

## **AUGUST 2024 BOARD MINUTES**

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### **METROPOLITAN BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION**

#### **MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING**

**AUGUST 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, August 6, 2024, at 12:00 pm in the Centennial Park Boardroom, 2565 Park Plaza, Nashville, TN. Board members present were: Dr. Michelle Steele, Mr. Pete DeLay, Mr. Shan Foster, Mr. Edward Henley III, Mr. Crews Johnston, and Ms. Cheryl Mayes. Ms. Susannah Scott-Barnes was not present. Ms. Macy Amos was present to represent Metro Legal.

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

#### **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD JULY 2, 2024, APPROVED**

Upon motion of Mr. Johnston and seconded by Mr. DeLay the July 2, 2024, meeting minutes were approved, as presented.

#### **V. METRO COUNCIL REFERRALS**

Council Member Sandy Ewing was in attendance and commented on the Belle Meade Highlands Study.

Council Member Jacob Kupin was in attendance and commented on item 08-24-11 (Request to Rename Cumberland Park).

#### **VI. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Mr. Albert Bender addressed the Parks Board regarding item 08-24-11.

Ms. Loraine Segovia Paz addressed the Parks Board regarding item 08-24-11.

Ms. Yuri Cunza addressed the Parks Board regarding Cheekwood.

Ms. Melba Cheote-Eas addressed the Parks Board regarding item 08-24-11.

Mr. Bobbi Degrow addressed the Parks Board regarding item 08-24-11.

Ms. Angela White addressed the Parks Board regarding Cheekwood.

Ms. Jennifer Wong addressed the Parks Board regarding item 08-24-11.

Mr. Dante Reynn addressed the Parks Board regarding item 08-24-11.

Ms. Grayce Gadson addressed the Parks Board regarding item 08-24-11.

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### **VI. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (cont'd)**

Mr. Scott Gillham did not address the board regarding West Park Community Center Gym - item not germane to the agenda.

### **VII. OLD BUSINESS**

**06-24-02**

#### **BOARD APPROVES SALARY INCREASE FOR THE DIRECTOR OF PARKS.**

Dr. Steele reported that the Finance Committee, met this morning and voted to approve a ten(10) percent merit increase this year for Director Odom, to begin addressing the significant pay disparity that exists across Metropolitan Government with further adjustment in the coming year to come to full parity. The committee vote was six(6) for zero(0) against.

Upon recommendation of the Finance Committee, motion of Mr. DeLay, seconded by Mr. Johnston and discussion, a ten(10) percent merit increase for the Director of Parks, was approved.

### **VIII. CONSENT AGENDA**

**08-24-01**

#### **BOARD APPROVES AUGUST 2024 CONSENT AGENDA**

Upon motion of Mr. Johnston, and seconded by Mr. Foster, the August 2024 Consent Agenda, was approved.

#### **AMPLIFICATION APPROVAL**

• Sunshine and Shenanigans	Watkins Park	Sat., Aug. 10, 2024
• Hill Family Gathering	Mill Ridge Park	Sat., Aug. 10, 2024
• Sunset Mile	Rose Park	Sat., Aug. 17, 2024
• You Are Loved Block Party	Ravenwood	Sat., Aug. 17, 2024
• Run Toward the Future 5K	Edwin Warner Park	Sat., Aug. 17, 2024
• Popsicle Party w/Friends of Shelby	Shelby Park	Sat., Sept. 7, 2024
• Bahamas 51 <sup>st</sup> Independence Celebration	Cane Ridge Park	Sat., Sept. 7, 2024
• Nashville Youth Hockey League	Sportsplex	Sat., Sept. 7, 2024
• Holcim's 2024 Family Picnic	Shelby Park	Sat., Sept. 21, 2024
• Walk 4 PICS	Shelby Park	Sat., Sept. 28, 2024
• Alpha Kappa Alpha Chapter Picnic	Mill Ridge Park	Sun., Sept. 29, 2024
• S2 Corporate Survivor	East Park	Wed. Oct. 2, 2024
• Beyond the Badge 5K	Two Rivers Park	Wed., Oct. 2, 2024
• Spooky Sprint	Orchard Bend	Sat., Oct. 19, 2024
• Music City Walk of Fame Induction Ceremony	Walk of Fame Park	Wed., Oct. 30, 2024
• Powers/Welch Wedding Ceremony	Shelby Park	Sat., Nov. 2, 2024
• Christian Heritage Month Celebration	Public Square Park	Sat., Nov. 9, 2024
• Cedar Hill CX	Cedar Hill Park	Sat., Nov. 23, 2024
• Nashville Turkey Trot 5K & 10K	Southeast Park	Thur., Nov. 28, 2024
• Shortest Day of the Year, Longest Run of Your Life	Shelby Park	Sat. Dec. 21, 2024
• Time Travel Half Marathon	Two Rivers Park	Sat., Jan. 4, 2025

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## VIII. CONSENT AGENDA (cont'd)

- Nashville St. Paddy's Half Marathon & 5K Two Rivers Park Sat., Mar. 8, 2025
- Nashville Women's Triathlon Centennial Park Sun., May. 11, 2025
- Water Lantern Festival Centennial Park Sun., May. 18, 2025
- Music City Triathlon East Bank Landing Sun., Jun. 1, 2025
- Music City Freedom Festival, Nashville's Juneteenth Celebration Hadley Park June 14-15, 2025
- Todd Family Reunion Ravenwood Park Sat., Jul. 19, 2025

### AMPLIFICATION AND ALCOHOL

- North Nashville Summer Nights Series Hadley Park Sept. 15 & 19, 2024
- Hilton Tailgate Walk of Fame Park Sept. 15, 22, & Nov. 3, 2024
- Bloom Griffith Family Picnic Edwin Warner Park Sat., Apr. 26, 2025

## VIII. CONSENT AGENDA (cont'd)

### AMPLIFICATION, ALCOHOL AND FUNDRAISING

- Old School BBQ Festival Riverfront Park Sat., Aug. 31, 2024
- Album Release Event Walk of Fame Park Tue., Sept. 10, 2024
- Saturday in the Park Edwin Warner Park Sat. Oct. 5, 2024
- Tennessee Hot Sauce Expo East Park October 26 & 27, 2024
- Boot Barn Fashion Show Centennial Park November 17-19, 2024

### AMPLIFICATION AND FUNDRAISING

- Exchange/Tracksmith Cross Country Course Percy Warner Park Tue., Sept. 17, 2024
- Nashville Recovery Run Two Rivers Park Sat., Oct. 12, 2024
- Classness TV's Love On Love Festaville Hadley Park Sat. Sept. 14, 2024
- 2024 Nashville Walk for Apraxia Shelby Park Sat., Sept. 24, 2024
- 1st Annual OCD TN Celebration & Walk Sevier Park Sat., Oct. 19, 2024
- Rock, Ruck, Run Percy Warner Park Sat., Oct. 26, 2024
- Cupid's Chase 5K Shelby Park Sat., Feb. 8, 2025
- Matters of the Heart Nashville 9K Run/Walk Hadley Park Sat., Jun. 7, 2025

### ALCOHOL

- Young Friends Kick Off Percy Warner Park Thur., Aug 8, 2024
- Spiders and Ciders Edwin Warner Park Thur., Sept. 26, 2024

## IX. NEW BUSINESS

08-24-02

### BOARD DEFERS REQUEST OF THE BOYLE INVESTMENT COMPANY D/B/A CAPITOL VIEW, OF A PROPOSED MURAL FOR THE DOG PARK AT FRANKIE PIERCE PARK VALUED AT APPROXIMATELY \$5,000, TO THE PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE.

The request of the Boyle Investment Company d/b/a Capitol View, of a proposed mural for the dog park at Frankie Pierce Park valued at approximately \$5,000, was deferred to the Public Art Committee. The mural, intended to enhance the aesthetic

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appeal and community atmosphere of the park, must receive prior approval from the Parks Department before any work begins. Additionally, the Parks Department will retain the authority to remove the mural if it is deemed necessary in the future. This measure ensures that the artwork aligns with park standards and community expectations while maintaining the flexibility to address any concerns that may arise. All cost and maintenance for the mural will be paid for directly by Capitol View. There is no required match or other obligation by Metro Parks. Council District 19

**08-24-03**

**BOARD APPROVES STAFF REQUEST IN COORDINATION WITH THE METRO ARTS COMMISSION TO ADD A MURAL AT NAPIER COMMUNITY CENTER.**

Upon motion of Ms. Mayes seconded by Mr. DeLay and discussion, the staff request in coordination with the Metro Arts Commission to add a mural at Napier Community Center, was approved. The artwork is sponsored by NASA in partnership with Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools (Napier Elementary School), this project will bring awareness to the community of how NASA is using technology to track and keep children safe in traumatic weather events. The work will also present an opportunity to bring positive attention to the Napier Community. There is no required match or other obligation required by Metro Parks. Council District 17

**08-24-04**

**BOARD ACCEPTS A DONATION NOT TO EXCEED \$25,000 FROM THE METROPOLITAN HISTORICAL COMMISSION FOUNDATION TO FUND.**

Upon motion of Mr. DeLay seconded by Mr. Foster and discussion, a donation not to exceed \$25,000 from the Metropolitan Historical Commission Foundation to fund cost estimating services for Aaitafama' Archeological Park Master Plan implementation, was accepted. There is no required match or other obligation required by Metro Parks associated with this donation. Council District 17

**08-24-05**

**BOARD ACCEPTS A \$1,000 GENERAL DONATION FROM JAMIE DAY AND CHANEY MOSLEY FOR THE WELLNESS, COMMUNITY RECREATION AND CULTURAL ARTS DIVISION.**

Upon motion of Mr. Johnston seconded by Mr. Henley and discussion a \$1,000 general donation from Jamie Day and Chaney Mosley for the Wellness, Community Recreation and Cultural Arts Division, was accepted. Council District City Wide

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

**08-24-06**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST TO AMEND THE CURRENT LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN METRO PARKS AND METRO NASHVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT, TO INCLUDE A TWENTY-FOUR MONTH LEASE EXTENSION.**

Upon motion of Mr. DeLay, seconded by Mr. Foster, and discussion the request to amend the current Letter of Understanding between Metro Parks and the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department, to include a twenty-four-month lease extension allowing temporary use and occupancy of portions of the Percy Warner Park Equestrian Center campus for use by the Metro Mounted Patrol Unit, was approved. Council District 34

**08-24-07**

**BOARD APPROVES MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN METRO PARKS, THE NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES (NEH), THE TENNESSEE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE, VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY, AND MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY.**

Upon motion of Mr. DeLay, seconded by Mr. Foster, abstention by Mr. Henley and discussion, the Memorandum of Understanding between Metro Parks, The National Endowment for The Humanities (NEH), The Tennessee Historic Preservation Office, Vanderbilt University, and Middle Tennessee State University to conduct research on Descendant-led Excavation at the Reconstruction-Era Black Civil War Veteran Community at Bass Street, Fort Negley Park, was approved. Council District 17

**08-24-08**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF THE FRIENDS OF METRO ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL (MAAC) TO HOST A PICKLEPAW TOURNAMENT AT THE CENTENNIAL SPORTSPLEX.**

Upon motion of Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. DeLay and discussion, the Friends of Metro Animal Care and Control (MAAC) request to host a Picklepaw Tournament at the Centennial Sportsplex with a waiver of court fees (tennis court), and to raise funds for a Metro Organization (MAAC), was approved. Council District 21

**08-24-09**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF THE ALL FOR HIM MINISTRY TO BE ONSITE AT 185 ANTHES DR. NASHVILLE, TN (WHARF PARK) IN THE GRAVEL AREA ON SUNDAYS TO PROVIDE OUTREACH RESOURCES.**

Upon motion of Mr. Henley, seconded by Mr. DeLay and discussion, All For Him Ministry request to be onsite at 185 Anthes Dr. Nashville, TN (Wharf Park) in the

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gravel area on Sunday's from 8:30 am – 10:30 am to provide outreach resources for the unhoused community, was approved. Outreach would include fellowship, food, and addiction recovery resources. Council District 19

**08-24-10**

**BOARD DEFERS REQUEST OF THE FRIENDS OF WARNER PARKS TO OFFICIALLY NAME AN AREA OF APPROXIMATELY 6 ACRES IN PERCY WARNER PARK "CLARE'S MEADOW" IN HONOR OF THE LATE CLARE ARMISTEAD, TO THE NAMING COMMITTEE.**

The Friends of Warner Parks request to officially name an area of approximately 6 acres in Percy Warner Park "Clare's Meadow" in honor of the late Clare Armistead, was deferred to the Naming Committee. In 1987 Clare Armistead recruited the support of others and established the Friends of Warner Parks organization that is now a model for public/private partnerships. Council District 34

**08-24-11**

**BOARD DEFERS REQUEST OF THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLES COALITION TO RENAME CUMBERLAND PARK TO "WASIOTO PARK", THE ORIGINAL SHAWNEE NAME OF THE CUMBERLAND RIVER, TO THE NAMING COMMITTEE**

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The Indigenous Peoples Coalition request to rename Cumberland Park to "Wasioto Park", the original Shawnee name of the Cumberland River, was deferred to the Naming Committee. Council District 19

**08-24-12**

**BOARD REVIEWS ANNUAL MONITORING FACILITY USAGE REPORT FOR E.S. ROSE PARK SPORTS COMPLEX.**

Wayne Evans, Metro Parks Golf Superintendent, provided an overview of the Annual Monitoring Facility Usage Report for E.S. Rose Park Sports Complex.

**08-24-13**

**BOARD DEFERS STAFF REQUEST OF A DEDICATED CONSERVATION GREENWAY EASEMENT ON PROPERTY AT 1231 PAWNEE TRAIL, PARCEL #05300001900, OVERLOOKING THE CUMBERLAND RIVER TO, THE ACQUISITION COMMITTEE.**

The request to accept a dedicated Conservation Greenway Easement on property at 1231 Pawnee Trail, Parcel # 05300001900, overlooking the Cumberland River, was deferred to the Acquisition Committee. This greenway easement will conserve 1.97

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acres of open space and provide for future expansion of the Cumberland River Greenway. The easement dedication was a condition of Metro Council's approval of Preliminary 2023SP-036-001 for a new residential development. Council District 9

**08-24-14**

**BOARD DEFERS STAFF REQUEST OF A DEDICATED CONSERVATION GREENWAY EASEMENT ALONG TRACE CREEK, LOCATED AT 8033 HIGHWAY 100 ON PARCEL #15600003300 TO, THE ACQUISITION COMMITTEE.**

The request to accept a dedicated Conservation Greenway Easement along Trace Creek, located at 8033 Highway 100 on Parcel #15600003300, for a future connection to the Harpeth River Greenway, was deferred to the Acquisition Committee. Dedication of the easement was conditioned by Metro Council's approval of Preliminary 2022SP-041-002 for a new commercial development. Council District 35

**08-24-15**

**BOARD DEFERS STAFF REQUEST OF A DEDICATED CONSERVATION GREENWAY EASEMENT AND PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT FOR A NEW SEGMENT OF THE WHITES CREEK GREENWAY TO, THE ACQUISITION COMMITTEE.**

The request to accept a dedicated Conservation Greenway Easement and Participation Agreement for a new segment of the Whites Creek Greenway located at 4267 Ashland City Highway on Parcel # 069060C04500CO, was deferred to the Acquisition Committee. Dedication of the easement was conditioned by Metro Council's approval of Preliminary 2022SP-041-002 for a new residential development. Council District 1

**08-24-16**

**MR. JACKSON MOORE, REPRESENTATIVE OF THE BELLE MEADE HIGHLANDS SAFETY GROUP ADDRESSED THE BOARD REGARDING THE "BELLE MEADE HIGHLANDS STUDY".**

Mr. Jackson Moore, Representative of the Belle Meade Highlands Safety Group, shared the neighborhood parking/traffic concerns and asked that the Parks Board please reconsider interest of the neighborhood as decisions are made going forward regarding the extension of the current MOU with Cheekwood for temporary parking at Percy Warner Park.

**X. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

**MS. JANE MACLEOD PRESIDENT/CEO OF CHEEKWOOD TO PROVIDE A  
PROGRESS UPDATE REGARDING CHEEKWOOD'S DEVELOPMENT OF  
PARKING TO THE BOARD.**

Ms. Jane MacLeod, President/CEO of Cheekwood, thanked the Board for an opportunity to make a presentation. Ms. MacLeod then introduced Cheekwood's Board Chair Mr. Ronald Roberts to provide and progress update. Mr. Roberts thanked the Board, acknowledged the parking/traffic challenges and stated that they are working collaboratively with all stakeholders including the neighbors to try to find a solution to the problem. Mr. Roberts asked the Board for more patience for the completion of the Belle Meade Highlands Study.

Mr. Henley asked if there was a specific time frame that the Board is requested to consider.

Dr. Steele commented that the Metro Planning Commission estimated that the Belle Meade Highlands Study will be completed in November 2024 with recommendations of the report coming forth in January 2025.

Mr. Foster asked what immediate steps Cheekwood has taken as it relates to the safety concerns.

Ms. MacLeod commented that Cheekwood invests about \$250,000 annually in parking attendance/security/cameras. The area is constantly being monitored.

Dr. Steele commented that traffic is a major concern for residents. What has been done to address the traffic that is coming through the neighborhood.

Mr. Roberts and Ms. MacLeod commented that they implemented time ticketing during the pandemic to control the traffic and the amount of people who visit per day. Time ticketing is implemented 365 days a year, this generally moderates traffic so there is not backup.

Mr. Henley commented that as a Board we must take into consideration time for action and deliberation prior to the action of the completion of the study.

Dr. Stelle stated that this matter will be placed on the September agenda for discussion.

**CAPTAIN GREGORY DAVIS PRESENTS ANNUAL UPDATE OF THE PARK POLICE  
DIVISION TO THE BOARD.**

Captain Gregory Davis, Captain Park Police Division, provided an informational overview of the department's Park Police responsibilities, activities and highlights.



**X. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

**THE FRIENDS OF SHELBY PARK AND BOTTOMS PRESENTS ANNUAL UPDATE TO THE BOARD.**

Ms. Rebecca Ratz, Executive Director of Friends of Shelby Park and Bottoms, provided an annual update to the Parks Board. Ms. Ratz highlighted their strategic plan, partnerships, community mobilization, park accessibility, financials, and future projects, during her presentation.

**THE FRIENDS OF FORT NEGLEY PRESENTS ANNUAL UPDATE TO THE BOARD.**

Ms. Lynn Maddox, Member of the Board of Friends of Fort Negley and in place of Board Chair Cyril Stewart, provided an annual update to the Parks Board. Ms. Maddox highlighted 2023 financials, volunteer support, community outreach, and fundraising efforts, during her presentation.

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### XI. CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE – JOE STOVALL

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

- 100% CD set in final Metro review.
- Next to BID

#### Cedar Hill Park – Miracle League Field

- Working on grant application to make sure grant is submitted during open window of 01AUG-31AUG24, also working on branding discussion.

#### Centennial – Master Plan, Phase Three

- Design complete. Submitted for Final Metro Approval
- To BID AUG/SEPT 2024
- Bandshell is complete.

#### Fort Negley -Master Plan, Phase One

- 100% design approved by staff working to 30% construction documents. Have had (2) update meeting with Community groups lost of positive feedback and excitement for the project.

#### Hartman – Restrooms

Plan in place to use existing RR site and install prefab to allow for delivery to citizens within budget. Looking to have operational by OCT24.

#### Lytle Bend Park

- Design complete. Working on IDIQ contractor quotes to complete work.

#### Madison Station – Design

- 30% design approved.

#### Master Plan Update

- Kick off meeting 08JULY24. Project full steam ahead!!

#### Mariposa – Design

- 100% design completed working to 30% CD

#### Mill Ridge Phase II

- Working to 100% DD by end of JULY24.
- Great update meeting and progress as of 24JUNE24

#### Old Hickory - Community Center Design

- Site work has begun!!!!!!
- 14-16 for months completion
- Demo almost complete.

#### Ravenwood Phase I Restroom

- Delivery and install scheduled for first week of AUGUST24.
- Site work started 28MAY24.
- Site work at 90%

#### Shelby – Davidson St. Streambank Stabilization

- Working through MSW regulations. Received variance from MWS Commission and now working on final design and permit approvals.

#### Shelby Naval Building

- Working on interior demo plan with FOSP and internal staff.

#### Trinity Hills/Habitat – Design

- Working on design.

#### Two Rivers – Mansion Events Center

- Design complete, on Hold until funding allocated.

#### Mayor’s PB Budget Projects – FY24

##### Current progress

- Timothy Park – New PG, new BB courts to include surfacing and goals, re-pave walking trail. POs issued and work is scheduled with contractor for BB courts and trail paving. PG Design approved. PO issued, work to begin NOV24.
- McFerrin Park – new PG and swings, add shade structure/pavilion. Design approved. PO issued, work to begin MID SEPT24
- Coleman Park - new PG and add shade structure. Upgrade all play surfaces to PIP or turf. Design approved. PO issued, work to begin MID SEPT24
- Dudley Park – new PG (removal of tree) and updated ADA access Design approved. PO issued, work to begin MID SEPT24
- Antioch Park – Install a regulation soccer field and establish a soccer equipment rental program with CC. Met with contractor this will need to go through lengthy permitting and A/E process due to MSW regulations and the growing season will need to be accounted for, so this work will not be able to start until at least APR25. A/E firm selected; PO issued. Survey and design started.
- Southeast Community Center – Install shade structure and benches. Design approved. PO issued, work to begin MID SEPT24

##### COMPLETED IN THE LAST (12) MONTHS

- Mill Ridge - Phase One
- Ravenwood – Phase One
- Bordeaux Gardens – Playground & Shelter
- Fannie Mae Dee Park PG replacement
- Sevier/Sunnyside Mansion

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## XII. GREENWAYS/OPEN SPACE UPDATE – CINDY HARRISON

### METRO – FUNDED GREENWAY PROJECTS

#### **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 50% complete pending any revisions required during permitting.
- Metro Water Services has agreed to review the Application for no-rise certification instead of sending it to FEMA which should expedite the process.
- Visited the site with representatives from PermaTrek regarding proposed concrete boardwalk product.
- Lighting design and bridge handrail design underway

#### **440 Greenway Park Plaza to Existing Interior Trails Centennial Park**

- Design of route alignment and cross sections are complete. Developing detailed design at intersection of Park Plaza and 31<sup>st</sup> Avenue and incorporating 'gateway' elements used at Centennial Park.
- 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 mile extension along Tucker Road and across flood buyout property along West Hamilton Avenue to Buena Vista Pike.
- Site visit scheduled for end of March with consultant team and Parks.
- Site due diligence underway.
- 1<sup>st</sup> community input meeting was held on May 14<sup>th</sup> at Hartman Park Community Center. CM Joy Kimbrough and Greenways and Open Space Commission Chair Jeanie Nelson were in attendance and the community was well-represented. We received very positive feedback and great questions. Safety was of great interest and the idea that the greenway will provide a low-stress safe connection from adjacent neighborhoods to the community center, park and greenway was well received, as was the extension of the greenway itself.
- Next steps are to define in more detail the greenway routing and to coordinate with Piedmont Gas and Metro Water Services.

#### **Opry Mills Connector**

- Right of way certification in process with TDOT
- 1 Mile
- Metro Water Services is reviewing application for no-rise certification.
- Finalizing detailed design and responding to TDOT design review comments
- Met with Local Programs staff to discuss deadline, DBE goals, bid book, etc.

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

- Construction complete (managed by Fair Board)
- 0.5 Miles
- Trailhead graphic panel has not been completed.

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

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

**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

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Phase of Greenway Trailhead Upgrades**

- Greenways for Nashville
- Work has commenced, beginning with the Cumberland River Greenway

#### **Cumberland River Greenway at 2<sup>nd</sup> and VanBuren**

- This project involves a proposed greenway amendment and routing realignment of the existing greenway segment on this property. On April 3, 2024 the Greenways and Open Space Commission approved a resolution to recommend approval of the easement amendment with conditions. The Park Board and Council approval are also required.
- If approved the project will involve reconstruction of the existing greenway, new landscaping and lighting, and maintenance, all to be provided by the developer or future owners, in perpetuity.

#### **Whites Creek Greenway and Ewing Creek – Production Row Commercial Development**

- Greenway easements on both creeks
- Reviewing Final Site Plan
- Metro Council approval of easement agreements is in progress.

#### **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.
- Variance required from Stormwater Management Commission. Pre- application meeting was held at the March meeting of the Commission.

#### **Planned East Nashville Greenway at 304 Oldham Street commercial development.**

- Reviewing Final Site Plan
- Easement dedication approval underway with 1<sup>st</sup> reading at Park Board on 6/4/24.
- 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

#### **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. Continuing to work with the developer to establish routing for the greenway trail and coordinating with adjacent Harpeth Lake Development to extend greenway.

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

#### Harpeth River Greenway at Harpeth Lake Development

- Project may include incorporating a greenway easement and trail connecting to the Newsom Station residential development and future extension off site of the greenway.

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

- New extension will be part of Harding Town development.
- The associated development has paused.

#### CRG at First Horizon Park

- New trail segment under construction
- August/September 2024 is the updated completion date and a ribbon cutting event is anticipated.
- 0.08 Miles
- 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
- Council approval of easement dedication in progress

#### 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 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue North

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

#### 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

- Structural design of the bridge underpass is being reviewed by Metro consultant team. Parks Maintenance is a part of that process as well as Greenways staff.

#### 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 UNDERWAY

- 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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
- 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.

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6: Night Out Against Crime, 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., Hadley Park.

Night Out Against Crime, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., Bellevue Park.

National Night Out Against Crime, 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., Southeast Park.

12 South Farmers Market, 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., Sevier Park.

7: Restoring Hope, 2:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m., Centennial Park.

8: Nashville Striders Cross Country Meet, 4:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., Percy Warner Park.

Bellevue Farmers Market, 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., Bellevue Park.

9: TN Craft Midstate Exhibit Gallery Opening, 5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., Centennial Art Center.

10: East Nashville Tomato 5K, 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m., East Park.

Big Band Dance, 6:30 p.m., Centennial Park.

India Independence Day Celebration, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Public Square Park.

Richland Park Farmers Market, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Richland Park.

FNP: Fossil Finders – RSVP to [FortNegley@nashville.gov](mailto:FortNegley@nashville.gov), 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Fort Negley.

Clinical Solutions Pharmacy Company Picnic, 6:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m., Edwin Warner Park.

Holi Celebration for India Independence Day, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Public Square Park.

Sunshine and Shenanigans Field Day, 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Watkins Park.

The Aruna Project, 6:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Percy Warner Park.

The Les Gemmes Annual Last Summer Fling and Vendor Expo, 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., Hadley.

You Are Loved Block Party Crossroads Church, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Paragon Mills Park.

Adult Field Day 2K24, 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Hartman Park.

Hill Family Picnic, 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m., Mill Ridge Park.

12: Iltacon VIP Welcome Party, 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., Walk of Fame Park.

Nashville Black Wellness Collective, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., Hadley Park.

13: 12 South Farmers Market, 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., Sevier Park.

15: Customer Solutions Field Day, 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., McFerrin Park.

Bellevue Farmers Market, 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., Bellevue Park.

16: Outdoor Cinema, 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m., Mill Ridge Park.

Friends of Warner Parks Full Moon Pickin Party, 1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., Percy Warner Park.

17: Music City Jerk Festival, 1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., Walk of Fame Park.

Big Band Dance, 6:30 p.m., Centennial Park.

Annual Silence the Violence Nashville Festival, 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Hadley Park.

Richland Park Farmers Market, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Richland Park.

60<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration for Sanceta Cheers, 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., Centennial Park.

North Nashville Reunion, 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m., Behind Looby Center.

Hudson Family Picnic, 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Mill Ridge Park.

You Are Loved Block Party, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Ravenwood Park.

Love Your Smile 5K, 8:00 a.m., Shelby Park.

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18: Jazz on the Cumberland, 4:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m., Cumberland Park.

19: Nashville Black Wellness Collective, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., Hadley Park.

20: 12 South Farmers Market, 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., Sevier Park.

21: Belmont University Welcome Back Picnic, 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., Sevier Park.

Coleman Wedding, 3:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., Percy Warner Park.

22: Bellevue Farmers Market, 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., Bellevue Park.

24: Music City Brewers Fest, 4:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., Walk of Fame Park.

We Win (Worship in Nashville) 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., Hadley Park.

Big Band Dance, 6:30 p.m., Centennial Park.

South Nashville Community Picnic, 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Sevier Park.

Pearl Cohn High School Decades Picnic, 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., Cane Ridge Park.

Cornelia Airpark Concerts, 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m., Cornelia Fort.

AYES Walk for Hope to End Depression, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Shelby Park.

Community Health Fair, 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., Mill Ridge Park.

25: Music City Disc Golf, Cane Ridge Park.

2024 Beautillion Summer Kick-Off 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., Hadley Park.

The Pop Shop All-Stars Concert, 11:00 a.m., Centennial Park.

26: Nashville Black Wellness Collective, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., Hadley Park.

27: 12 South Farmers Market, 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., Sevier Park.

29: Musicians Corner Fall Series, 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., Centennial Park.

Jazz in the Park, 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., Hadley Park.

29: Bellevue Farmers Market, 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., Bellevue Park.

Montgomery Bell Academy Cross Country Meet, Percy Warner Park.

30: Belmont University Cross Country Meet, 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m., Percy Warner Park.

Outdoor Cinema, 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m., Mill Ridge Park.

Scales Family Reunion, Centennial Park.

31: Come Together Day, 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., Hadley Park.

Big Band Dance, 6:30 p.m., Centennial Park.

Richland Park Farmers market, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Richland Park.

Living Waters Wholistic Care Fair, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Shelby Park.

ATTHAVILLE AFROBEAT FESTIVAL, 1:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m., Walk of Fame Park.

MNPS Elementary School Cross Country Meets, 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m., Percy Warner Park.

1: Old School BBQ Festival, 2:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m., Riverfront Park.

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### **XIV. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR**

- Thank you all for your support as we celebrated Parks and Recreation month, last month. I hope that everyone will continue to enjoy our parks, greenways and facilities throughout the year.
- As of today, neighborhood Community Center hours have returned to school hours. Neighborhood center hours are from 12:00 – 8:30 p.m.
- The Cyber Senior Program graduation was held a couple of weeks ago at Elizabeth Community Center. This program is a computer literacy program in partnership with Nashville Public Library that partners Seniors and teenagers to learn about technology. This is a wonderful program and we we're happy to support.
- As you may recall, we received \$250,000 in this year's operating budget for additional community center programing at Napier Community Center. Our team is working to roll out the first piece of programing in October. We're also working to develop technology rooms at Coleman and McFerrin Community Centers thanks to the Digital Divide grants from the Titans Foundation. Once ribbon cutting dates have been confirmed, we will notify the board.
- The splashpad and reflecting pool at Public Square Park are under construction. The additional lighting project at Public Square should be completed by August 15<sup>th</sup>. The Centennial Bandshell which is a very popular venue for reservations has been renovated and is complete.
- John Holmes, Chinita White, and Stevon Neloms have been working on cash handling process improvements for the department. Special thanks to Misty Adfield and Nethraja Rajaratnam for their contributions as part of our working group.
- Our department wide fee review is in progress. Our internal working group expects to have recommendations to the Board for review by December 2024 or January.

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

Dr. Steele announced that the September Parks Board meeting will remain at its regular scheduled date Tuesday, September 3, 2024.

**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