

METROPOLITAN BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

MARCH 1, 2022

A meeting of the Board of Parks and Recreation of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee was held on Tuesday, March 1, 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, Mr. Jeff Haynes, Ms. Tari Hughes. Ms. Macy Amos was present to represent Metro Legal. Mr. George Anderson and Mr. Crews Johnston were not present.

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

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 1, 2022, APPROVED

Upon motion of Ms. Susannah Scott-Barnes, and seconded by Mr. Jeff Haynes, the Board approved the minutes of the board meeting held Tuesday, February 1, 2022, as presented.

V. METRO COUNCIL REFERRALS

Councilmember Emily Benedict was present regarding agenda item **02-22-06**

VI. OLD BUSINESS

10-21-06

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST TO RESCIND AGENDA ITEM 10-21-06
AND NULLIFIES AGREEMENT APPROVED IN AGENDA ITEM
02-17-09**

Correspondence was received from Mr. Scott Tygard, West Nashville Sports League/Miracle League of Music City, requesting to rescind agenda item 10-21-06 and stating that the Miracle Field will not be constructed in Edwin Warner Park.

Upon motion of Ms. Scott-Barnes, and seconded by Mr. Haynes, the Board approved the request to rescind 10-21-06, and nullified the agreement approved in agenda item 02-17-09.

Comments were offered by Dr. Steele expressing disappointment that a Miracle Field would not be constructed in the Metro Nashville Park system. She further expressed the Parks Board's commitment to identifying suitable locations to establish amenities for park users with different abilities. Dr. Steele went on to state that Parks and green spaces offer significant tangible and intangible benefits for the city and

our residents. She stated that the intention of the Parks Board is to make equitable decisions where all members of the community can take full advantage of parks that are accessible and high quality. This means parks must be safe, well maintained, designed, and programmed to meet community needs with community input, though public/private partnerships remain very important to us.

Ms. Scott-Barnes expressed her appreciation for the work that was done by the Working Committee, the fruitful dialogue within the Committee, and encouraged the committee to continue its work. She also expressed appreciation for Dr. Steele's remarks.

02-22-06

**BOARD APPROVES RECOMMENDATION FROM THE GREENWAYS
AND OPEN SPACE COMMISSION REGARDING E-BIKES ON
GREENWAYS**

Cindy Harrison, Metro Parks Assistant Director for Greenways and Open Space, presented a summary of the E-bike Study (January 2022) and reviewed the recommendation from the Greenways and Open Space Commission.

Councilmember Emily Benedict offered remarks advising that she was one of the Metro Council members who sponsored the legislation that called for the e-bike study, and encouraging the Parks Board to support the recommendation of the Greenways and Open Space Commission of no change to local regulations regarding e-bikes. She further recommended that further study, as stated in the Greenways and Open Space recommendation, be broader in scope than just e-bikes on greenways. Councilmember Emily Benedict gave a personal account of one reason e-bikes on greenways are beneficial, and expressed her appreciation to the Parks Board for their service.

Upon motion of Ms. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Haynes, and discussion the board approved the recommendation from the Greenways and Open Space Commission that (1) no change be made to local regulations regarding e-bikes at this time, as the Commission acknowledges that there is not currently sufficient information to determine that e-bike usage on greenways is unsafe, and recommends (2) the collection of additional information and data as to all usage on the Greenways, including e-bike usage, as requested in Metro Council's resolution RS2021-1102, and including matters related to infrastructure, enforcement, and user behavior on the Greenways, with the scope of work for gathering this information to be determined by the Parks Board and/or their staff.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

03-22-01

BOARD APPROVES MARCH 2022 CONSENT AGENDA

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

AMPLIFICATION APPROVAL

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| • SEC Fan Fare | Walk of Fame Park | March 1-7, 2022 |
| • MC Walk of Fame Induction Ceremony | Walk of Fame Park | Tues., April 5, 2022 |
| • Bellevue Community Easter Egg Hunt | Bellevue Park | Sat., April 16, 2022 |
| • Richland Creek Run | Richland Park | Sun., April 16, 2022 |
| • 12 South Easter Sunrise Service | Sevier Park | Sun., April 17, 2022 |
| • Sarah Lanier Picnic | Cedar Hill Park | Sat., April 23, 2022 |
| • St. Jude Rock n Roll Marathon | Shelby Park | Sat., April 23, 2022 |
| • CAC 50 th Anniversary Dance | Centennial Art Center | Sat., May 14, 2022 |
| • Sherry Smith Picnic | Two Rivers Park | Sat., May 21, 2022 |
| • Opera in the Park | Centennial Park Great Lawn | Sun., June 5, 2022 |
| • Crystal Franklin Picnic | Two Rivers Park | Sat., July 30, 2022 |

AMPLIFICATION AND FUNDRAISING APPROVAL

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| • Walk-n-Roll for Spina Bifida | Warner Park | Sat., June 18, 2022 |
| • International Day of Yoga | Cumberland Park | Tues., June 21, 2022 |
| • Pearls of Wisdom | Tom Joy Park | June 11 & July 9, 2022 |
| • AYES Walk for Hope | Riverview Shelter | Sat., Sept. 24, 2022 |
| • Nashville Walk for 1 in 100 | Centennial Park Event Shelter | Sat., Oct. 15, 2022 |
| • Hike for Safe Haven | Percy Warner Park | Sat., Nov. 12, 2022 |
| • Fit Fun Flex | Shelby Park Riverview Shelter | Sat., Nov. 19, 2022 |

AMPLIFICATION AND ALCOHOL APPROVAL

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| • Alexis Statum Wedding | Centennial Art Center | Sat., April 9, 2022 |
| • Baby Shower/Michaela Deck | Centennial Park Sunken Gardens | Sat., April 16, 2022 |
| • Puppy Play Date | Richland Park | Sun., April 24, 2022 |
| • Retirement Breakfast | Centennial Art Center | Wed., May 11, 2022 |
| • Cummings Wedding | Centennial Art Center | Sat., May 21, 2022 |
| • Shrewsbury Wedding | Centennial Art Center | Sat., April 30, 2022 |
| • Good Neighbor Day Festival | Cedar Hill Park | Sat., Sept. 24, 2022 |
| • CMA Fest | Riverfront, Walk of Fame
The Green at Ascend
Cumberland Park
East Bank Landing/Greenway | June 9-12, 2022 |

FUNDRAISING APPROVAL

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| • Warner Parks Spring Luncheon
2022 | Warner Park | Wed., April 27, |
| • Project Grow
2022 | Mill Ridge Park | Sat., April 23, |
| • Speaking for the Trees Art Show
2022 | Shelby Bottoms Nature Center | April 8-10, |

ALCOHOL AND FUNDRAISING APPROVAL

- Chatterbird Present: Vasilis Kostas Parthenon Fri., April 29, 2022
- Dinner and Charity Raffle Bellevue Regional Center Mon., July 18, 2022

AMPLIFICATION, ALCOHOL AND FUNDRAISING APPROVAL

- YUM! East Festival East Park Thur., May 26, 2022
- Nashville Cocktail Festival Centennial Park Event Shelter Sept. 16-17, 2022
- CPC Gala Parthenon Nov. 4-5, 2022
- Cumberland River Compact Dragon Fest East Bank Landing Sat., Sept. 17, 2022

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

03-22-02

BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF FRIENDS OF TWO RIVERS MANSION FOR WAIVER OF USAGE FEES, AMPLIFICATION, ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION, AND TO REMAIN IN THE PARK AFTER 11:00PM, IF NECESSARY

Upon motion of Ms. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Haynes, the board approved The request of Mr. Phil Claiborne, representing The Friends of Two Rivers Mansion, to host the following events on specified and dates to be determined in 2022 at Two Rivers Mansion with waiver of usage fees, amplification, alcohol consumption and to remain in the park after 11:00 pm, if necessary:

- Mystery Art League Fundraiser March 25
- An Evening of Elegance Fundraiser April 29
- Phil the House with Art and Friends May 15
- Watercolor at the Mansion June 11
- Cars at the Mansion July TBD
- Historic Tea at the Mansion August 13
- Music at the Mansion August 27
- Watercolor at the Mansion September 24
- Spirit Tours of the Mansion/1802 House October weekends
- Donelson Hermitage Chamber Holiday Market November
- Christmas at the Mansion December 9,10,11
- Summer Tours of the Mansion May 13 - August 12
- Hip Donelson Farmer's Market May thru October

03-22-03

**BOARD ACCEPTS GRANT FROM THE CENTENNIAL PARK
CONSERVANCY TO FUND CONTINUATION OF A PART-TIME
POSITION AT THE PARTHENON FOR THE 2022-2023 FISCAL
YEAR**

Upon motion of Ms. Hughes, seconded by Dr. Gentry, the board approved the request of the Centennial Park Conservancy to accept a grant in the amount of \$16,642.00 to fund the continuation of a part-time position in the Parthenon Museum Store for the 2022-2023 fiscal year (July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023). This grant will be distributed via quarterly reimbursement to Metro Parks and requires no match or other obligation.

03-22-04

**BOARD DEFERS STAFF REQUEST TO APPROVE AN EXTENSION OF THE
TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION LICENSING AGREEMENT WITH
OPRY MILLS LIMITED PARTNERSHIP**

The request of staff asking board approval of an 18-month extension of a temporary construction license agreement with Opry Mills Limited Partnership, associated with construction of the Opry Mills Connector Greenway was deferred to the Acquisition Committee of the Parks Board as per park policy 3000.25 Acquisition and Disposition of Park Property.

03-22-05

**BOARD DEFERS STAFF REQUEST TO APPROVE CONSERVATION
GREENWAY EASEMENT FROM SIMON GROUP**

The request of staff asking board approval of a Conservation Greenway Easement Agreement from Simon Group for construction of the Opry Mills Connector Greenway on Simon property was deferred to the Acquisition Committee of the Parks Board as per park policy 3000.25 Acquisition and Disposition of Park Property.

03-22-06

**BOARD DEFERS STAFF REQUEST TO APPROVE ACQUISITION OF A 2.59
ACRE PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED AT 88 HERMITAGE
AVENUE**

The request of staff asking board approval to acquire a 2.59-acre parcel of land located at 88 Hermitage Avenue for use as part of the development of Wharf Park, restoration of the historic school structure that is on this property for public use, and extension of the existing Rolling Mill Hill greenway was deferred to the

Acquisition Committee of the Parks Board as per park policy 3000.25 Acquisition and Disposition of Park Property. In addition, a portion of this property will be combined with the adjacent parcel to the north which is currently owned by the Metropolitan Development Authority (MDHA) to provide affordable and workforce housing options.

03-22-07

**BOARD ACCEPTS IN-KIND GRANT FROM THE FRIENDS OF
AAITTIFAMA' ARCHEOLOGICAL PARK TO FUND IMPROVEMENTS AT
AAITTIFAMA PARK**

Upon motion of Dr. Gentry, seconded by Ms. Scott-Barnes, the board approved the request of Mr. Ridley Wills III, representing the Friends of Aaittifama' Archaeological Park, to accept an in-kind grant not to exceed \$380,000.00 from the Friends of Aaittifama' to fund improvements at Aaittifama' Archaeological Park.

03-22-08

**BOARD ACCEPTS GRANT FROM THE NASHVILLE PARKS
FOUNDATION FOR PROGRAMMING IMPROVEMENTS AT
METRO PARKS COMMUNITY CENTERS**

Upon motion of Mr. Haynes, seconded by Ms. Hughes, the board approved the request of Ms. Louise Bryan, representing The Nashville Parks Foundation, to accept a grant in the amount of \$25,000.00 for programming improvements to Metro Parks community centers. The funded projects will include:

- Support for youth sports programs
- A music studio at Hartman Community Center
- The creation of a visual arts program at Hadley Park Community Center
- A city-wide youth event organized by Parks and Recreation Culture Committee

There is no match or other obligation from Metro Parks or government related to this grant.

03-22-09

**BOARD ACCEPTS DONATION OF BABY GRAND PIANO FROM DR.
LAWRENCE K. WOLFE AND FAMILY**

Upon motion of Mr. Haynes, seconded by Ms. Hughes, the board approved the request of Dr. Lawrence K. Wolfe and family to accept the donation of a William Knabe and Company baby grand piano appraised at \$16,000.00. The piano will be placed in the entrance lobby of the Centennial Performing Arts Studios for use by staff and visitors. There is no match or other obligation to Metro Parks related to this donation/grant.

03-22-10

**BOARD APPROVES ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS FOR WARNER PARK
DEPAVING PROJECT THROUGH MOU WITH METRO WATER
SERVICES**

Upon motion of Dr. Gentry, seconded by Mr. Haynes, the board approved staff's request to accept funds for the Warner Park De-paving project through memorandum of understanding with Metro Water Services.

03-22-11

**BOARD APPROVES TRANSFER OF BILL OF SALE OF SOLAR
FACILITY AT ADVENTURE SCIENCE CENTER AND TERMINATION
AGREEMENT FOR CONTRACT NO. 000PCG-265443**

Upon motion of Mr. Haynes, seconded by Ms. Scott-Barnes, the board approved the request of Nashville Electric Service to approve the Bill of Sale and Termination Agreement with TVA to transfer ownership of the Solar Facility, located on the Adventure Science Solar property, from TVA to the Adventure Science Center And terminate Contract No. 000PCG-265443 (May 16, 2000).

IX. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

**THE FRIENDS OF GREEN HILLS PRESENTATION OF ANNUAL
REPORT TO THE BOARD- RESCHEDULED**

**THE FRIENDS OF FORT NASHBOROUGH PRESENT ANNUAL REPORT TO
THE BOARD**

Ms. Ellen Taylor, representing the Friends of Fort Nashborough, provided an update of the group's activity. Ms. Taylor expressed the group's support for the next phase of development/activation at Fort Nashborough, and stated that the Friends of Fort Nashborough had been working with Mr. Tim Walker, executive director of the Metro Historical Commission, to secure Metro Capital Budget funding for phase two development at Fort Nashborough. Ms. Taylor thanked Parks staff for cleaning and securing the building.

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 underway
- Construction complete: Summer 2022

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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 purchase order executed
- Construction starts: Spring 2022

Hadley – Pavilion

- Construction underway
- Construction complete: Winter 2021/22

Madison Station – Schematic Design

- Partnership with Nashville Civic Design Center
- Design underway
- Design complete: Early 2022

- Complete: Spring 2022
- Underway

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

March

- 11: SEC Men’s Basketball Tournament – Fan Fare, 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Walk of Fame Park.

Mill Ridge - Phase One

- Construction underway
- Construction complete: Summer 2022

Old Hickory - Community Center Design

- Design purchase order underway
- Design complete: Winter 2022/23

Ravenwood – Phase One

- Construction underway
- Construction complete: Fall 2022

Sevier – Sunnyside Mansion Restoration

- Design complete
- Construction bidding underway

Shelby – Davidson St. Streambank Stabilization

- Design underway
- Design complete: Summer 2022

Warner – Traffic Counts

Warner – Woolwine Entrance Improvements

- Intersection right-of-way assessment by NDOT underway
- Internal park road underway

Wharf – Master Plan

- Master plan underway
- Plan complete: Spring 2022

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- 12: Nashville St. Paddy's Day 5K & Half Marathon, Two Rivers Park.
Within Corporate Retreat, 10:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Walk of Fame Park.
FNP: Fossil Finders – RSVP to FortNegley@nashville.gov, 10:00a.m. – 12:00p.m., Fort Negley.
- 15: Arbor Day Celebration, 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m., East Park Community Center.
- 17: NCVC Festival, Riverfront Park.
Rhythm 5K, 6:30 a.m. – 7:30 a.m., East Bank Greenway.
Private Event, 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m., Percy Warner Park.
- 19: Music City Half Marathon, 7:30 a.m., Shelby Park.
- 24: Soul & Spirits 2022, 4:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., Percy Warner Park.
- 25: Percy Priest Sprints Rowing Regatta, Hamilton Creek Park.
Metro Parks Dance Class (Rainbow Dance), 9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m., Centennial Art Center.
- 26: Parthenon Event: Aggarwal Event, 6:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m., Parthenon.
Music City United Concert, 6:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m., Public Square Park.
Music City Exchange, 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., Centennial Park.
Shelby Park Open House – Hosted by Friends of Shelby Park, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Shelby.
Pink Christmas Health Fair, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Hadley Park.
- 27: Parthenon Event – ECHO, 6:00 p.m. – 10:30 p.m., Parthenon.

April

- 1: Music City Open Disc Golf Tournament, 6:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m., Mill Ridge Park.

Ms. Jones stated that all events are listed on the Metro Parks website and/or in the Metro Parks newsletter

XII. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

Ms. Odom announced:

- The FY23 budget meeting next week (March 8, 2022).
- Jim Hester is working with Metro Procurement to develop a solicitation for a permit holder for programming/operations at Church Street Park
- Sports reservations are beginning to pick up for tournaments for this spring and summer. We have had a large number of food trucks register to become vendors at parks for the upcoming year. Most Food truck sites will activate in March if weather is favorable. We are considering adding a new location or two.
- The Sportsplex staff is working on getting the facility ready for outdoor tennis/pickleball.

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- Beginning March 21st, the disABILITIES Program will increase daily attendance from 25 to 50 people. We are excited to be able to expand this programming.
- Golf courses are busy.
- Community Centers are planning to unveil a schedule of Saturday family programming for the Spring. We will utilize our varied staff skills sets to host family activities across the city. Example activities: **Arts and Craft projects, Leatherworking, Woodworking, Tot Time activities, Teaching Kitchens, Family Fitness, Painting**
- Summer Enrichment Program Sign-ups will April 30th. Program dates are June 6th-July 29th.
- The Metro Historical Marker event at the Centennial Arts Center is scheduled for Wednesday, March 23, 2022.
- Dance staff is currently working on summer programming including Centennial Youth Ballet Summer Intensive June 6-17 for intermediate and advanced dancers
- The Maintenance Division recently conducted a two-day training on equipment operation and safety, and is busy attending to park facilities and grounds.
- A special **Thank You** to our Maintenance, Community Center, and Parks Police staff for supporting the OEM/NFD after this past weekend's apartment fire in Antioch. Antioch Community Center was used for displaced residents and as a Red Cross location. Park staff work well with other agencies/Metro Departments with very little notice (on a Sunday).

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

Ms. Scott-Barnes requested that the Parks Board have the opportunity to tour a variety of parks and facilities sometime in the next several months.

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

Monique Horton Odom, Director

Dr. Michelle Steele, Chairperson