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DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND SEWERAGE SERVICES  
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**Minutes  
of the  
Stormwater Management Committee (SWMC)  
September 6, 2018  
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8:15 AM  
700 Second Avenue South  
Metro Office Building, Development Services Conference Center**

## **STORMWATER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

**(Quorum Required: Four Members)**

### **Committee Members Present:**

Mr. Dodd Galbreath – Vice Chairman  
Ms. Debra Grimes  
Mr. Slade Sevier, P.E. – Chairman  
Ms. Ronette Adams-Taylor  
Ms. Carrie Stokes, P.E.

### **Committee Members Absent:**

Mr. Roy Dale, P. E.  
Ms. Anna Maddox, P.E.

## **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m.

## **II. APPROVAL OF AUGUST 2, 2018 MEETING MINUTES & DECISION LETTERS**

Mr. Slade Sevier (chair) called meeting to order at 8:22 a.m.

The first item of business was the approval of the meeting minutes and decision letters from August 2, 2018 meeting by Ms. Carrie Stokes with the corrections to be made to “page 3” of the minutes which should read, “Mr. Brendon Boles (Kimley-Horn) spoke on the proposed multifamily development which would include the widening of Charlotte Pike, SR 70, in accordance with the Nashville Major and Collector Street Plan and the requirements of Public Works department for the installation of a west bound left turn lane.” The motion was seconded by Ms. Debra Grimes the motion carried.



If you need assistance or an accommodation, please contact Metro Water Services, at 615-862-4862, 1600 Second Avenue North, Nashville, Tennessee 37208.

Mr. Dodd Galbreath and Ms. Ronette Adams Taylor abstained from the vote.

Mr. Slade Sevier pointed out at the beginning of the meeting his concern on legal counsel not being present.

### **III. STORMWATER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AGENDA**

*Comments were solicited from the Planning and Codes Departments for the following Agenda items.*

**1. 201800020**

**Cheekwood Botanical Garden & Museum of Art**

1200 Forrest Park Drive

Inspector: (Leigh Nelson)

APN 12912013400

CD-34 (Angie Henderson)

**APPLICANT'S REQUEST:** Is to allow the following:

1. Disturbance & encroachment of the 30' zone 1 buffer of stream by grading trails, adding impervious trail surface, constructing boardwalk, & adding irrigation.
2. Continuous invasive removal & maintenance of proposed plantings within the zone 1 buffer.
3. Landscape architect is stamping drawings, not a licensed engineer.
4. Request to work with staff to develop alternate buffer signage.

**APPELLANT:** Peter Grimaldi (Cheekwood Botanical Garden & Museum of Art)

**REPRESENTATIVE:** Gary Hawkins (Hawkins Partners, Inc.)

**COMMENTS:**

**SW STAFF:** The proposed mitigation appears to offset the buffer disturbance.

**CODES:** No comment provided.

**PLANNING:** Site is zoned R20, defer to Stormwater for review.

**GREENWAYS:** Defers to the comments of the storm water management committee.

Mr. Gary Hawkins (Hawkins Partners Inc.) and Mr. Peter Grimaldi (VP of Gardens & Facilities at Cheekwood) spoke on behalf of the project located at 1200 Forrest Park Drive. The area in which the variance is being requested is only a small portion of the site. The stream and buffer are currently being choked with invasive and cut up with culverts and at-grade stream crossings. An eroded mulch trail is currently cutting through the buffer.

Mr. Hawkins and Mr. Grimaldi feel removing the culverts will improve the trail's accessibility by regrading and surfacing with asphalt, and adding the boardwalk constitutes will be the best use of the site. The goal of the project is to improve on the existing woodland sculpture experience and improve the native Tennessee woodland and riparian garden for appreciation and education of all Cheekwood visitors.

The discussion on variance request #3 which was to allow the landscape architect to stamp drawings was presented. Mr. Steve Mishu with Development Services stated that in the 1999 regulations there was a provision that allowed landscape architects to submit “grading only” plans. Mr. Mishu also stated that this portion was removed from the 2007 regulations.

Mr. Mishu went on to discuss that Development Services have talked with the AE Board and concluded that it is acceptable for landscape architects to design grading plans only if it was within the designer’s expertise. He stated, it is not in the regulations but the department is moving forward in this direction.

The Stormwater Management Committee stated they are not comfortable with allowing the stamp drawings submitted by the landscape architect without legal being present and having that discussion. Legal was not able to be reached during the time of the meeting for discussion on the matter.

After discussion during the Executive Session of the Committee on September 6, 2018 and review of the information presented a motion to approve with the following standard Conditions #1-2 and Condition #4 were approved and seconded. Condition #3 was not approved by the Stormwater Management Committee; plans must be stamped by a licensed engineer. The motion carried.

1. The Appellant shall have the landscaper who installs the required mitigation plantings to certify to MWS Stormwater – NPDES Office, in writing (referencing Variance #201800020), once plantings are installed per approved variance plans and again once plantings have been found to meet a two full growing season requirement. The owner shall maintain a minimum of 75 percent survivability of plantings through two full growing seasons.
2. This variance will expire on September 6, 2019. However, if a Grading Permit, Stormwater Single Family Permit, or Building Permit is issued within that period, the variance expiration date will run concurrent with that permit expiration date. The variance is valid only so long as the plan presented to the Stormwater Management Committee does not change.
4. Work with staff to develop alternate buffer signage.

**IV. ITEMS OF BUSINESS**


**V. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

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Approved:

By:  \_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary

Date: 10/6/2018