – November 2021 |
| • Richland Park Farmers Market | Richland Park | Jan. 1 – Dec. 31, 2021 |
| • 12 South Farmers Market | Sevier Park | April - November 2021 |

12-20-03

BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF THE PERCY PRIEST YACHT CLUB TO BASE ITS REGATTA AND OTHER SAILING ACTIVITIES AT HAMILTON CREEK MARINA

Upon motion of Mr. Haynes, seconded by Ms. Hughes, 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 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 27, May 15, June 12, October 16, November 6, and December 5, 2021. Permission to serve alcohol has also been requested for the following Red Cup events: February 6, March 13, June 26, July 24, August 21, September 25, October 15 and December 4, 2021.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

12-20-04

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF THE CIVIC DESIGN CENTER TO RAISE FUNDS
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000 FOR THE FUTURE REALIZATION
OF THE PARK AT MADISON STATION**

Mr. Gary Gaston, CEO of the Civic Design Center, was present to request board approval to raise funds in the amount of \$50,000 in support of the design and construction process and documents for the future realization of the Park at Madison Station.

Upon motion of Ms. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Anderson, the board granted permission to the Civic Design Center to raise funds in the amount of \$50,000 for the following items:

- Public Engagement and Report
- Conceptual Designs
- Site Survey
- Schematic Design
- Packaged set of designs delivered to the Metro Parks Board and Department

in support for the future realization of the Park at Madison Station. This park space is located adjacent to the Madison Branch of the Nashville Public Library. It should also be noted that this request requires no monetary match from the Metro Parks Department, or the Metropolitan Government and final plans are subject to the approval of Metro Parks.

12-20-05

**BOARD ACCEPTS AN IN-KIND GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,876 FOR
LIGHTING IN THE PARTHENON ART GALLERY**

Mr. John Tumminello, Executive Director of the Centennial Park Conservancy, was present to requests the board to accept an in-kind grant valued at \$6,876 for the purchase and installation of track lighting in the Parthenon art gallery.

Upon motion of Ms. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Haynes, the board accepted an in-kind grant valued at \$6,876.00 for the purchase and installation of track lighting in the Parthenon Art Gallery from the Centennial Park Conservancy. This grant will include all expenses necessary for the equipment and installation as well as any cost overruns in excess of \$6,876.00. This grant will not require any matching funds and/or obligation from Metro Parks or the Metropolitan Government.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

12-20-06

BOARD APPROVES EXTENSION OF A LICENSE AGREEMENT BETWEEN METRO PARKS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY FOR LIMITED TRAINING PURPOSES

Upon motion Ms. Hughes, seconded by Ms. Scott-Barnes, the board granted approval to an extension of a current license agreement between The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, acting by and through the Board of Parks and Recreation, and the United States of America, acting by and through the Department of the Army, to enter certain parks, operated and maintained by the Department of Parks and recreation, for limited training purposes. The agreement places any liability and damages caused by the training on the Department of the Army (US Government). Once approved by the Parks Board, this agreement will go to the Metro Council for further approval.

This is the renewal of a license to allow the Department of the Army (160 Special Operations Aviation Regiment/Fort Campbell) to enter Shelby Park at Cornelia Fort Airpark for limited rotary wing military training purposes (helicopters). This training has been conducted at Cornelia Fort Airpark for several years with official approval from the Parks Board and the Metro Council in 2017. The training occurs four or five times a year, after dark, and has caused no issues or problems. The 160 Special Operations Aviation Regiment always gives advance notice to Parks Department staff, Parks Police and area Metro Council Representatives.

12-20-07

BOARD DEFERS REQUEST OF NASHVILLE SERVICE FOR A 20' x 5' EASEMENT IN ORCHARD BEND PARK TO INSTALL A POLE WIRE ANCHOR

As per parks policy 3000.25 the board deferred request of Nashville Electric Service for a 20' x 5' easement in Orchard Bend Park along Pettus Road, parcel number 17400000700, to install a pole wire anchor. This request will be presented to the Acquisition Committee of the Parks Board preceding the January Parks Board meeting.

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

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

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VIII. CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE – Tim Netsch (con't.)

Centennial – Phase Two

Great Lawn complete and open
Construction underway in other areas
Complete: Spring 2021

Fort Negley Master Plan

RFP proposals in review
Funding frozen

Hadley – Pavilion

Construction contract executed
Construction funding frozen

Watkins Park – Pump Track

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

Wharf – Master Plan

Funding frozen

COMPLETED IN THE LAST TWELVE MONTHS

Antioch – community center renovation
Beaman – trails
Kossie Gardner, Sr. – new park*
Madison – tennis courts reconstruction*
Orchard Bend – swings and pavilion
Percy Warner-Allee restoration

*Completed in the last month

IX. UPCOMING SPECIAL ACTIVITIES/EVENTS – Jackie Jones

December 4: Virtual Holiday Tree lighting in Public Square Park at 6:00 p.m.
4: Holiday Student Art Sale at the Centennial Art Center running through December 16th.
10: Virtual ceremony of the lighting of the Menorah at 5:15 pm
12: Virtual production (drive-in) of the Metro Parks' Centennial Youth Ballet performance of The Mini-Nutcracker scheduled for 12:30 pm and 2:30 at the Field at Franklin

X. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

Ms. Odom introduced and welcomed Mary Peoples to the Metro Parks staff. Mary will replace Janet Frazier upon her upcoming retirement from Metro Parks. Ms. Odom thanked Janet for her service and urged board members to stop by the office if they have an opportunity or call to welcome Mary.

Ms. Odom reported:

- The proposed referendum for appealing the property tax will not move forward. Parks budget currently remains as passed on July 1, 2020. A mid-year budget meeting with the Finance Department will be scheduled later this month to evaluate status of the budget and discuss the next steps in moving forward.
- Chinita White, Finance and Administration Assistant Director, is currently coordinating a finance sub-committee with board member Hughes. Please remember that all board members are members of the finance committee.

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

- Janet Frazier is scheduling a meeting of the Policy Committee Working Group. This group is composed of Dr. Gentry, Jeff Haynes, Macy Amos and Monique Odom. This group is tasked with making proposed revisions to the naming policy to be submitted to the policy committee so that we can move forward with any requests before the board.
- Metro Nashville Public Schools have moved back to remote learning therefore Metro Parks will administer the MNPS Essential Workers Support Program to accommodate any students when out of school. Neighborhood center operating hours will be 10 am-6:30 pm. Regional Centers will operate from 6 am-7 pm. These hours will stay in place until MNPS confirms the learning format. December 17th is the beginning of winter break for Metro students and modified programming will be offered at the centers.
- Youth basketball is currently on hold due to safety precautions. Metro Parks will look to the Metro Health Department for guidance on reinstating basketball leagues.
- Thank you to Greenways for Nashville for posting additional COVID signage with updated graphics at the greenway trailheads.
- Thank you to the Nashville Parks Foundation for once again sponsoring Parks' annual holiday lunch. Although this year's event will be modified, employees are still collecting toys and non-perishable food items for distribution to the appropriate local charities.
- We should move forward in honoring Mr. Stan Fossick for his 30 years of service to the Parks Board at the January or February 2021 meeting. Janet Frazier will coordinate with him in regard to his availability.

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

Ms. Odom announced that she would like to revisit the Private Confederate Monument discussion. This was previously deferred to the next in-person board meeting; however, with no end in sight of meeting virtually she would like to include it on the January agenda.

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