

**METROPOLITAN BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION**

**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING**

**JANUARY 11, 2022**

A meeting of the Board of Parks and Recreation of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee was held on Tuesday, January 11, 2022 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, Dr. Sharon Gentry, Ms. Tari Hughes, Mr. George Anderson, and Mr. Crews Johnston. Ms. Macy Amos was present to represent Metro Legal. Mr. Jeff Haynes was not present.

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Michelle Steele.

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD DECEMBER 7, 2021 APPROVED**

Upon motion of Ms. Hughes, and seconded by Mr. Crews Johnston, the Board approved the minutes of the board meeting held Tuesday, December 7, 2021 as presented.

**V. METRO COUNCIL REFERRALS**

None present

**VI. OLD BUSINESS**

**11-21-05**

**BOARD WITHDRAWS REQUEST FOR LEASE AMENDMENT TO PROPERTY  
LOCATED AT 7820 COLEY DAVIS FOR EMISSIONS TESTING SITE**

As per recommendation of the Acquisition Committee, this request was withdrawn due to Metro Council's approval to end emissions testing for Davidson County effective February 2022.

**12-21-03**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST FOR RECOMMENDATION OF APPROVAL FOR A  
PROPOSED DONATION OF A 4.4-ACRE PARCEL OF PROPERTY ADJACENT TO  
THE NASHVILLE ZOO FOR PARKING GARAGE**

As per recommendation of the Acquisition Committee, upon motion of Ms. Hughes, and seconded by Mr. Anderson, the Board approved the request of The Nashville Zoo for a recommendation of approval to donate a 4.4-acre parcel of property, Parcel # 13300014500. The parcel is adjacent to a parcel of property currently owned by Metro and leased to the Nashville Zoo in a lease agreement. A proposed parking garage may be constructed across both of these parcels and the current lease would be amended to include the donated parcel.

**VII. CONSENT AGENDA**

**01-22-01**

**BOARD APPROVES JANUARY 2022 CONSENT AGENDA**

Upon motion of Mr. Anderson, and seconded by Ms. Hughes, the Board approved the January 2022 consent agenda as presented.

**VII. CONSENT AGENDA**

**01-22-01** Board approval requested of the following consent applications:

**AMPLIFICATION APPROVAL**

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|---|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| • Tom King Classic Half Marathon/5K                 | Shelby Park                    | Sat., Feb. 19, 2022  |
| • Metro Arbor Day Ceremony                          | East Park                      | Wed., Mar. 15, 2022  |
| • Music City Exchange 2022                          | Centennial Park Pavilion       | Sat., Mar. 26, 2022  |
| • Dalewood Gators 2 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Easter Egg | Hunt South Inglewood Park      | Sat., April 9, 2022  |
| • Shop Black City Tour Nashville                    | Cumberland Park                | Sat., May 21, 2022   |
| • Howard Picnic                                     | Hartman Park                   | Sun., June 19, 2022  |
| • 2 <sup>nd</sup> Handmade Nashville Summer Night   | Mkt. Bellevue Park             | Sat., Aug. 20, 2022  |
| • Pearl High 70's Decade Summer Event               | Centennial Park Event Shelter  | Sat., Sept. 10, 2022 |
| • Belmont Church Picnic                             | Centennial Park Pavilion       | Sun., Sept. 25, 2022 |
| • Roberts/Harrah Wedding/Reception                  | Centennial Park Sunken Gardens | Tues., Oct. 4, 2022  |
| • Nashville Turkey Trot                             | Two Rivers Park                | Sat., Nov. 24, 2022  |
| • 7 <sup>th</sup> Annual Handmade Nashville Holiday | Mkt. Bellevue Park             | Sat., Nov. 26, 2022  |

**AMPLIFICATION AND FUNDRAISING**

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| • 6 <sup>th</sup> JE Dunn Hammer Down 5K  | Riverfront Park               | Sat., April 2, 2022  |
| • Purity Moosic City Dairy Dash           | Bordeaux Timothy Park         | Sat., April 9, 2022  |
| • Autism Ability Half Marathon/5K         | Edwin Warner Shelters 4&5     | Sat., April 23, 2022 |
| • Nat'l MPS Society Rock/Roll 5K and 1M   | Centennial Park               | Sat., Aug. 6, 2022   |
| • AYES Walk for Hope to End Depression    | Shelby Park Riverview Shelter | Sat., Sept. 24, 2022 |
| • Nashville Out of the Darkness Walk      | Centennial Park Event Shelter | Sat., Oct. 29, 2022  |
| • Full Belly Friends of Shelby 5K/Fun Run | Shelby Park                   | Sat., Nov. 26, 2022  |

**AMPLIFICATION AND ALCOHOL**

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| • Music City Open Disc Golf           | Mill Ridge Park                   | Fri.-Sun., April 1-3, 2022 |
| • Parmer School Class of 1955 Reunion | Percy Warner Golf Pavilion        | Fri., April 8, 2022        |
| • Nelson/Mondlock Wedding/Reception   | Centennial Park Sunken Gardens    | Sun., May 15, 2022         |
| • Musician's Corner Festival          | Centennial Park Musician's Corner | May 6-7, June 17-18, 2022  |
| • American Artisan Festival           | Centennial Park                   | June 17-19, 2022           |
| • Wine on the River                   | Riverfront Park                   | Sat., Sept. 10, 2022       |
| • Brendan and Lauren's Wedding        | Shelby Park Cornelia Fort         | Sept. 30 and Oct. 1, 2022  |
| • Freedom Mortgage Reception          | Walk of Fame Park                 | Mon., Oct. 24, 2022        |
| • Kiser Wedding/Reception             | St. Bernard Park                  | Sat., Dec. 17, 2022        |

**FUNDRAISING**

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| • Rhythm Run | East Bank Landin | Thur., Feb. 10, 2022 |
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**VII. CONSENT AGENDA (con't)**

**AMPLIFICATION, ALCOHOL AND FUNDRAISING**

- Night of Hope
- Sevier Park Fest

Centennial Park Musician's Corner  
Sevier Park

Sat., April 30, 2022  
Sat., May 7, 2022

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

**01-22-02**

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

Upon motion of Ms. Hughes, and seconded by Mr. Johnston, 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 26, May 14-15, June 11, October 1, and November 5. Permission to serve alcohol has also been requested for the following Red Cup events: February 5, March 12, June 25, July 23, August 20, September 24, October 14-16, (request approval for camping on these dates) and December 3-4, 2022.

**01-22-03**

**BOARD ACCEPTS IN-KIND GRANT REQUEST FROM THE NATURE  
CONSERVANCY NASHVILLE NOT TO EXCEED \$100,000.00 TO FUND  
RESTORATION AND CLEANUP EFFORT AT LYTLE BEND PARK**

Correspondence was received from Terry Cook, Tennessee State Director of The Nature Conservancy, requesting the Board to accept an in-kind grant not to exceed \$100,000.00 to fund restoration and cleanup efforts at Lytle Bend Park. This grant requires no match or other obligation for Metro Parks. No funds will be sent directly to Metro Parks.

Upon motion of Mr. Johnston, seconded by Ms. Hughes, the Board accepted the in-kind grant not to exceed \$100,000.00 to fund restoration and cleanup efforts at Lytle Bend Park.

**01-22-04**

**BOARD APPROVES THE REQUEST OF THE MIDDLE TENNESSEE PONY CLUB TO  
HOST THE 70<sup>TH</sup> RUNNING OF THE MTPC HORSE TRIALS IN OCTOBER 2022**

Correspondence was received from Peppy Butler, District Commissioner of Middle Tennessee Pony Club, requesting permission to host the 70<sup>th</sup> consecutive running of the MTPC Horse Trials to be held at the Equestrian Center of Percy Warner Park and

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS (con't)**

**01-22-04**

the 2022 season with waiver of equestrian and park usage fees. Permission was also

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requested to serve/consume alcohol during the Horse Trials Competitor and Volunteer Receptions with competitors remaining in their trailers in the park overnight on October 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

Upon motion of Dr. Gentry, and seconded by Mr. Johnston, the Board approved the request of MTPC to host the Horse Trials at Percy Warner Park on October 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

**01-22-05**

### **STAFF PROVIDES INFORMATION REGARDING THE WEST NASHVILLE SPORTS LEAGUE PERMIT AS REQUESTED AT THE DECEMBER 2021 BOARD MEETING**

John Holmes, Assistant Director at Metro Parks, updated the Board regarding WNSL permit. A document was given to the Board with responses to the questions raised in the December 2021 Board meeting. Mr. Holmes explained the permitting and usage of the fields being used by WNSL and answered additional questions raised by board members.

## **IX. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

### **MS. LOUISE BRYAN, DIRECTOR OF THE NASHVILLE PARKS FOUNDATION, PRESENTS ANNUAL UPDATE TO THE BOARD**

Ms. Bryan, President of The Nashville Parks Foundation, began by stating the purpose of the foundation is to enhance parks for everyone. She updated the Board about the activities of The Nashville Parks Foundation including the partnership projects, funding sources, and upcoming opportunities. Ms. Bryan's presentation informed the Board about what the foundation is doing right now to provide equitable support across all the neighborhoods so that Nashville is one city.

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

### **Aaittifama Archeological – Phase One**

- Future request from friends group to self-fund an alternative Phase One project

### **Centennial – Children's Memory Garden**

- Construction mobilization underway

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- Construction complete: Summer 2022

#### Centennial – Phase Three/Pavilion

- Design underway
- Design complete: Summer 2022

#### Clinton Fisk - Playground Replacement & Site Improvements

- Equipment on order
- Construction complete: Summer 2022

#### Elmington - Tennis Courts Refurb

- Construction underway
- Complete: Winter 2021/22

#### Fort Negley - Master Plan

- Master plan underway
- Plan complete: Summer 2021

#### Fort Negley – Stonework Repair

- Construction proposal under review
- Construction starts: Spring 2022

#### Hadley – Pavilion

- Construction underway
- Construction complete: Fall 2021

#### Madison Station – Schematic Design

- Partnership with Nashville Civic Design Center
- Design underway

- Design complete: Early 2022

#### Mill Ridge - Phase One

- Construction underway
- Construction complete: Summer 2022

#### Old Hickory - Community Center Design

- Proposal under review
- Design complete: Winter 2022/23

#### Ravenwood – Phase One

- Construction underway
- Construction complete: Fall 2022

#### Sevier – Sunnyside Mansion Restoration

- Design underway
- Design complete: Fall 2021

#### Shelby – Davidson St. Streambank Stabilization

- Design underway
- Design complete: Summer 2022

#### Warner – Traffic Counts

- Underway
- Complete: Spring 2022

#### Wharf – Master Plan

- Master plan underway
- Plan complete: Spring 2022

#### COMPLETED IN THE LAST TWELVE MONTHS

Bellevue – playground sunshades

Centennial – Phase Two

Mansker Creek – streambank stabilization

Watkins – pump track

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

- *Kindred Links* by Omari Booker and Henry L. Jones, featured at the East Gallery of the Parthenon, now -February 13
- Central South Revisited 1966-1983, featured at the West Gallery of the Parthenon, now - March 20
- January 14, last day for annual memberships sales for the Centennial Sportsplex
- *The Art of Keeping Honeybees*, Shelby Bottoms Nature Center, January 15
- January 22, Musical Theater one-day class (8–11-year-old), focus on acting, singing, and dancing fundamentals.

## **XII. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR**

Ms. Odom announced

- Happy New Year to Everyone!

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- The offices and facilities were closed due to the recent weather event. Additionally, Covid has impacted the regional and neighborhood community centers resulting in reduced operating hours until after the MLK holiday. Other Parks facilities have adjusted hours as well.
- We are still working to fill vacancies within the department.
- After school programs are operational.
- We are monitoring open gym times at community centers by limiting the numbers of participants and following Covid protocols.
- The petition for the renaming of Hadley Park has been submitted for the June 2022 Tennessee Historic Commission meeting. Public notice has been posted on our website.
- The petition for the removal of the Confederate Private Monument is currently under review at Metro Legal.
- Staff is working to gather the information requested for the next Working Committee meeting.
- The FY23 budget kickoff will begin in the next few weeks. We have been advised to submit budget improvement requests that are performance based and justified. It is expected that submissions show a two percent reduction scenario.

### **XIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS/ REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/OPEN ITEMS**

Mr. Anderson requested an update to be given at the February board meeting regarding the Riverfront dock replacement and associated timelines.

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

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Monique Horton Odom, Director

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Dr. Michelle Steele, Chairperson