

METROPOLITAN BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
APRIL 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, April 5, 2022, at 12:00 pm in the Centennial Park Boardroom, 2565 Park Plaza, Nashville, TN. Board members present were: Dr. Michelle Steele, Mr. George Anderson, Dr. Sharon Gentry, Mr. Jeff Haynes, Ms. Tari Hughes, Mr. Crews Johnston. Ms. Macy Amos was present to represent Metro Legal. Ms. Susannah Scott-Barnes was not present.

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

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD MARCH 1, 2022, APPROVED

Upon motion of Mr. Jeff Haynes, and seconded by Mr. George Anderson, the Board approved the minutes of the board meeting held Tuesday, March 1, 2022, amended to include a request raised by Ms. Susannah Scott-Barnes that the Parks Board have the opportunity to tour a variety of parks and facilities sometime over the next several months.

V. METRO COUNCIL REFERRALS

VI. OLD BUSINESS

03-22-04

BOARD APPROVES REQUEST FOR AN 18-MONTH EXTENSION OF TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH OPRY MILLS LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

Upon motion of Ms. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Anderson, and discussion the board approved staff's request for an 18-month extension of a temporary construction license agreement with Opry Mills Limited Partnership, associated with construction of the Opry Mills Connector Greenway.

03-22-05

BOARD APPROVES CONSERVATION GREENWAY EASEMENT AGREEMENT FROM SIMON GROUP

Upon motion of Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Anderson, and discussion the board approved staff's request for a Conservation Greenway Easement Agreement from Simon Group for construction of the Opry Mills Connector Greenway on Simon property.

03-22-06

BOARD APPROVES ACQUISITION OF A 2.59-ACRE PARCEL OF LAND LOACTED AT 88 HERMITAGE AVENUE

Upon motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Ms. Hughes, and discussion the board approved the acquisition of 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. 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.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

04-22-01

BOARD APPROVES APRIL 2022 CONSENT AGENDA

Upon motion of Mr. Haynes, and seconded by Mr. Johnston, the Board approved the April 2022 consent agenda as presented.

AMPLIFICATION APPROVAL

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| • NAC Festival | Sportsplex Lawn | Sat., April 9, 2022 |
| • PRMG One Easter Egg Hunt | Coleman Park | Sat., April 9, 2022 |
| • Howard Family Reunion | Hadley Park | Fri., April 15, 2022 |
| • Shelby Bottoms Boogie 5K & 15K | Shelby Park & Greenway | Sat., April 15, 2022 |
| • PICK City Wide Easter Egg Hunt | Rose Park | Sat., April 16, 2022 |
| • The Belonging Easter Egg Hunt | Centennial Park | Sat., April 16, 2022 |
| • 12 South Easter Sunrise Service | Sevier Park | Sun., April 17, 2022 |
| • Outdoor Cinema at Mill Ridge | Mill Ridge Park | Fri., April 22, 2022 |
| • St. Jude Rock 'n' Roll Running Series | Shelby Park | Sat., April 23, 2022 |
| • Stand Against Racism | Public Square Park | Thur., April 28, 2022 |
| • Dia del Nino Movies in the Park | Coleman Park | Sat., April 30, 2022 |
| • Community Service Tree Planting Event | Fair Park | Sat., April 30, 2022 |
| • Whaley Wedding | Centennial Park Sunken Garden | Sat., May 7, 2022 |
| • Dillingham Wedding Ceremony | Centennial Park Sunken Garden | Sat., May 7, 2022 |
| • Mother's Day Neighborhood BBQ | Centennial Park Event Shelter | Sun., May 8, 2022 |
| • Spring Pregnancy & Infant Loss Rem. | Centennial Park Event Shelter | Fri., May 20, 2022 |
| • Greater Faith Youth Movies in the Park | Hadley Park Bandshell | Fri., May 27, 2022 |
| • Sunday in the Park with Cruel Shoes | Centennial Park Event Shelter | Sun., May 29, 2022 |
| • Darryl Duffy Picnic | Edwin Warner Park | Mon., May 30, 2022 |
| • Nashville Steppers Spring Set | Hadley Park Bandshell | Sat., June 4, 2022 |
| • Opera in the Park | Centennial Park Great Lawn | Sun., June 5, 2022 |
| • Community Barbecue Festival | Hadley Park | Sat., July 30, 2022 |

FUNDRAISING APPROVAL

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| • Youth/Men's Tennis Tournament | Hadley Park Tennis Center | June 18-19, 2022 |
| • Nashville Ultra Marathon | Cornelia Fort/Shelby Park | Sat., Oct. 22, 2022 |

AMPLIFICATION AND FUNDRAISING APPROVAL

- Richland Creek Run Richland Creek Greenway Sat., April 16, 2022
- Memorial Day Dash 5K Fort Negley Park Mon., May 30, 2022
- Childhood Cancer Awareness Walk Hadley Park Sat., Sept. 10, 2022

AMPLIFICATION AND ALCOHOL APPROVAL

- Ram Jam for Country Music Television Cumberland Park Sun., April 10, 2022
- East Nasty Running Post Marathon Party Shelby Park Sat., April 23, 2022
- Walk Bike Nashville Tour de Nash Frankie Pierce Park Sat., May 21, 2022
- Sparks Bar Mitzvah Party Cornelia Fort/Shelby Park Sun., May 29, 2022
- Let Freedom Sing! Music City July 4th Riverfront Park/PS/Walk of Fame June 17, 2022 - July 8, 2022
- Tyler Lenane Celebration Cornelia Fort/Shelby Park Sat., June 18, 2022
- Music City Grand Prix Riverfront Park Sept. 4-7, 2022

ALCOHOL APPROVAL

- Vanderbilt Law Class 2022 Picnic Centennial Park Event Shelter Thur., April 7, 2022

AMPLIFICATION, ALCOHOL AND FUNDRAISING APPROVAL

- The Hillman Picnic East Park Sat., June 18, 2022
- Great American Pickleball/Music Fest. Centennial Sportsplex July 2-3, 2022
- Music City Hot Chicken Festival East Park Mon., July 4, 2022
- French Fest Sevier Park Sat., July 9, 2022

AMPLIFICATION, FUNDRAISING AND OVERNIGHT CAMPING APPROVAL

- Music City BMX Nationals 2020 Hamilton Creek Park May 25-30, 2022

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

04-22-02

BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF THE NASHVILLE FOOD PROJECT FOR A FIVE-YEAR LICENSE TO OPERATE AT MILL RIDGE PARK

Upon motion of Mr. Haynes, seconded by Mr. Johnston, the board approved as recommended by staff The Nashville Food Project request of a five-year license for the organization to operate at Mill Ridge Park. This request includes a pilot as recommended by staff, and is for a limited period of time with requirements that assure safety and help evaluate the pilot project – such as liability insurance and financial reporting. Also included in the staff recommendation is restricting such operations (commercial gardening) to non-profit organizations only and limiting the total acreage of Parks property that can be utilized for such commercial gardening.

04-22-03

**BOARD DEFERS STAFF REQUEST TO APPROVE DONATION OF
A CONSERVATION GREENWAY AGREEMENT AND CONSTRUCTION OF
ASSOCIATED CUMBERLAND RIVER GREENWAY SEGMENT**

Board deferred request to accept the donation of a Conservation Greenway Easement and construction of the associated Cumberland River Greenway segment, from PRII/SH Peabody Union Apartments Owner, LLC to the Acquisition Committee. The easement will be located on **Parcel ID:** 09311025600 at 30

04-22-04

BOARD NOMINATES OFFICERS FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR

Per section 1000.4 of the Metro Parks Policy Manual the board nominated the following as officers for the upcoming year (election to be held in May):

Chairman – Ms. Tari Hughes
Vice Chairman – Dr. Michelle Steele
Secretary – Director Monique Horton Odom

IX. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

**THE CENTENNIAL PARK CONSERVANCY PRESENTS ANNUAL REPORT TO
THE BOARD**

Mr. John Tuminello, Executive Director of The Conservancy for Centennial Park provided an update of the group's activity. Highlights of the presentation included:

- 37th year as a support organization for the Parthenon, and 17th year as a support organization for Boarder Centennial Park.
- Established guiding principles recognizing Centennial Park as a national historic place in Nashville Treasure.
- For the past few years, the focus has been on sustaining the Park and Parthenon's vibrancy as thriving public spaces.
- In 2020 the establishment of the Centennial Parks Maintenance fund and Parthenon Preservation Fund was created. To help Metro Parks care for the historic public spaces.
- In 2021 we were selected by Central Park Conservancy's Institute for Urban Parks to participate in their Partnership Lab program. From this partnership the institute developed an operational and fundraising strategy to strengthen our capacity to fulfill our mission going forward.

- Working with the institute a strategic plan was created that builds on a decade of successful capital improvements and community programs, while re-aligning our to support the Park's current and future needs.
- Four areas of focus came from the strategic plan; which will be the focus for the next seven years. The following four includes: (1) Preserving, enhancing Centennial Park and the Parthenon, (2) Sharing the Park and Parthenon with residents and visitors, (3) Serving as a Champion for Metro Parks and park users, and (4) Building Organizational inclusivity, excellence, and sustainability.
- The Park brought in 1.6 million dollars in revenue from operations for the Fiscal year 2021 from diverse array of fundraising source. Special projects also brought in 1.6 million dollars in revenue.

LIVE NATION PRESENTS ANNUAL REPORT TO THE BOARD

Ms. Alessi Nehr, representing Live Nation, provided an update of the activity. Ms. Nehr reported that Live Nation had 10 Civic events, and 23 promoted shows for the 2021 fiscal year. Highlights of the presentation included:

- 2021 Event Recaps.
- Demographics of attendance.
- Economic impact.
- Stainability and Community impact.
- Live Nation received the Pole Star award this year, which is the Red Rock award for the best outdoor venue in the country.

X. CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE – Tim Netsch

Aaittifama Archeological – Phase One

- Construction pricing underway by friends group

Centennial – Children’s Memory Garden

- Construction underway
- 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

Fort Negley - Master Plan

- Master plan underway
- Plan complete: Summer 2021

Fort Negley – Stonework Repair

- Construction purchase order executed
- Construction start: Spring 2022

Hadley – Pavilion

- Construction underway
- Construction complete: April 2022

Mill Ridge - Phase One

- Construction underway
- Construction complete: Fall 2022

Old Hickory - Community Center Design

- Design underway
- Design complete: Winter 2022/23

Ravenwood – Phase One

- Construction underway
- Construction complete: Winter 2022/23

Sevier – Sunnyside Mansion Restoration

- Design complete
- Construction bids due this month

Shelby – Davidson St. Streambank Stabilization

- Design underway
- Design complete: Summer 2022

Trinity Hills/Habitat – Design

- Coordination on-going with Habitat for Humanity regarding design and public engagement
- Design proposal solicited for Parks-owned 53 acres

Warner – Traffic Counts

- Underway
- Complete: Spring 2022

Warner – Woolwine Entrance Improvements

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

Wharf – Master Plan

- Master plan underway
- Plan complete: Spring 2022

COMPLETED IN THE LAST TWELVE MONTHS

Bellevue – playground sunshades

Centennial – Phase Two

Elmington - Tennis Courts Refurb

Madison Station – Schematic Design*

Mansker Creek – streambank stabilization

Watkins – pump track

*Completed last month

XI. UPCOMING SPECIAL ACTIVITIES/EVENTS – Jackie Jones

- 1: Music City Open Disc Golf Tournament, 6:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m., Mill Ridge Park.
- 5: Walk of Fame Induction Ceremony, 2:00 p.m., Walk of Fame Park.
- 8: Nashville Community Easter Egg Hunt, 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Hadley Park.
Friends of Shelby Park Art Show, 9:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m., Shelby Nature Center.
- 9: East Nashville Beer Festival, 12:00 - 5:00 p.m., East Park.
Cherry Blossom Festival & Walk, 9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Public Square Park.
Southeast Nashville Easter Egg Hunt, 6:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Southeast Lawn.
Parmer School 67th Reunion, Class of 1955, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., Percy Warner Park.
Wedding, 6:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m., Centennial Park.
FNP: Fossil Finders, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Fort Negley Park.
Miles J Freeman 5K, 8:00 a.m., Shelby Park.
Nashville Walk for Victory, 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., Centennial Park.
Dalewood Gators Easter Egg Hunt, 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., South Inglewood Baseball Field.
Purity Dairy Dash, 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., Bordeaux Timothy Park.
Mantalk Ministries Community Easter Egg Hunt, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Hadley Park.
PRMG One Easter Egg Hunt, 6:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m., Coleman Park.
- 10: CMT Ram Jam, 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m., Cumberland Park.
- 15: 2022 Music City Open Tier A Disc Golf Tournament, 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m., Cedar Hill Park.
Friday's By the River, 2:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., Shelby Park.
- 16: Nashville Community Easter Egg Hunt 2022, 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Hadley Park.
Eggstravaganza – Metro Schools – Warner Park Elementary, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon, East Park.
Old School Picnic, 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m., Centennial Park.
Richland Creek Run, 7:30 a.m., Richland Park.
Parthenon Event, 6:00 p.m. – 10:30 p.m., Parthenon.
Positive Inner City Kids Easter Egg Hunt, 2:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m., Rose Park.
Bellevue Community Picnic, 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., Bellevue Park.
The Belonging Church Easter Service, 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Musicians Corner.
- 17: Watson Grove Baptist Church – Easter Service, 7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Cumberland Park Stage.

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- Midtown Fellowship Church – 12 South Easter Sunrise Service, 6:15 a.m. – 7:15 a.m., Sevier Park
- Church Easter Egg Hunt, 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., Hadley Park.
- 21: Linden Waldorf School Pentathlon, 7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Centennial Park.
- 22: Metro Parks Dance Class (Rainbow Dance), 9:30 – 10:15 a.m., Centennial Art Center.
- 23: Wedding, 3:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., Percy Warner Park.
- Nashville Earth Day Festival, 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., The Great Lawn.
- Autism Ability 10K & 5K, 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., Edwin Warner Park.
- Community Farm at Mill Ridge, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Mill Ridge Park.
- 24: Daddy’s Dog Puppy Play Day, 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Richland Park.
- 29: Purplestride TN, 4:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon, Two Rivers Park.
- Resource Fair, Hadley Park.
- St. Ann School Field Day, 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Richland Park.
- 30: Night of Hope – American Cancer Society Fundraiser, 5:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m., Centennial Park.
- Parthenon Event, 6:00 p.m. – 10:30 p.m., Parthenon.
- 30: TN Reproductive Therapy Run, 6:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Shelby Park.
- Ragin Cajun Crawfish Boil, 3:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., Walk of Fame.
- Elmington Elevates Run, 5:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Centennial Park.
- One Gen Away Food Distribution, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., Fort Negley.
- Warner Elementary Family Festival, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., East Park.
- Opening Day Soccer Stadium “Community Tree Planting” Nashville Tree Foundation, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Browns Creek Park.

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- A Celebration of Spring in Dance, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Cumberland Park.
- Burgess Family Reunion, 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., Centennial 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:

- We continue to coordinate with OMB on our FY23 operating budget request. I’ll share with you when the Mayor’s Proposed Budget is confirmed.

- **(Jim Hester)** Moving forward with a draft solicitation for Church Street Park programming
- All golf courses expanded their hours due to Daylight Savings Time. Similar to other areas other the department we are working through staffing challenges and to fill vacancies
- **Thank you to all who attended. Visual Arts (Cultural): Metro Historical Marker** on Wednesday, March 23, 2022.

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

Ms. Laura Johnson, representing Leadership Academy appeals denial of permit to operate Camp Twigs at Warner Parks during the Summer of 2022. Ms. Johnson recounted her successful history of operating camps in Metro Parks, and the positive impact of those who attended the camps. She further emphasized the need for safe, reliable childcare options in Nashville during the summer. Ms. Johnson described Camp Twigs as one of those options.

Metro Parks staff provided an account of Ms. Johnson's current permits to operate camps in parks, and recounted efforts to work with Ms. Johnson by reducing the participation/frequency of Camp Twigs or by establishing camps in other parks throughout the system.

The board did not vote on this request, as it was not included as an April agenda item. The board will vote on this request at the regular May 3, 2022 Parks Board meeting.

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

Monique Horton Odom, Director

Dr. Michelle Steele, Chairperson