

**METROPOLITAN BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION**

**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING**

**DECEMBER 6, 2022**

A meeting of the Board of Parks and Recreation of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee was held on Tuesday, December 6, 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, Ms. Christiane Buggs, Mr. Pete DeLay, Mr. Jeff Haynes, Mr. Crews Johnston, Ms. Susannah Scott-Barnes and Ms. Macy Amos was present to represent Metro Legal.

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

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 1, 2022, APPROVED**

Upon motion of Mr. DeLay, seconded by Ms. Scott-Barnes, the Board approved the minutes of the board meeting held November 1, 2022, as presented.

**V. METRO COUNCIL REFERRALS**

**VI. OLD BUSINESS**

**09-22-05**

**BOARD APPROVES STAFF REQUEST TO AMEND THE CURRENT LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN METRO PARKS AND THE NASHVILLE ZOO TO INCLUDE THE DONATED PARCEL.**

Upon motion of Ms. Scott-Barnes, seconded by Mr. Anderson, and discussion the request to amend the current lease agreement between Metro Parks and the Nashville Zoo to include the donated parcel, pursuant to the acceptance of the donation of a 4.4-acre parcel of property adjacent to the Nashville Zoo for a parking garage (Parks Board agenda item 12-21-03, December 2021), was approved.

**11-22-02**

**BOARD APPROVES THE REQUEST OF THE TENNESSEE IMMIGRANT REFUGEE RIGHTS COALITION TO OFFICIALLY NAME THE PROPERTY LOCATED ON PARCELS 16200030400, 16200030500, AND 162000304600 AS MARIPOSA PARK.**

Upon motion of Ms. Scott-Barnes, seconded by Mr. DeLay, and discussion the Tennessee Immigrant and Refugee Rights Coalition's request to officially adopt the name Mariposa Park for the property at parcels 16200030400, 16200030500 and 16200030500, was approved.

**VI. OLD BUSINESS (cont'd)**

**11-22-03**

**BOARD APPROVES STAFF REQUEST TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN METRO AND 1000 2<sup>ND</sup> AVE N, LP THE DEVELOPERS OF STOCKYARDS.**

Upon motion of Mr. DeLay, seconded by Ms. Scott-Barnes, and discussion the staff request to enter into a Participation Agreement between Metro and 1000 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave N, LP the developers of Stockyards, a proposed multi—use development adjacent to the Cumberland River Greenway Downtown located at 900 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue North, was approved. The Participation Agreement will include design and construction of the improvements, subject to Metro Parks’ design approval, and permanent maintenance by the owners of the property.

**11-22-04**

**BOARD APPROVES STAFF REQUEST TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT OF GRANT OF GREENWAY CONSERVATION EASEMENT BETWEEN METRO GOVERNMENT AND UNION BRICK RE LLC.**

Upon motion of Mr. DeLay, seconded by Mr. Anderson, and discussion the staff request for an agreement of Greenway Conservation easement between Metro Government and Union Brick RE LLC on property owned by union Brick RE LLC located at 801 12<sup>th</sup> Ave N Nashville, TN 37203 on Parcel ID#09204032300, was approved.

**VII. CONSENT AGENDA**

**BOARD APPROVES DECEMBER 2022 CONSENT AGENDA**

Upon motion of Mr. Johnston, and seconded by Ms. Scott-Barnes, the Board approved the December 2022 consent agenda with the exclusion of the 2023 annual permit renewal for WNSL. The 2023 WNSL annual permit was deferred to the January Parks Board meeting.

**Bike the Greenway, Inc.** – Wave Country Parking Area  
**Cane Ridge Community Club** – Cecil Rhea Crawford Park  
**Charlotte Park Little League**-Charlotte Park ballfields  
**Crieve Hall Youth Athletic Association**- William Pitts Park  
**Crieve Hall Youth Athletic Association**- Whitfield Park Tri-plex  
**Cumberland Kayak** – Shelby Bottoms Boat Ramp, East Bank Landing  
**East Nashville Athletics** – 3 youth athletic fields in Shelby Park  
**GNASH** – Centennial Sportsplex Ice Rinks  
**Grow Enrichment** – Two Rivers Park  
**Hermitage Seahawks Youth Sports**-2 youth ball fields-Old Hickory

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

**Joelton Community Club**-Joelton-McDowell Community Park  
**Juvenile Court** – Parkwood, McFerrin, and Watkins Community Centers  
**Lakewood Community Youth Athletics**-Lakewood Ball Park  
**Metropolitan Action Commission** – Dudley Community Center  
**Mid-State Sports Leagues** – Frederick Douglass Sports Field  
**Mid-State Sports Leagues** – Two Rivers Softball Field 1 & 2  
**Middle Tennessee Pony Club** -  
**Music City BMX**-- Track-Hamilton Creek Park  
**Nashville Amateur Radio Operators** – Smith House  
**Nashville Aquatic Club**-Centennial Sportsplex Aquatic Center  
**Nashville Chew Crew** – Bells Bend (sod farm)  
**Nashville Cricket Association** – Whites Creek Park  
**Nashville Old Timers Baseball Association**-Shelby Park Baseball Fields  
**Nashville Paddle Company** – Hamilton Creek Marina  
**Nashville Skating Academy** – Centennial Sportsplex Ice Rinks  
**Nashville Sports Leagues** – Paragon Mills Softball Field  
**Nashville Youth Hockey League** – Centennial Sportsplex Ice Rinks  
**Nashville Youth Soccer Association**-Heartland Park Soccer Complex  
**RBI Association**-2 youth ballfields-Seven Oaks Park  
**Richland Park Farmers Market** – Richland Park  
**River Queen Voyages** – Shelby Bottoms Boat Ramp, East Bank Landing  
**Sandlott Sports** – Seven Oaks Baseball field and adjacent area  
**Stones River Woman’s Club**-Two Rivers Mansion  
**12 South Farmers Market** – Sevier Park  
**Southern Off Road Bicycle Association of Middle Tennessee (SORBA)** – All Park Mountain bike trail  
**Swim America** – Centennial Sportsplex Aquatic Center  
**Tennessee Soccer Club** – Harpeth River Park Soccer Complex  
**The Nature Conservancy** – Lytle Bend at Ravenwood  
**Una Recreation Center, Inc.-Sports** fields and adjacent area – Una Park  
**West Nashville Sports League** -Baseball and Softball fields & adjacent area –Warner Park

**12-22-02**

**AMPLIFICATION APPROVAL**

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|---|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| • Annual Homeless Memorial                    | Riverfront Park                | Sat., Dec. 17, 2022      |
| • New Year’s 1/2 Marathon                     | Two Rivers Park                | Dec. 31, 22 – Jan. 1, 23 |
| • Spring Picnic                               | Centennial Park Event Center   | Fri., April 21, 2023     |
| • St. Jude’s Rock N Roll Marathon Series      | Shelby Park & Cumberland River | Sat., April 22, 2023     |
| • MilMoney 5K Fun Run                         | Shelby Park                    | Thru., April 27, 2023    |
| • World Tai Chi/Qi Gong Day                   | Fannie Mae Dees Park           | Sat., April 29, 2023     |
| • Water Lantern Festival                      | Centennial Park Ellipse        | Sat., April 29, 2023     |
| • Iroquois Steeplechase Pre-Race Event        | Percy Warner Park              | Thur., May 11, 2023      |
| • Iroquois Steeplechase Post Position Drawing | Percy Warner Park              | Sat., May 13, 2023       |
| • Gypsy Jazz and Django Festival              | Fannie Mae Dees Park           | Fri. June 25, 2023       |
| • Steps of Success                            | Shelby Park                    | Sat., Sept. 9, 2023      |

**AMPLIFICATION AND FUNDRAISING APPROVAL**

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| • Chinese New Year Celebration in Nashville w/CAAN     | Centennial Park   | Sat., Jan. 28, 2023  |
| • Couples Shuffle 5/10 K                               | Percy Warner Park | Sat., Feb. 11, 2023  |
| • 3 <sup>rd</sup> Annual Gildas 5K & 1-Mile Fun Run    | Shelby Park       | Sat., April 1, 2023  |
| • Step Forward to Cure TSC Global Hybrid Walk-Run-Ride | Edwin Warner Park | Sat., April 29, 2023 |
| • Second Annual Jazz & Blues Festival                  | Edwin Warner Park | Sat., June 3, 2023   |

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

**AMPLIFICATION AND ALCOHOL**

- Bracket City Live Walk of Fame, Riverfront Park, The Green March 16-18, 2023
- Wedding for Margaret Axelrod & Andrew Consroe Percy Warner Park Hodge House Sat., April 15, 2023
- Pier/Mellons Wedding Reception Bells Bend Park Sat., April 22, 2023
- Iroquois Steeplechase Percy Warner Park Sat., May 13, 2023
- Shop Black Fest Nashville Hadley Park Bandshell Sat., May 13, 2023
- Musicians Corner Centennial Park Musicians Corner May 19,20,26,27,28, June 2, 3,9,10,16, & 17, 2023
- NBA Annual Member Picnic Walk of Fame Park Thur., Sept. 28, 2023
- Kincaid Wedding Percy Warner Park Steeple Chase Sat., October 7, 2023

**AMPLIFICATION, ALCOHOL, AND FUNDRAISING**

- East Nashville Beer Festival East Park Sat., April 15, 2023
- Sevier Park Fest Sevier Park Sat., May 6, 2023
- Wine on the River Riverfront Park Sat., Sept. 9, 2023
- Dog Days Festival Musicians Corner, Cockrill Springs Sat., October 21, 2023

**FUNDRAISING APPROVAL**

- Richland Creek Run Richland Creek Greenway Sat., April 1, 2023
- Take Steps Tennessee Walk Fannie Mae Dees Park Sat., June 3, 2023

**ALCOHOL AND FUNDRAISING**

- ECHO Concert Series Parthenon Dec. 15, 2022, Jan. 29, Feb. 26, Mar. 26, 2023
- FeverUp Candlelight Concert Series Parthenon Feb. 3,10,17, Mar. 3,10,31, Apr. 7,14,28, May 5,12, 26, 2023

**12-22-03**

**BOARD APPROVES PERCY PRIEST YACHT CLUB REQUEST TO BASE ITS REGATTA AND OTHER SAILING ACTIVITIES AT HAMILTON CREEK SAILBOAT MARINA FOR THE FOLLOWING 2023 DATES.**

The Percy Priest Yacht Club (PPYC) request for 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, was approved. PPYC requests for permission to isolate one parking lot and launching ramp at Hamilton Creek from 6:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon for Regatta dates: March 25 & 26, April 15, May 20 & 21, June 24 & 25, September 9, 10 & 30, October 1, 14, & 15, November 4 & 5, and December 3, 2023, were also approved.

**RV Camping Approval**

October 12 -15, 2023 with no fee for Equalizer Regatta.

**Alcohol Approval - 2023 Red Cup Events**

February 11, March 11, May 20, June 24, August 19, September 23, October 13 & 14, and December 2 & 3, 2023.

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

**12-22-04**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF THE MIDDLE TENNESSEE PONY CLUB TO HOST THE 71<sup>ST</sup> CONSECUTIVE RUNNING OF THE MTPC HORSE TRAILS AT THE EQUESTRIAN CENTER FOR PERCY WARNER PARK.**

The Middle Tennessee Pony Club requests for permission to host the 71<sup>st</sup> consecutive running of the MTPC Horse Trails held at the Equestrian Center for Percy Warner Park and waiver of fees for the 2023 season, was approved.

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

**12-22-05**

**BOARD APPROVES STAFF REQUEST FOR RECOMMENDED SEASONAL EMPLOYEE PAY SCALE REVISIONS.**

Upon motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Haynes, and discussion the recommendations for seasonal employee pay scale revisions, were approved.

**12-22-06**

**BOARD ACCEPTS IN-KIND GRANT NOT TO EXCEED \$20,000 FROM THE NASHVILLE YOUTH HOCKEY LEAGUE (NYHL) TO FUND THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF TWO ELECTRO-MECH SCOREBOARDS.**

Upon motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. DeLay, and discussion an in-kind grant not to exceed \$20,000 from the Nashville Youth Hockey League (NYHL) to fund the purchase and installation of two Electro-Mech scoreboards on Rink B of the Centennial Sportsplex, was accepted. There is no required match or other obligation by Parks associated with this grant.

**12-22-07**

**BOARD ACCEPTS IN-KIND GRANT IN APPROXIMATE VALUE OF \$2,800 FROM THE RYZEC BUILDING GROUP, LLC OF TWO NEW LAPTOPS AND A NEW PLAYSTATION VIDEO GAMING SYSTEM FOR KIRKPATRICK COMMUNITY CENTER.**

Upon motion of Ms. Buggs, seconded by Mr. DeLay, and discussion an in-kind grant in approximate value of \$2,800 from Ryzec Building Group, LLC of two new laptops and a new PlayStation video gaming system for the exclusive use of Kirkpatrick Community Center's new library program, was accepted. There is no required match or other obligation by Parks associated with this grant.

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

**12-22-08**

**BOARD ACCEPTS GRANT OF \$20,000 FROM THE PARKS FOUNDATION IN SUPPORT OF THE DISABILITIES PROGRAM.**

Upon motion of Mr. DeLay, seconded by Ms. Buggs, and discussion a grant of \$20,000 from The Nashville Parks Foundation in support of the Metro Parks DisABILITIES program, was accepted. There is no required match or other obligation by Parks associated with this grant.

**12-22-09**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST TO RENEW AND ULTIMATELY ACCEPT THE CHILD AND ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM GRANT FOR FY2022-2023.**

Upon motion of Mr. Haynes, seconded by Mr. Johnston, and discussion, the renewal and ultimate acceptance of the Child and Adult Care Food Program grant for FY2022- 2023, was approved. This program provides nutritious meals and snacks for children attending the afterschool programs at now 13 community centers (Personnel: 6, FTE: 2.88). The grant period is October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2023. There is no required match by Parks associated with this grant.

**12-22-10**

**BOARD APPROVES THE REQUEST OF FRIENDS OF WARNER PARKS TO ADMINISTER A SUMMER CAMP IN COLLABORATION WITH THE WARNER PARK NATURE CENTER.**

Upon motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. DeLay, and discussion the request of Friends of Warner Parks to administer a summer camp in collaboration with the Warner Park Nature Center, was approved.

**12-22-11**

**BOARD APPROVES MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN METRO PARKS AND THE METROPOLITAN DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND SEWAGE SERVICES.**

Upon motion of Mr. Johnston, seconded by Ms. Scott-Barnes, and discussion a Memorandum of Understanding between Metro Parks and the Metro Department of Water and Sewage Services to manage and maintain the recreation area, currently owned by Metro Water Services, for the community of Germantown and Salemtown as one of its own parks, was approved.

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

**12-22-12**

**BOARD APPROVES THE REQUEST OF AEG PRESENTS TO HOST A CONCERT SERIES IN CENTENNIAL PARK IN JUNE 2023.**

Upon motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Ms. Scott-Barnes, and discussion the request of AEG Presents to host a concert series in Centennial Park in June of 2023, was approved. This approval includes permission for amplification and alcohol sales. AEG will pay all appropriate fees and comply with all Parks Department and Park Police requirements. AEG Presents has volunteered to make a donation to the Centennial Park Conservancy Parks Maintenance Fund or the Parthenon Preservation Fund as reimbursement for any loss of revenue from the impact on the Parthenon.

**IX. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

**THE FRIENDS OF BELLS BEND PRESENTS ANNUAL UPDATE TO THE BOARD.**

Ms. Sharon Worth, President of the Friends of Bells Bend, provided an annual update to the Parks Board. Ms. Worth highlighted the ongoing garden project, park improvements, continuing with invasive species removal, and the ongoing initiatives at Bells Bend during her presentation.

**THE FRIENDS OF BEAMAN PARK PRESENTS ANNUAL UPDATE TO THE BOARD.**

Mr. Jim Haney, Friends of Beaman Park, provided an annual update to the Parks Board. Mr. Haney highlighted ongoing volunteer efforts, research projects with students at Vanderbilt University, and the ongoing efforts to replace the old wooden bridge with an aluminum bridge at Beaman Park, during his presentation.

**X. CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE – TIM NETSCH**

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

- Design underway
- Est. complete: Summer 2023

Aaittifama Archeological – Phase One

- Construction pricing underway by Friends

Bordeaux Gardens – Playground & Shelter

- Participatory Budgeting project
- Design, equipment selection and pricing underway

Centennial – Phase Three/Pavilion

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

Clinton Fisk – Phase Two Construction

- Awaiting equipment delivery
- Est. complete: Winter 2022

Fort Negley – Stonework Repair

- Construction underway
- Est. construction complete: Fall 2022

Hartman – Playground & Restrooms

- Participatory Budgeting project
- Est. playground complete: Late 2022
- Restroom design underway

Kossie Gardner, Sr. – Phase Two

- Construction bidding underway by MDHA

Mill Ridge - Phase One

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

Old Hickory - Community Center Design

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

Ravenwood – Phase One

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

Sevier – Sunnyside Mansion Restoration

- Construction underway

- Est. complete: Fall 2023

Shelby – Davidson St. Streambank Stabilization

- Design underway
- Est. complete: Summer 2023

Trinity Hills/Habitat – Design

- Paused for Habitat for Humanity coordination

Tusculum Road – Master Plan

- Underway
- Est. complete: Spring 2023

Two Rivers – Mansion Events Center

- Design underway
- Est. design complete: Fall 2023

Warner - De-pave & Picnic Shelters

- Demolition complete
- Construction permitting 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: Fall 2022

COMPLETED IN THE LAST TWELVE MONTHS

Centennial – Children’s Memory Garden

Clinton Fisk - Phase One

Elmington - Tennis courts refurb

Fort Negley - Master Plan

Green Hills – Shade Structure\*

Hadley – Pavilion

Madison Station – Schematic Design

Warner – Traffic counts

\*Complete this month



**XI. GREENWAYS/OPEN SPACE UPDATE – CINDY HARRISON**

**CRG at Peabody Union**

- Construction phase
- 0.2 Miles
- Perpetual maintenance

**CRG at River North**

- Design phase
- Maintenance
- Received Stormwater Variance approval in September 2022

**CRG at Oracle**

- Miles TBD
- Planning phase
- Maintenance
- Pedestrian Bridge

**CRG at Stockyard 900 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue North**

- Design of Greenway upgrades under staff review
- Participation agreement has been submitted to Park Board for approval. Includes construction and perpetual maintenance.

**Harpeth River Greenway Ariza Bellevue**

- Submitted to Planning Commission

**Centennial Park connector at West End Ave**

- Miles TBD
- Design concept under review

**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
- Complete

**Public/Private-funded property acquisitions**

**Lockeland Springs Park addition**

- Acquisition submitted to Park Board
- 4 acres

**Parthenon Avenue Park Property Consolidation and Swap**

- Submitted to Park Board

**Privately funded greenway easements and property acquisitions**

- CRG Modera Germantown – in process
- CRG (Peabody Union) – approved by Council
- CRG 2<sup>nd</sup> and VanBuren- in planning
- CRG Opry Mills Connector – TDOT Excess Land agreement in Council approval process
- Century Farms- in planning
- Charlotte Corridor Rail with Greenway (Union Brick)- in process
- Addition to Fisk Park- in process
- Harpeth River Greenway at Bellevue – Ariza Bellevue multi-family development in rezoning process. Proposed 21 acres new park space, greenway extension via tunnel under CSX rail line to existing greenway pedestrian bridge, new vehicular bridge with access to Park property donated by Dorothy Kate and Thomas Frist Foundation Community engagement underway by developer and Metro Planning

**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- approved by Council

**XII. UPCOMING SPECIAL ACTIVITIES/EVENTS – JACKIE JONES**

- 1: Music City Swim Meet, Centennial Sportsplex.  
Richland Farmers Market, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Richland Park.
- 2: Mayor’s Tree Lighting Ceremony, 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., Public Square Park.  
Private Event, 6:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m., St. Bernard Park.
- 3: Girls on the Run 5K, 6:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m., Two Rivers Park.  
Richland Farmers Market, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Richland Park.  
Centennial Art Center Student Staff Exhibit Opening, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., Art Center.  
Winter Warmer, 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Morgan Park.  
Parthenon Event – Elite Events Holiday Party, 4:30 p.m. – 11:59 p.m., Parthenon.  
Mary Craven Holiday Photo Shoot, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Percy Warner Park – Hodge House.
- 4: Santa Hustle Half Marathon 5K, 9:00 a.m., Two Rivers Park.
- 8: Metro Police – Victim Intervention Program – A Season to Remember, 5:45p.m. – 7:00 p.m., Centennial Park.
- 10: Private Event, 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m., Woodmont Park.  
Richland Farmers Market, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Richland Park.  
FNP: Fossil Finders – RSVP to FortNegley@nashville .gov, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Fort Negley.  
Private Event, 6:00 p.m. – 10:30 p.m., Parthenon.  
At Your Pace Kidney Race, 5:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Shelby Park.  
Rudolph Red Nose Run, 5:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., East Bank Landing.
- 17: Candy Cane 10K and 5K, 8:00 a.m., Two Rivers Park.
- 24: Richland Farmers Market, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Richland Park.
- 31: Richland Farmers Market, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Richland Park.
- New Year’s Eve & New Years Day Half Marathons, 7:30 a.m., Two Rivers Park.
- The gift shop at the [Parthenon](#) offers t-shirts celebrating the Museum and musicians Corner as well as bandanas, canvas bags, brass ornaments, metal cuff bracelets, earrings, jewelry, safari toys, AND honey collected from the hives in Centennial Park as well as other souvenir items.
- [Centennial Art Center](#) offers various art objects for sale made by the students and teachers at the Center. You can purchase pottery, paintings, jewelry, and many other art-oriented types of gifts.
- [Warner Park Nature Center](#) offers one-of-a-kind walking sticks made from black walnut and redbud from managed meadows in the parks. These unique walking sticks are handcrafted by naturalist Will Chamberlain and are very durable. In addition, they have colorful bug socks, fitted puffy vests, historical books, sweatshirts, calendars, and more.
- [Shelby Park Nature Center](#) water bottles with logos, scented candles with lids, and other souvenir items.
- and Metro Parks’ [Centennial Sportsplex](#) offers excellent deals on its annual memberships.

**XI. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR**

Director Odom announced:

- Congratulations to Mr. Phil Lockett, the new Assistant Director for Consolidated Maintenance. We are really excited to have Mr. Lockett in this leadership role working with our team.
- Congratulations to the Sevier Park Community Center for receiving the award for “Best Overall Programs” at the Tennessee Recreation and Parks Association (TRPA) Conference last month in Gatlinburg, TN. Presented by TRPA’s Ethnic Minority section.
- We continue to work to fill the abundance of vacancies across our department. If you know of someone who is interested in our many positions that are available, please refer to our HR division.
- Director Odom and Mr. Johnston will convene a small working group to scope out suitable locations in the park system as recommendations for a Miracle Field.
- Thank you to the Nashville Parks Foundation for sponsoring our employee lunch event on December 16<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for all you do to support the department and the community.

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

- Dr. Steele announced that Brookmeade Park will officially close for remediation on Wednesday, January 4, 2023. Thank you to the Metro Homeless Impact Division and the many Metro departments that came together and provided their expertise to help us address this issue.
- The Board agreed to reschedule its January 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting in light of the New Year holiday.
- Mr. Anderson recommended that the Parks Board agenda be revisited.
- Dr. Steele wished everyone a happy holiday season and thanked board members for their tenacity and steadfastness.

**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