

**METROPOLITAN BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION**  
**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING**  
**June 7, 2022**

A meeting of the Board of Parks and Recreation of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee was held on Tuesday, June 7, 2022, at 12:00 pm in the Centennial Park Boardroom, 2565 Park Plaza, Nashville, TN. Board members present were: Ms. Tari Hughes, Mr. George Anderson, Mr. Jeff Haynes, Mr. Crews Johnston, and Dr. Michelle Steele. Ms. Macy Amos was present to represent Metro Legal. Dr. Sharon Gentry and Ms. Susannah Scott-Barnes were not present.

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Tari Hughes.

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD JUNE 7, 2022, APPROVED**

Upon motion of Mr. Jeff Haynes, and seconded by Dr. Michelle Steele, the Board approved the minutes of the board meeting held Tuesday, May 3, 2022, as presented.

**V. METRO COUNCIL REFERRALS**

None Present

**VI. OLD BUSINESS**

**05-22-10**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF HARPETH VALLEY UTILITY DISTRICT FOR A DEDICATED TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT AND PERMANENT UTILITY EASEMENT INSTALLATION OF TWO (2) NEW SEWER PIPELINES.**

Upon motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Johnston, and discussion the request of the Harpeth Valley Utility District for a dedicated temporary construction easement and a permanent utility easement for installation of 2 new sewer pipelines that will parallel existing sewer infrastructure across the Bells Bend property owned by Metro (4107 Old Hickory Blvd / Parcel # 10100000100) was approved.

**VII. CONSENT AGENDA**

**BOARD APPROVES JUNE 2022 CONSENT AGENDA**

Upon motion of Mr. Crews Johnston, and seconded by Mr. Anderson, the June 2022 Consent Agenda was approved.

**VII. CONSENT AGENDA (cont'd)**

**06-22-01**

**AMPLIFICATION APPROVAL**

- NBHD Health East Side Clinic Gr. Re-Opening East Park Fri., June 3, 2022
- 615 Community Outreach Bash McFerrin Park Sat., June 11, 2022
- Juneteenth Festival & Health Fair Watkins Park Sat., June 18, 2022
- Paradise in the Park Southeast Park Sat., June 25, 2022
- White Family Picnic Cleveland Park Sat., July 2, 2022
- Eid al-Adha Carnival Centennial Great Lawn Sun., July 10, 2022
- Boys & Girls Club of Middle TN ES Rose Park Sat., July 16, 2022
- Old Hickory National Night Out Against Crime Old Hickory Park Tue., August 2, 2022
- Nash-Back to School-Bash Southeast Park Sat., August 6, 2022
- Rise Up Antioch Mill Creek Park & Greenway Sat., August 27, 2022
- Festival Latino 2022 Southeast Park Sun., August 28, 2022
- The Shelby Wedding Centennial Park Oval Fishing Sat., September 3, 2022
- Southeast Nashville Easter Egg Hunt Southeast Park Sat., April 1, 2023
- Eggstravaganza 2023 East Park Sat., April 8, 2023
- Cowan Wedding Centennial Sunken Gardens Sat., April 22, 2023
- Nashville Scene: Movies in the Park Elmington Park June 2,9,16,23,30, 2022
- Movie Night in the Park McCabe Park June 2,9,16,23,30, 2022
- Picnic in the Park Richland Park May 22, June 26, July 24, Aug 28, 2022
- Outside Cinema Mill Ridge Park June 3,17, July 15,19, Sept. 16, Oct. 14, 2022

**FUNDRAISING APPROVAL**

- Run for Rhinos 5k/Walk Shelby Park, Riverview Shelter Sat., September 3, 2022

**AMPLIFICATION AND FUNDRAISING APPROVAL**

- Just BLK Juneteenth Festival Hartman Park Sun., June 19, 2022
- Community Block Party Clinton B. Fisk Park Sat., June 25, 2022
- Nuero Dash Centennial Great Lawn Sat., Sept. 24, 2022
- Puppy Up Nashville Edwin Warner Park Sun., October 23, 2022
- Miles J Freeman 5K Shelby Park Sat., April 15, 2023

**AMPLIFICATION AND ALCOHOL APPROVAL**

- Spotlight Studio at Musician's Corner Centennial Park - Musician's Corner Sun., June 26, 2022
- Mercedes-Benz Music City Picnic Great Lawn Sun., July 17, 2022
- Workday Altitude Opening Night Riverfront Park Mon., July 18, 2022
- Bass Berry & Sims Celebration Centennial Park - Great Lawn Fri., Sept. 9, 2022
- Community Picnic Walk of Fame Park Sat., Sept. 17, 2022
- Nashville St. Paddy's Half Marathon Two Rivers Park & Greenway Wed., March 11, 2023
- St. Patrick's Music City Half Marathon Shelby Park Sat., March 18, 2023
- Jessica and Isaac's Weeding Centennial Park – Sunken Gardens Sat., April 29, 2023

**AMPLIFICATION, ALCOHOL AND FUNDRAISING APPROVAL**

- Dragon Boat Festival East Bank Landing Sat., October 1, 2022
- Under the Stars Walk of Fame Park Sat., October 1, 2022
- Dinner By the Bridge Cumberland Park Thu. October 6, 2022
- Rhizome Productions Beer Garden Walk of Fame Park May 8,9, & 10, 2023

**VIII. CONSENT AGENDA (cont'd)**

**OVERNIGHT APPROVAL**

• ARRL Field Day

The Smith House

Sat., June 25, 2022

**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

**06-22-02**

**BOARD APPROVES OPEN RANGE SALARY INCREASE AND COST OF LIVING INCREASE**

Upon motion of Dr. Steele, seconded by Mr. Johnston, and discussion the open range salary increase, and cost of living salary increase, consistent with Metro employees as per the 2022-23 Metropolitan Government Pay Plan was approved for the Director of Parks.

**06-22-03**

**BOARD DENIES REQUEST OF 4WARD ENTERTAINMENT TO CHANGE THE FUNDRAISING EVENT CURRENTLY PERMITTED AS THE “MUSIC CITY JUBILEE FESTIVAL” TO THE “INNOVATIVE CONCEPTS AND EVENTS HOT CHICKEN MUSIC FESTIVAL”.**

Upon motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Dr. Steele, and discussion the request of 4Ward Entertainment to change the fundraising event currently permitted as the “Music City Jubilee” to the “Innovative Concepts and Events Hot Chicken Music Festival” was denied.

**06-22-04**

**BOARD ACCEPTS DONATION FROM BACKFIELD IN MOTION.**

Upon motion of Mr. Haynes, seconded by Mr. Anderson, and discussion a donation of \$2,000.00 from Backfield in Motion was approved. This donation will be used for Community Center Youth Sports. There is no required match or other obligation by Parks associated with this donation.

**06-22-05**

**BOARD ACCEPTS IN-KIND GRANT FROM DAVID P. CRABTREE FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO ELIZABETH PARKS.**

Upon motion of Dr. Steele, seconded by Mr. Johnston, and discussion an in-kind grant of \$10,000.00 for improvements to Elizabeth Park from David P. Crabtree was accepted. There is no required match or other obligation by Parks associated with this in-kind grant.

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS (cont'd)**

**06-22-06**

**BOARD ACCEPTS DONATION OF ARTWORK “PATHWAY TO A HIGHER NOTE”,  
FROM THE CURB CENTER FOR ART, ENTERPRISE, AND PUBLIC POLICY AT  
VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY.**

Upon motion of Dr. Steele, seconded by Mr. Anderson and discussion a donation of artwork, “Pathway To A Higher Note” was accepted. The artwork is a community participation sculpture created in partnership with local artist, Betty Turney-Turner, and was created in commemoration of Juneteenth. The Curb Center for Art, Enterprise, and Public Policy at Vanderbilt University seeks to donate the sculpture for public display on the grounds of Centennial Art Center. There is no required match or other obligation by Parks associated with this donation.

**06-22-07**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF ADVENTURE SCIENCE CENTER (ASC) TO  
DEVELOP A ROOFTOP DECK.**

Upon motion of Mr. Haynes, seconded by Dr. Steele and discussion the request of Adventure Science Center (ASC) to develop a rooftop deck was approved per current lease provision. The Metro Historic Zoning Commission’s preliminary assessment is that the proposed improvements conform to requirements of the local historic landmark ordinance. This building improvement does not increase the overall height of the building or impact views from Fort Negley.

**06-22-08**

**BOARD ACCEPTS IN-KIND GRANT FROM THE FRIENDS OF WARNER PARKS TO  
FUND THE NEXT PHASE OF IMPROVEMENTS IN WARNER PARKS.**

Upon motion of Dr. Steele, seconded by Mr. Anderson and discussion an in-kind grant of \$1,574,441 from The Friends of Warner Parks to fund the next phase of improvements in Warner Parks was accepted. This in-kind grant requires no match or other obligation from Metro Parks. No money will be sent to Metro Parks. All projects will be paid for directly by The Friends of Warner Parks and coordinated with Metro Parks staff.

**06-22-09**

**BOARD ACCEPTS S.W.E.A.T. STAFFING GRANT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023 FROM  
THE FRIENDS OF WARNER PARKS.**

Upon motion of Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Haynes and discussion a S.W.E.A.T. Staffing grant for Fiscal Year 2023 in the amount of

**IX. NEW BUSINESS (cont'd)**

\$46,252.63 was accepted. The grant will be distributed via quarterly reimbursements to Metro Parks as detailed below:

- S.W.E.A.T. (M&R Worker) seasonal staff (step four) in the amount of \$8,360.10
- S.W.E.A.T. (M&R Worker) seasonal staff (step three and four) in the amount of \$37,892.53.

The Friends of Warner Parks will reimburse grant total amounts exceeded due to hourly wage changes or COLA, etc. This grant does not require a match, nor any type of further fulfillment by Metro Parks.

**06-22-10**

**BOARD ACCEPTS STAFFING GRANT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023 FROM THE FRIENDS OF WARNER PARKS.**

Upon motion of Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Anderson and discussion a Staffing grant for Fiscal Year 2023 in the amount of \$62,080.27 was accepted. The details are as follows:

- FOWP Staffing salaries in the amount of \$60,180.27
- Copier - Rioch in the amount of \$1,900.00

The Friends of Warner Parks will reimburse grant total amounts exceeded due to hourly wage changes or COLA, etc. This grant does not require a match nor any type of further fulfillment by Metro Parks.

**06-22-11**

**BOARD ACCEPTS IN-KIND GRANT FROM SWEETENS COVE FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO TED RHODES GOLF COURSE.**

Upon motion of Mr. Johnston, seconded by Dr. Steele, and discussion an in-kind grant of \$8,000 for improvements to Ted Rhodes Golf Course from Sweetens Cove was accepted. There is no required match or other obligation associated with this grant.

**X. NEW BUSINESS (cont'd)**

06-22-12

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST TO PETITION THE TENNESSEE HISTORICAL COMMISSION FOR A WAIVER FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FORT NEGLEY MASTER PLAN.**

Upon motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Haynes, and discussion the request to petition the Tennessee Historical Commission for a waiver to the Tennessee Heritage Protection Act for the purpose of implementing the forthcoming Fort Negley Master Plan was approved.

**XI. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

**CREATIVE PARKS NASHVILLE PRESENTS ANNUAL UPDATE TO THE BOARD**

Ms. Michelle Craine, President of Creative Parks Nashville, provided an annual update to the Parks Board. Ms. Craine highlighted the profit and loss report, youth scholarships, supplemental programs, Centennial Art Center's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and provided dates for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Starry Night Fundraiser during her presentation.

**THE FRIENDS OF GREEN HILLS PARK PRESENTS ANNUAL UPDATE TO THE BOARD**

Mr. Patrick Bradley, Director of Friends of Green Hills, provided an annual update to the Parks Board. Mr. Bradley highlighted community engagement, proposed park improvements, financials, and provided dates for the upcoming Fall Festival in September during his presentation.

## XII. CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE – Tim Netsch

### 1<sup>st</sup> + Gay – Park Redevelopment

- Design proposal solicited

### Aaittifama Archeological – Phase One

- Construction pricing underway by Friends

### Bordeaux Gardens – Playground & Shelter

- Participatory Budgeting project
- Equipment selection and pricing underway

### Centennial – Children’s Memory Garden

- Construction underway
- Est. construction complete: Summer 2022

### Centennial – Phase Three/Pavilion

- Design underway
- Est. design complete: Summer 2022

### Clinton Fisk - Playground & Site Improvements

- Construction underway
- Est. construction complete: Summer 2022

### Fort Negley - Master Plan

- Master plan underway
- Est. plan complete: Summer 2021

### Fort Negley – Stonework Repair

- Construction underway
- Est. construction complete: Fall 2022

### Hartman – Playground & Restrooms

- Participatory Budgeting project
- Equipment selection, pricing and restroom feasibility assessment underway

### Mill Ridge - Phase One

- Construction underway
- Est. construction complete: Fall 2022

### Old Hickory - Community Center Design

- Design underway
- Est. design complete: Winter 2022/23

### Ravenwood – Phase One

- Construction underway
- Est. construction complete: Winter 2022/23

### Sevier – Sunnyside Mansion Restoration

- Construction contract negotiations underway

### Shelby – Davidson St. Streambank Stabilization

- Design underway
- Est. design complete: Summer 2023

### Trinity Hills/Habitat – Design

- Design contract negotiations underway

### Tusculum Road – Master Plan

- Design proposal solicited

### Two Rivers – Mansion Events Center

- Design proposal solicited

### Warner - De-pave & Picnic Shelters

- Demolition underway by Friends

### Warner – Woolwine Entrance Improvements

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

### Wharf – Master Plan

- Master plan underway
- Est. plan complete: Summer 2022

### COMPLETED IN THE LAST TWELVE MONTHS

Bellevue – Playground sunshades

Centennial – Phase Two

Elmington - Tennis courts refurb

Hadley – Pavilion

Madison Station – Schematic Design

Warner – Traffic counts

### **XIII. GREENWAYS/OPEN SPACE UPDATE – Cindy Harrison**

#### **Metro-funded greenway projects**

##### **Charlotte Corridor Rail with Greenway**

- Master planning, community input and policy phase underway
- 4 Miles
- Master plan completion: Fall 2022

##### **440 Greenway Sevier Park to Brown's Creek Park**

- Planning and design phase
- 1 Mile
- Design completion Winter 2022

##### **440 Greenway Park Plaza to Centennial Park**

- Planning and design phase
- 0.2 Miles
- Design completion Winter 2022

##### **Opry Mills Connector**

- Design and permitting phase
- 1 Mile
- Completion Summer 2022

##### **Whites Creek Greenway at Hartman Park**

- Property acquisition phase – transfer from MWS
- 1 Mile
- Acquisition completion: Summer 2022

##### **Browns Creek Greenway and Park- Fair Park Phase 2**

- Design phase (managed by Fair Board)
- 0.5 Miles
- Completion date: TBD

##### **Trinity Hills / Habitat Park and Greenway**

- Property acquisition, community engagement and design phase
- Miles – TBD

##### **Cumberland River Greenway at Wharf Park Master Planning Phase**

- 0.5 Miles
- Completion: spring 2022

#### **Privately funded greenway projects**

##### **Stones River Greenway Hickory Hill Connector at Ravenwood Park**

- 0.5 Miles
- Complete

##### **Stones River and Whites Creek Greenway Trailhead Upgrades**

- Greenways for Nashville
- Design phase

##### **Gulch Greenway & Trailhead at Asurion**

- Construction Phase
- Completion Date: June 2022
- 0.25 Miles
- Perpetual maintenance

##### **Cumberland River Greenway (CRG) at Modera Germantown**

- Construction phase
- 0.07 Miles
- Perpetual maintenance

##### **CRG Metro Center Levee**

- Trailhead rehab project
- Completion Fall 2022
- Perpetual maintenance

##### **CRG at First Horizon Park**

- New trail segment construction phase
- 0.08 Miles
- Perpetual maintenance

##### **CRG at Peabody Union**

- Construction phase



**X. GREENWAYS/OPEN SPACE UPDATE – Cindy Harrison (cont'd)**

- 0.2 Miles
- Perpetual maintenance

**CRG at River North**

- Design phase
- Maintenance

**CRG at Oracle**

- Miles TBD
- Planning phase
- Maintenance

**CRG at Magdeburg Greenway/ Morgan Park**

- Rezoning phase
- Adjacent greenspace improvement
- Maintenance

**CRG at Stockyard**

- Rezoning phase
- Trail reconstruction & upgrades
- Perpetual maintenance

**Harpeth River Greenway Bellevue/Hwy 70**

- Rezoning phase
- Miles TBD

**Stones River near Percy Priest Dam**

- Miles TBD
- Design phase

**Centennial Park connector at West End Ave**

- Miles TBD
- Rezoning phase

**Paige's Branch Greenway**

- 0.06 Miles
- Planning Phase

**Greenway easement and open space acquisitions**

**Capital -funded property acquisitions**

**88 Hermitage (Wharf Park Downtown)**

- 3.1 Acres
- Council approval in process

**Tusculum Road property**

- 10 Acres

- Complete

**Public/Private-funded property acquisitions**

**Lockeland Springs Park addition**

- 4 Acres
- Fundraising phase

**Habitat/Trinity Park**

- 6 Acres
- In process

**Privately funded greenway easements and property acquisitions**

- CRG Modera Germantown – in process
- CRG (Peabody Union) – in process
- CRG 2<sup>nd</sup> and VanBuren- in planning
- CRG Opry Mills Connector – easement from Opry Mills Mall in Council approval process
- Century Farms- in planning
- Rail with Greenway (Union Brick)- in process
- Addition to Fisk Park- in process
- Harpeth River Greenway at Bellevue – in planning
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**Property transfers and licenses from outside agencies**

**440 Greenway Sevier Park to Browns Creek Park**

- TDOT Excess Land License in process

**Opry Mills Connector**

- TDOT Excess Land License- Council approval in process

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

- 6: Nature & Art Camp w/Tennessee Nature Academy, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Mill Ridge Park.
- 7: 12 South Farmers Market, 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., Sevier Park.  
Nashville Symphony, 7:00 p.m., Southeast Park.
- 8: Abel McCallister Picnic Field Day, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Owen Bradley Park.
- 9: Bordeaux Hills Community Gardens, 2:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., Bordeaux Hills Park.  
Movies in the Park, 5p.m. – 11:00 p.m., Elmington Park.  
CMA Fest, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m., All Downtown Parks.  
Brett Eldridge Fan Club Party, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., East Park.  
Charlotte Corridor Rail-with-Greenway Public Meeting, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Family & Children's Service, 2400 Clifton Avenue.
- 10: Red Caboose Concerts, 7:00 p.m., Red Caboose Park.  
Musicians Corner Spring Series, 4:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m., Musicians Corner.
- 11: Big Band Dances, 7:00 p.m., Centennial Event Shelter.  
Cornelia Fort Pickin' Party, 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m., Cornelia Fort.  
Charlotte Corridor Rail-with-Greenway Public Meeting, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., Family & Children's Service, 2400 Clifton Avenue.  
FNP: Fossil Finders, 10:00a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Fort Negley.  
Middle Tennessee Unity Day, 7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Cedar Hill Park.  
Summer Reading Fest, 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m., Madison Park.  
615 Community Outreach Bash, 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., McFerrin Park.
- 12: Walk to Cure Arthritis – Nashville, 12:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Centennial Park Event Shelter.
- 14: FNP: Flag Day Celebration, Fort Negley Park.
- 15: 615 Day Concert, 12:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m., Hadley Park.
- 17: American Artisan Festival, 12:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., Centennial Park.  
Music City Freedom Juneteenth Festival, 3:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., Hadley Park.  
Hellbender on the River, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., Cumberland Park.  
Full Moon Pickin' Party, 5:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m., Percy Warner Park.  
Asurion Field Day, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Centennial Park.  
Outside Cinema – Friends of Mill Ridge Park, 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m., Mill Ridge Park.
- 18: Juneteenth Festival, 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m., McKissack Park,  
The Hillman Picnic, 12:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., East Park.  
Juneteenth Music Festival, 4:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m., Riverfront Park.  
Black Lives Matter Mural Retouch Festival, 10:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m., 9<sup>th</sup> & Buchanan St.  
Gospel Concert Celebration, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., Cumberland Park.

**XI. UPCOMING SPECIAL ACTIVITIES/EVENTS – Jackie Jones (cont'd)**

- Parthenon Event, 6:00 p.m. – 10:30 p.m., Parthenon.
- Birthday Celebration, 4:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., Cornelia Fort Hangar.
- Hillwood High School Class of 2012 Reunion, 12:00 noon – 5:00 p.m., Bellevue Park.
- Walk -n-Roll for Spina Bifida, 7:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Edwin Warner Park.
- Preds Playoff Hockey Watch Party, 5:00 p.m. -11:00 p.m., Walk of Fame Park.
- WTE Juneteenth Celebration, 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m., Morgan Park.
- Nashville Soccer Club Family Popup Tour, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Coleman Park.
- Gender Reveal, 1:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., Centennial Event Shelter.
- Vanderbilt Medical Picnic and Kick Ball Tournament, Green Hills Park.
- Juneteenth Festival & Healthcare, 12:00 noon – 4:00 p.m., Watkins Park.
- Walk for Children – Save Soil, Centennial Park.
- VUMC Field Day, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Green Hills Park.
- Paradise in the Park, 10:30 a.m. – 10:00 p.m., Southeast Park.
- 21: FNP: Nashville Civil War Roundtable, 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., Fort Negley Park.
- 22: Wedding, Centennial Park.
- 24: CS Field Day 2022, 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Centennial Park.
- 25: A&M Agency 5K, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon, Shelby Park.
- 25: Summer Sizzler 10K & 5K, 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m., Two Rivers Park.
- Parman Energy Company Picnic, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Edwin Warner Park.
- Wedding, Centennial Park.
- Community Block Party, 12:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., Fisk Park.
- Nashville Soccer Club Popup Tour, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Elmington Park.
- Summer Reading Fest, 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m., Hartman Park.
- 26: Cumberland Pediatric Foundation Picnic, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Centennial Park.
- Freedom Field Day, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Hadley Park.
- Rolling Hills Church Picnic, 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m., Richland Park.
- 28: Project Return /Freedom Field Day, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Hadley Park.
- 30: Bridal Shower, 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m., Percy Warner Park.
- Wedding, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Centennial Park.
- Richland Farmers Market, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Richland Park.

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

Ms. Odom announced:

- Addressed the investigative report that aired on New Channel 5 regarding Metro Parks Golf Courses. Ms. Odom stated that facts were left out of the on-air report that Parks had provided to the reporter. Ms. Odom wanted to make clear that Shannon Hall, Human Resources Director referenced our pay range of seasonals and not the pay rate. The aired report implied that Ms. Odom does not support pay increases for seasonals, and that cannot be further from the truth, we are mindful of the budget and shift seasonal budgets as we are able. Ms. Odom stated that we will certainly continue to work with our partners in Metro Human Resources to make sure that, our pay rate and pay range are commensurate with what they should be for positions. Metro Parks will continue to support seasonal staff and seasonal employees across the city.
- Ms. Odom thanked the Parks Board for their support of the FY23 Operating Budget submission. Metro Council and city leaders are still in the process of finalizing what the budget will look like.
- Jim Hester has been working on the solicitation for programming at Church Street Park. Solicitation was published this week and is out. Jim will continue to work with the Procurement division to get a permit holder or vendor in place for Church Street Park.
- The Parks system has been very busy, the Wave Country opened on May 30<sup>th</sup>, Memorial Day weekend without incidents. Ms. Odom thanked John Holmes, Parks Police, and their teams. Summer Enrichment Programs started June 6<sup>th</sup> and all programs are full. Warner Park Nature Center summer camps started this week, and all camps are full. We continue to work to fill vacancies throughout the department.
- The petition to rename Hadley Park and the petition to relocate the Confederate Monument has been confirmed and placed on the June 17<sup>th</sup> agenda of the Tennessee Historical Commission. Ms. Odom and Ms. Macy Amos, from the Metro Legal Department, will be in attendance of the June 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- Ms. Odom reminded the Parks Board of their upcoming site tour of parks and facilities on July 14, 2022, more information will be forthcoming.

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

**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, Vice-Chairperson