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METROPOLITAN BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

FEBRUARY 6, 2024

A meeting of the Board of Parks and Recreation of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee was held on Tuesday, February 6, 2024, at 12:00 pm in the Centennial Park Boardroom, 2565 Park Plaza, Nashville, TN. Board members present were: Mr. Pete DeLay, Mr. Edward Henley III, Mr. Crews Johnston, Ms. Cheryl Mayes and Dr. Michelle Steele. Mr. George Anderson and Ms. Susannah Scott-Barnes were not present. Ms. Macy Amos was present to represent Metro Legal.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Crews Johnston.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD JANUARY 9, 2024, APPROVED

Upon motion of Mr. Henley and seconded by Mr. DeLay the January 9, 2024, meeting minutes were approved, as presented.

V. METRO COUNCIL REFERRALS

Council Member Clay Capp was in attendance.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Ms. Dede Byrd addressed the Parks Board regarding item 02-24-02.

Ms. Ingrid Campbell thanked the Parks Board for recent Community improvements in District 5.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

01-24-05

BOARD ACCEPTS DONATION OF 5 CONSERVATION GREENWAY EASEMENT DEDICATIONS FOR THE WHITES CREEK AND EWING CREEK GREENWAYS.

Upon motion of Mr. Henley, seconded by Mr. DeLay, and discussion, the donation of 5 Conservation Greenway Easement dedications for the Whites Creek and Ewing Creek Greenways located across properties at 4808 Buena Vista Pike, Parcel ID #05900006500; 4804 Buena Vista Pike, #05900018600; and 4800 Buena Vista Pike, #05900005700; was accepted. These Easements are for future expansion of these greenway systems.

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VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

02-24-01

BOARD APPROVES FEBRUARY 2024 CONSENT AGENDA

Upon motion of Mr. DeLay, and seconded by Dr. Steele, the February 2024 Consent Agenda, was approved.

AMPLIFICATION APPROVAL

• Strollin for the Colon	Richland Park	Sat., Mar. 2, 2024
• Shelby Recreation Open House	Shelby Park	Sat., Mar. 23, 2024
• Holi and Kite Festival	Centennial Park	Sat. Mar. 23, 2024
• New Day Church Community Easter Egg Hunt	Bellevue Park	Sat., Mar. 30, 2024
• Legacy Nashville Easter Family Event	Shelby Park	Sat., Mar. 30, 2024
• Mt. Hermon Easter Egg Hunt	Shelby Park	Sat., Mar. 30, 2024
• St. Ann School Boosterthon Run	Shelby Park	Sat., Mar. 30, 2024
• Mending Hearts 20 th Birthday	Hadley Park	Fri., Apr. 12, 2024
• Kidsville Family Walk	Centennial Park	Sat., Apr. 27, 2024
• Move for MDS 5K	Two Rivers Park	Sun. May 5, 2024
• Handmade Nashville 2024 Spring Arts & Craft Show	Bellevue Park	Sat., May 11, 2024
• Newcome Family Picnic	Two Rivers Park Shelter 1	Sat., May 25, 2024
• Nashville Symphony Summer Parks Concert	Smith Springs Park	Sun., Jun. 9, 2024
• 42 nd African Street Festival	Hadley Park	Sept. 20-22, 2024
• Handmade Nashville 2024 Fall Show	Bellevue Park	Sat. Nov. 30, 2024

AMPLIFICATION AND FUNDRAISING

• Recovery Unplugged	Edwin Warner Park	Sat., Feb 24, 2024
• Walk in the Woods	Edwin Warner Park	Sat., May 4, 2024
• Girls on the Run Spring 5K	Two Rivers Park	Sat., May 4, 2024
• Music City BMX Nationals	Hamilton Creek Park	Wed., May 22, 2024
• Nashville Walk4Hearing	Centennial Park	Sat. Jun. 22, 2024
• 2024 Tennessee Walk Like MADD	Two Rivers Park	Sat., Jun. 29, 2024
• You Have the Power: Walk the Talk	Centennial Park	Sat., Oct. 12, 2024
• Full Belly 5K & Fun Run	Shelby Park	Sat., Nov. 30, 2024

AMPLIFICATION AND ALCOHOL

• Minority Owned Food Truck Festival	Centennial Park	Sat., Apr. 13, 2024
• Music City Open	Mill Ridge Park	April 19-21, 2024
• Nashville Rose Festival	East Park	Sat., May 18, 2024

AMPLIFICATION, ALCOHOL AND FUNDRAISING

• Fridays by the River	Shelby Park	Apr. 5, 12, 26 & May 3, 2024
• Green Hills Park Festival	Green Hills Park	Sat., Sept. 7, 2024

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA (cont'd)

FUNDRAISING

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| • Walker's Founders Day Walk | Edwin Warner Park | Sat., Feb. 24, 2024 |
| • JRCCF 5K for Charity | Two Rivers Park | Sat., Apr. 20, 2024 |
| • Youthful Hands/Seniors Diversified Walk America Project | Shelby Park | Sat., May 4, 2024 |
| • The Next Door Recovery | Centennial Sportsplex | Sun., May 5, 2024 |
| • Colors of Shelby Art Show | Shelby Park | Mon., Oct. 28, 2024 |
| • Satellite Dance Inc. | Hermitage Community Center | October 2024 |

02-24-02

BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF BROKEN PADDLE OUTFITTERS TO RENEW THE 2024 PERMIT FOR FACILITY USE FOR THE COLEY DAVIS AND KAYAK LAUNCH AT CLEVELAND HARPETH RIVER.

Broken Paddle Outfitters request to renew the 2024 Permit for Use of Park Facility for the Coley Davis Canoe & Kayak Launch at Cleveland Harpeth River, was approved. The permit is for a period of one-year contingent upon all 2023 permit obligations being met.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

02-24-03

BOARD AFFIRMS APPOINTMENT OF MS. CHERYL MAYES AS A MEMBER OF THE PARKS BOARD.

The appointment of Ms. Cheryl Mayes to the Parks Board as the representative from the Metro Nashville Public Schools, was affirmed. Ms. Mayes is completing the term of service previously filled by Ms. Christiane Buggs.

02-24-04

BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF GROW ENRICHMENT TO RENEW THE 2024 PERMIT FOR FACILITY USE FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3150 MCGAVOCK PIKE AT TWO RIVERS PARK FOR A COMMUNITY GARDEN.

Upon motion of Mr. DeLay, seconded by Dr. Steele and discussion, the request of Grow Enrichment to renew the 2024 Permit for Facility Use for the property located at 3150 McGavock Pike at Two Rivers Park for a community garden, was approved. The permit is for a period of one year contingent upon all 2023 permit obligations being met.

IX. NEW BUSINESS (cont'd)

02-24-05

BOARD APPROVES ANNUAL PERMIT FOR USE OF PARK SPACE FOR THE NASHVILLE TREE FOUNDATION TO ESTABLISH A WORKING TREE NURSERY ON APPROXIMATELY ONE ACRE ON THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 12924 OLD HICKORY BLVD, ANTIOCH, TN AT MILL RIDGE PARK.

Upon motion of Dr. Steele, seconded by Mr. Delay, abstention by Mr. Henley and discussion, the Facility Use Permit for the Nashville Tree Foundation to establish a working tree nursery on approximately one acre on the property located at (12924 Old Hickory Blvd, Antioch, TN) at Mill Ridge Park, was approved. The permit was approved for a period of one year contingent upon all permit obligations being met.

02-24-06

BOARD APPROVES FRIENDS OF TWO RIVERS REQUEST TO HOST THE FOLLOWING 2024 EVENTS AT TWO RIVERS MANSION WITH A WAIVER OF USAGE FEES, ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION AND TO REMAIN IN THE PARK AFTER 11:00 P.M. IF NECESSARY.

Upon motion of Mr. Henley, seconded by Dr. Steele and discussion the request of the Friends of Two Rivers for permission to host the following 2024 events at the Two Rivers Mansion with a waiver of usage fees, alcohol consumption and to remain in the park after 11:00 p.m. if necessary, was approved.

“Phil the House” Art Show & Membership Event	May
Summer Tours of the Mansion	May – August
Watercolors at the Mansion	June
Cars at the Mansion	July
Historic Afternoon Tea at the Mansion	August
Music at the Mansion	September
Watercolors at the Mansion	September
Spirit Tours of the Mansion and 1802 House	October Weekends
Holiday Market at the Mansion	November
Christmas at the Mansion	December

02-24-07

BOARD APPROVES PERCY PRIEST YACHT CLUB REQUEST TO BASE ITS REGATTA AND OTHER SAILING ACTIVITIES AT HAMILTON CREEK SAILBOAT MARINA FOR THE FOLLOWING 2024 DATES.

Upon motion of Mr. DeLay, seconded by Mr. Henley and discussion the request of the Percy Priest Yacht Club (PPYC) 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.

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IX. NEW BUSINESS (cont'd)

PPYC request for permission to isolate one parking lot and launching ramp at Hamilton Creek from 6:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon for the following Regatta 2024 dates below, was also approved.

Alcohol Approval “Red Cup” Affairs

February 10, March 9, March 23, May 4-5 & 18-19, June 22, August 17, September 21, October 5-6 & 18-20, November 2 & 30, and December 1.

RV Camping Approval

October 11 -14, 2024 with no fee for Equalizer Regatta.

Amplification Approval

June 22 and November 30, 2024.

All Regatta dates for mic at Skipper’s meeting.

02-24-08

BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF KENNIE PLAYHOUSE THEATRE INC. TO SERVE ALCOHOL AT THE LOOBY THEATER FOR PERFORMANCES OF “THE PIANO LESSON”.

Upon motion of Dr. Steele, seconded by Mr. DeLay and discussion the request of Kennie Playhouse Theatre Inc. to serve alcohol at the Looby Theater during the following performances of “The Piano Lesson”, was approved.

February 22, 2024, at 7:30 p.m.	March 1, 2024, at 7:30 p.m.
February 23, 2024, at 7:30 p.m.	March 2, 2024, at 7:30 p.m.
February 24, 2024, at 7:30 p.m.	March 3, 2024, at 2:30 p.m.
February 25, 2024, at 2:30 p.m.	March 7, 2024, at 7:30 p.m.
February 29, 2024, at 7:30 p.m.	March 8, 2024, at 7:30 p.m.
March 9, 2024, at 7:30 p.m.	March 10, 2024, at 2:30 p.m.

02-24-09

BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF CIRCLE PLAYERS TO SERVE ALCOHOL AT THE LOOBY THEATER DURING PERFORMANCES.

Upon motion of Mr. DeLay, seconded by Mr. Henley and discussion the request of the Circle Players to serve alcohol at the Looby Theater during the following performances, was approved.

March 15-16, 2024, at 7:30 p.m.	May 10, 2024, at 7:30 p.m.
March 17, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.	May 17, 2024, at 7:30 p.m.
March 22-23, 2024, at 7:30 p.m.	May 19, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.

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March 24, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. May 24, 2024, at 7:30 p.m.
March 29-30, 2024, at 7:30 p.m. October 11, 2024, at 7:30 p.m.
March 31, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. October 13, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.
October 18-19, 2024, at 7:30 p.m. October 20, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.
October 25, 2024, at 7:30 p.m.

02-24-10

BOARD ACCEPTS IN-KIND GRANT NOT TO EXCEED \$3,000,000 FROM THE FRIENDS OF WARNER PARKS TO FUND THE RENOVATION AND EXPANSION OF THE WARNER PARK HEADQUARTERS.

Upon motion of Mr. DeLay seconded by Mr. Henley and discussion, an in-kind grant not to exceed \$3,000,000 from the Friends of Warner Parks to fund the renovation and expansion of the Warner Park Headquarters, was accepted. There is no required match or other obligation required by Metro Parks associated with this grant. The project will be paid for directly by the Friends of Warner Parks. The Friends of Warner Parks will coordinate this project with Metro Parks staff.

02-24-11

BOARD ACCEPTS IN-KIND GRANT NOT TO EXCEED \$182,125 FROM THE CENTENNIAL PARK CONSERVANCY TO FUND THE INSTALLATION OF AN ART SENTRY SECURITY SYSTEM AT THE PARTHENON.

Upon motion of Dr. Steele seconded by Mr. Henley and discussion, an in-kind grant not to exceed \$182,125 from the Centennial Park Conservancy to fund the installation of an Art Sentry security system at the Parthenon, was accepted. There is no required match or other obligation required by Metro Parks associated with this grant. The project will be paid for directly by the Centennial Park Conservancy. CPC will coordinate this project with Art Sentry, the Parthenon, and Metro Parks staff to ensure the successful installation of the new security system.

02-24-12

BOARD ACCEPTS IN-KIND GRANT VALUED AT APPROXIMATELY \$35,000 FROM THE FRIENDS OF GREEN HILLS PARK TO INSTALL A NEW WATER FOUNTAIN BY THE PLAYGROUNDS AND ALSO ACCEPTS AN IN-KIND GRANT VALUED AT APPROXIMATELY \$800 TO CONSTRUCT A WIND TELEPHONE AT GREEN HILLS PARK.

Upon motion of Mr. Henley seconded by Mr. Delay and discussion, an in-kind grant valued at approximately \$35,000 from the Friends of Green Hills Park to install a new water fountain by the playgrounds at Green Hills Park, was accepted. The Board also, accepted an in-kind grant from FOGHP valued at approximately \$800 to construct a Wind Telephone in Green Hills Park.

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There is no required match or other obligation required by Metro Parks associated with this grant. The project will be paid for directly by the Friends of Green Hills Park. The Friends of Green Hills Parks will coordinate these projects with Metro Parks staff.

02-24-13

BOARD APPROVES LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN METRO PARKS AND THE FRIENDS OF SHELBY PARK AND BOTTOMS FOR THE REDEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF THE NAVAL RESERVE TRAINING FACILITY.

Upon motion of Mr. Henley, seconded by Mr. DeLay, and discussion a Lease Agreement between Metro Parks and the Friends of Shelby Park and Bottoms for the redevelopment and management of the Naval Reserve Training Facility in Shelby Park, was approved.

02-24-14

BOARD APPROVES THE PARTHENON DEACCESSIONING POLICY AND RECOMMENDATION TO METRO COUNCIL THAT THE PROPOSED ITEMS BE REMOVED FROM THE MUSEUM'S COLLECTION.

Upon motion of Mr. DeLay, seconded by Dr. Steele, and discussion the Parthenon Deaccessioning Policy and recommendation to Metro Council that the proposed items be removed from the museum's collection, was approved. The Parthenon wish to deaccess 244 individual items originating from Western Mexico, is in the best interest of both the objects and the museum to return them to their original home. This is in keeping with museum best practices.

02-24-15

BOARD DEFERS STAFF REQUEST OF AN 10 YEAR RENEWABLE LICENSE AGREEMENT BETWEEN METRO NASHVILLE GOVERNEMNT AND THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, ALLOWING METRO (PARKS) TO USE A PORTION OF THE LICENSED PREMISES TO INSTALL, OPERATE, AND MAINTAIN PHASE II OF THE 440 GREENWAY PROJECT.

The request of a 10- year renewable License Agreement between Metro Nashville Government and The State of Tennessee, allowing Metro (Parks) to use a portion of the Licensed Premises to install, operate, and maintain Phase II of the 440 Greenway Project, was deferred to the Acquisition Committee.

X. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

MR. STEVON NELOMS PRESENTS ANNUAL UPDATE OF THE WELLNESS, COMMUNITY RECREATION AND CULTURAL ARTS DIVISION TO THE BOARD.

Mr. Stevon Neloms, Assistant Director of the Metro Parks Wellness, Community Recreation & Cultural Arts Division, provided an informational overview of the Wellness, Community Recreation & Cultural Arts programs and highlights.

THE FRIENDS OF TWO RIVERS PRESENTS ANNUAL UPDATE TO THE BOARD.

Mr. Phil Claiborne, President of the Friends of Two Rivers, provided an update highlighting the FY2023 financials, community events, and FOTR's master plan improvement achievements during his presentation.

MS. CINDY HARRISON AND MR. JOE STOVALL TO PRESENT PLAN TO PLAY (PARKS AND GREENWAYS MASTER PLAN) TO THE BOARD.

Mr. Joe Stovall, Assistant Director Metro Parks Planning and Special Projects, provided a high-level overview and progress update of the 2017 Plan to Play Parks and Greenways Master Plan.

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XI. CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE – JOE STOVALL

1st + Gay – Park Redevelopment

- Construction Documents 70%

Bordeaux Gardens – Playground & Shelter

- Participatory Budgeting project.
- Construction Started completion mid FEB.

Cedar Hill Park – Miracle League Field

- Awarded contract for professional renderings. Looking to have end of FEB2024.
- Proposal for design and CA submitted.

Centennial – Master Plan, Phase Three

- Design complete. Waiting on Metro reviews and permits to be issued.
- Est. BID timeframe JULY – AUGUST 2024

Fort Negley -Master Plan, Phase One

- Design at 40%

Fort Negley – Stonework Repair Phase 2

- Underway, site work at 90%
- Est. complete: MARCH 2024

Hartman – Restrooms

- Participatory Budgeting project.
- CO-OP approved by council NOV in process of implementing.
- Site work out to BID, back 15JAN24. Building ordered delivery 6-8 weeks.

Lytle Bend Park

- Proposal reviewed and accepted.

Madison Station – Design

- Design kick-off 17JAN2024.

Mariposa – Design

- Design in progress. Working to 30% by end of year.

Mill Ridge - Phase II

- Design meetings being held, working to 20% by 01MARCH24.

Old Hickory - Community Center Design

- Ready to award for construction.

Ravenwood Phase I Restroom

- In design – completed by MAY2024.

Sevier – Sunnyside Mansion Restoration

- Construction in final stages.
- SOW added and funding allocated.
- Est. complete: MAR2024

Shelby – Davidson St. Streambank Stabilization

- Design underway.
- Est. complete: MARCH 2024 / Delay – working though permitting at Federal/State level.

Shelby Naval Building

- Working to finalize funding agreement.

Trinity Hills/Habitat – Design

- Proposal reviewed and accepted.

Two Rivers – Mansion Events Center

- Design underway - 95%
- Est. design complete: Fall 2023
- After design is completed, project will go on hold until funding is allocated.

Wharf – Master Plan

- Meetings in progress to establish direction.

In Procurement:

- Hartman RR – out to BID back 15JAN24.
- Old Hickory Community Center, ready to award for construction.
- Fort Negley Phase I, CMAR

COMPLETED IN THE LAST (6) MONTHS

- Mill Ridge - Phase One
- Ravenwood – Phase One

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XII. GREENWAYS/OPEN SPACE UPDATE – CINDY HARRISON

Charlotte Corridor Rail with Greenway

- Developing easement agreement with Cheatham County Rail Authority for use of a portion of their land
- Working to procure additional greenway easements and open space from adjacent private property owners.

440 Greenway Sevier Park to Brown's Creek Park

- 1 Mile
- 2 Community meetings complete and report is posted on Parks web site
- Excess land application approved by TDOT. Park Board and Council approval process started for approval of license agreement.
- Construction documents are complete pending any revisions required during permitting.
- Application for FEMA no-rise certification is being submitted. We understand that process could take up to one year for FEMA to complete.

440 Greenway Park Plaza to Existing Interior Trails Centennial Park

- Design of route alignment and cross sections are complete.
- Lighting guideline manual for greenways and lighting design is underway.
- 0.2 Miles
- Interdepartmental permitting underway

Whites Creek Greenway at Hartman Park

- Will extend the Whites Creek Greenway Mullins Park to Hartman Park. 1 miles extension along Tucker Road and across flood buyout property along West Hamilton Avenue to Buena Vista Pike.
- Scoping meeting with consultant complete.
- Site due diligence underway.

Wharf Park to Riverfront Park Greenway Feasibility Study

- Final edits in progress.

Opry Mills Connector

- Right of way certification in process with TDOT
- 1 Mile

Browns Creek Greenway and Park- Fair Park Phase 2

- Under construction (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
- Easement acquisition for neighborhood Greenway connectors submitted to Park Board on 10-3-2023.

Page's Branch Greenway Potential greenway easement/segment with development of new Juvenile Justice Center on Brick Church Pike in cooperation with Metro General Services Dept. Planning phase.

PRIVATELY FUNDED GREENWAY PROJECTS

2nd Phase of Greenway Trailhead Upgrades

- Greenways for Nashville
- Planning phase

Richland Creek Greenway – Belle Meade Plaza

- Proposed greenway trail as part of redevelopment project
- Completed 2 coordination meetings with development team on detail design of the greenway and stormwater requirements.

West Heiman Street - easement along Cheatham County Rail Authority railroad.

- Project includes greenway easement, design and grading for future paved greenway, temporary gravel trail and landscape maintenance.
- This is a long range planned greenway along corridor commuter rail to Cheatham County as identified in the city's Northwest Corridor Study
- Met with development team to revise greenway grading, landscape plan and proposed trail cross section

CRG at Pawnee Trail Residential Development

- Project involves greenway easement dedication
- Coordinating with development team to revise greenway easement area as part of Final Site Plan approval.

Planned East Nashville Greenway at 304 Oldham Street commercial development

- Reviewing Final Site Plan and easement dedication.
- Project includes greenway easement dedication, design and grading for future paved greenway, and associated landscape installation and maintenance

Pages Branch Greenway at Trinity Lane mixed use development- proposed preliminary SP

- Proposed segment of Pages Branch Greenway
- Met with development team to discuss routing and offsite connectivity.

Harpeth River Greenway at Newsom Station residential development

- Project includes greenway easement dedication, design and construction of new segment of greenway, and associated landscape installation and maintenance

Richland Creek Greenway -White Bridge Trailhead to St. Thomas Hospital

- New extension will be part of Harding Town development.

CRG at First Horizon Park

- New trail segment under construction
- Completion and ribbon cutting planned for March 2023
- 0.08 Miles

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XII. GREENWAYS/OPEN SPACE UPDATE – CINDY HARRISON (cont'd)

CRG at First Horizon Park

- New landscaping and lighting
- Perpetual maintenance

Cumberland River Greenway (CRG) at Modera Germantown

- Construction phase
- 0.07 Miles
- Perpetual maintenance

CRG Modera at The Nations

- Rezoning Phase- Preliminary SP approved.
- 0.12 Miles
- Perpetual maintenance

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 Pennington Bend

- Pennington Mills – 11 Acre Development Rezoning Phase
- The Bend – Development on Pennington Bend Road at McGavock
 - Preliminary SP approved by Planning Commission.
 - Held first meeting with development team to discuss greenway requirements and Final Site Plan including landscaping and maintenance, trail design and construction, trailhead locations, lighting requirements, wayfinding signage and easement acquisition process.

CRG at Stockyard 900 1st Avenue North

- Design of Greenway upgrades under staff review
- Participation agreement has been approved by Park Board and includes construction and perpetual maintenance.
- Approved by Metro Council

CRG at 2nd and VanBuren

- Proposed amendment to greenway easement and realignment of greenway trail
- Proposed easement agreement needs Greenways and Open Space Commission, Park Board and Metro Council Approval

Harpeth River Greenway Proposed Ariza Bellevue

- Project includes construction of new greenway connection from existing trail on Morton Mill Road to existing pedestrian bridge and future park

development on land donated by Dorothy Kate and Thomas Frist Foundation.

- Includes 21-acre open space dedication to Metro Parks
- New vehicular bridge will allow connection to undeveloped park property.
- Meeting have started with development team to develop design for greenway railroad underpass/tunnel. Coordination with CSX, FEMA, Metro Water Services, Parks Maintenance, Metro Planning

Centennial Park connector at West End Ave

- Miles TBD
- Design concept under review

Ben Allen Greenway –

- Trail-oriented multi-family development.
- Includes greenway easement, design, construction and maintenance of greenway trail by developer.

Greenway easement and open space acquisitions

- Richland Creek Greenway -White Bridge Trailhead to St. Thomas Hospital – Easement is a condition of SP approval of new Harding Town development.
- Richland Creek Greenway at Belle Meade Plaza - Preliminary SP approved – includes greenway easement, design, construction and maintenance of greenway. Final Site Plan and easement area in development.
- CRG Modera Germantown Easement– in process
- CRG Modera The Nations Easement – in process
- CRG (Peabody Union) – approved by Council.
- CRG 2nd and VanBuren- in process
- CRG Opry Mills Connector – TDOT Excess Land agreement approved by Council.
- Charlotte Corridor Rail with Greenway easement agreement in progress with Cheatham County Rail Authority – in process
- Harpeth River Greenway at Bellevue –Ariza Bellevue - open space donation in process
- Whites Creek and Ewing Creek Greenways easement dedication in process
- Dry Creek Greenway easement dedication in process
- Ewing Creek Greenway –easement dedication in process
- Elizabeth Road 0.07 Acres easement dedication in process
- Gulch Greenway at 11 North – easement dedication in process
- Habitat/Haynes/Trinity Park – land and easement dedication in process
- Holt Creek Greenway easement dedication in process
- Little Creek Greenway easement dedication in process
- Pages Branch Greenway at Trinity Lane easement dedication in process.

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- Pennington Bend Greenway easement dedication in process
- Stoner Creek Greenway easement dedication in process
- Whites Creek Greenway – land transfer in process
- Harpeth River Greenway at Newsom Station- easement dedication in process
- East Nashville Greenway at 304 Oldham Rd – easement dedication in process.

PROPERTY TRANSFERS AND LICENSES FROM OUTSIDE AGENCIES

440 Greenway Sevier Park to Browns Creek Park

- TDOT Excess Land License approved by Excess Land Committee.
- License Agreement approval in process – 1.4 Acres

Opry Mills Connector

- TDOT Excess Land License- approved by Council.
- TDOT has required additional NEPA document – Environmental Justice Letter. Letter was submitted to TDOT on June 26, 2023, and TDOT has not responded.

XIII. UPCOMING SPECIAL ACTIVITIES/EVENTS – JACKIE JONES

FEB 10: Chinese New Year Celebration, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m., Musicians Corner, Centennial Park

Cupid's Chase 5K, 6 a.m. – 10 a.m., Shelby Bottoms Greenway

Fort Negley's Fossil Finders, 10 a.m. – Noon, Fort Negley Park

FEB 21: PETA Anti-Vivisection Exhibit Protest, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m., Centennial Park. Exhibit runs through February 25, 2024.

FEB 24: Hot Chocolate Run, 6 a.m. – 11 a.m., Centennial Park

XIV. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

- Director Odom thanked the Parks team and encouraged the Parks Board to visit a parks facility or attend any of the upcoming events.
- Last month our team provided an overview of our department operations and priorities to the Public Facilities, Arts, and Culture Committee of the Metro Council. The meeting went well, it was a very productive conversation.
- FY25 budget submission deadline is this week. Our Operating Budget requests will be shared with the board at the next meeting.
- Mayor O'Connell's proposed FY24 Capital Spending Plan includes about \$32 million for Metro Parks and Recreation, which includes deferred maintenance items, new park development and continued park improvements.
- The renovation budget for Brookmeade Park and Greenway was about \$1.2 million that was appropriated to the department from the American Rescue Plan funding, and we've spent \$474,000. On January 24th Metro's Procurement department

XIV. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR (cont'd)

released the BID for redevelopment/renovation of the park. Last week the team had a pre-offer and on-site meeting with potential contractors.

614 people who participated in the survey. Results were published last month. For the most part, survey responses clearly lean towards passive activities. The top ten responses indicate that for the most part people are interested in passive activities. The top five survey responses – paved trails, restrooms, disc golf, paddle board/kayak access, covered pavilion, or picnic area – are great suggestions but not viable because of either topography, acreage, accessibility and/or costs.

The department's plan going forward is to return the park to its original state and function, which was a greenway with open space. The configuration, location and topography of the park does not lend itself to some of the amenities (sports, concerts, etc.) seen in other parks. There was nothing that led Athena (Gresham's remediation contractors) to believe that they needed to go to Phase 2 testing, which would have included soil sampling and testing. We had an estimated funding for Phase 2 testing but did not have to utilize it.

Park Police in partnership with MNPD will conduct daily patrols of the park once it is re-opened and usable, and will make the appropriate referrals for resources to ensure unhoused and unsheltered individuals are not reestablishing residency in the park.

Please note that there were two opportunities for public engagement, 1) community meeting September 26, 2023, and 2) the survey that opened November 15, 2023, and closed November 30th. The estimated completion for renovation of Brookmeade Park and Greenway is early 2025.

- The Finance and Administration division will present an update of operations and activities at next month's board meeting.

Q&A

Mr. Johnston, vicechair informed the board that about 70% of Brookmeade Park and Greenway is in a flood zone, which precludes certain things from being done in the park.

Director Odom acknowledges that there are limitations of the property, the parks site was opened as a greenway and natural open space because of the topography and limitations of the land. Also, due to the isolation of the land there are some amenities that would not be safe. We are working diligently to get it back open to the community and to make sure it does not return to the condition with the encampment.

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Q&A (cont'd)

Mr. Stovall commented that it's not only due to the topography of the land, but also the storm water regulations that will not allow permanent structures in flood zones.

Mr. Johnston suggested identifying a more suitable property for recreational amenities in the community.

Director Odom recommended the community work with the councilmember in this endeavor.

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

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

Monique Horton Odom, Director

Mr. Crews Johnston, Vice Chair