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**METROPOLITAN BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION**

**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING**

**NOVEMBER 5, 2024**

A meeting of the Board of Parks and Recreation of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee was held on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, at 12:00 pm in the Centennial Park Boardroom, 2565 Park Plaza, Nashville, TN. Board members present were: Ms. Susannah Scott-Barnes, Mr. Pete DeLay, Mr. Shan Foster, Mr. Edward Henley III, Mr. Crews Johnston and Ms. Cheryl Mayes. Dr. Michelle Steele was not present. Ms. Macy Amos was present to represent Metro Legal.

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Susannah Scott-Barnes.

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD OCTOBER 1, 2024, APPROVED**

Upon motion of Mr. DeLay and seconded by Mr. Henley the October 1, 2024, meeting minutes were approved, as presented.

**V. METRO COUNCIL REFERRALS**

None

**VI. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Mr. Joe Altman on behalf of the Belle Meade Highland Safety Working Group addressed the Parks Board regarding the dangerous/overwhelming safety issues from Cheekwood traffic.

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

Mr. Gregory Williams Welsch addressed the Parks Board regarding item 08-24-11.

**VII. OLD BUSINESS**

**08-24-02**

**BOARD OPENED THE FLOOR FOR COMMUNITY INPUT REGARDING THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLES COALITION REQUESTS TO RENAME CUMBERLAND PARK TO “WASIOTO PARK”.**

Ms. Scott-Barnes provided an overview of the renaming consideration process and steps thus far. Council District 19

The following individuals spoke in support of the name change request:

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## VII. OLD BUSINESS (cont'd)

Ms. Lorain Segovia Paz addressed the Parks Board.

Ms. Albert Bender addressed the Parks Board.

Ms. Jennifer Wang addressed the Parks Board.

## VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

11-24-01

### BOARD APPROVES NOVEMBER 2024 CONSENT AGENDA

Upon motion of Mr. DeLay, and seconded by Mr. Johnston, and discussion the November 2024 Consent Agenda, was approved. Ms. Scott-Barnes commented that there was an event on the Consent Agenda that reflected a date before the Parks Board approved the Consent Agenda. She further expressed that events reflected on the Consent Agenda should not occur prior to Parks Board approval.

### AMPLIFICATION APPROVAL

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|--|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| • CRB Fall Festival  | Hartman Park                | Sat., Nov. 2, 2024   |
| • The Inaugural Friendsgiving Fest                         | Public Square               | Thur., Nov. 21, 2024 |
| • 5 <sup>th</sup> Annual Commemorative Trail of Tears Walk | Whites Creek GR at Fontanel | Sat., Nov 23, 2024   |
| • Limitless Fun Run  | Cedar Hill Park             | Thur., Jan. 9, 2025  |
| • (Pre-Race) Iroquois Steeplechase Entries Breakfast       | Percy Warner Park           | Thru., May 8, 2025   |
| • Nashville Women's Triathlon                              | Centennial Park             | Sun. May 11, 2025    |
| • Towle Wedding Ceremony                                   | Riverfront Park             | Sat., May 24, 2025   |
| • Hometown Half  | Two Rivers Park             | Sat., May 31, 2025   |
| • Lil Park 2 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Come Together Day        | Celebration McKissack Park  | Sat., Oct 4, 2025    |
| • 47 <sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Tennessee Craft Fair        | Centennial Park             | Oct. 10-12, 2025     |
| • Spooky Sprint  | Two Rivers Park             | Sat., Oct. 18, 2025  |

### AMPLIFICATION AND FUNDRAISING

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| • Walk To End Lupus Now              | Centennial Park | Sat., Sept. 13, 2025 |
| • Steps of Success 5K & 1K Mile Walk | Shelby Park     | Sat., Sept. 13, 2025 |
| • AutismTN Pajama Walk & 5K          | Shelby Park     | Sat., Sept. 20, 2025 |
| • Music City Run for Dyslexia        | Shelby Park     | Sat., Sept. 27, 2025 |

### AMPLIFICATION, FUNDRAISING AND ALCOHOL

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| • Memorial                  | Hamilton Creek Park Club House | Sun., Nov. 10, 2024  |
| • Iroquois Steeplechase     | Percy Warner Park              | Sat., May 10, 2025   |
| • Green Hills Park Festival | Green Hills Park               | Sat., Sept. 6, 2025  |
| • Privy                     | Riverfront                     | Sat., Sept. 20, 2025 |

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

**AMPLIFICATION AND ALCOHOL**

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|---|-------------------|----------------------|
| • Guldmann National Sales Meeting       | Centennial Park   | Thur., Nov. 14, 2024 |
| • Head Wedding                          | Percy Warner Park | Sat., Dec. 21, 2024  |
| • Patron's Society                      | Parthenon         | Thur., Feb. 27, 2025 |
| • Julia Green Spring Party              | Parthenon         | Fri., Apr. 4, 2025   |
| • Iroquois Steeplechase Race Day        | Percy Warner Park | Sat., May 10, 2025   |
| • Wedding of Alex Berger & Jane Camarta | Parthenon         | Sat., Oct. 4, 2025   |

**FUNDRAISING**

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|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| • Vanderbilt ALCSI Fall 5K Run        | Centennial Park         | Sat., Nov. 16, 2024 |
| • Frosty Fun Run                      | Edwin Warner Park       | Sat., Dec. 7, 2024  |
| • 7 <sup>th</sup> Annual Hunter Pace  | Percy Warner Park       | Sun., Dec 8, 2024   |
| • Ten Thousand Villages               | Sevier Community Center | Sun., Dec. 8, 2024  |
| • 11 <sup>th</sup> Annual Trailblazer | Percy Warner Park       | Sat., Aug. 2, 2025  |
| • Fall Fest in the West               | Hadley Park             | Tue., Oct. 7, 2025  |

**11-24-02**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF THE NASHVILLE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION & MULTIMODAL INFRASTRUCTURE (NDOT) TO INSTALL A LIGHTED CHRISTMAS TREE, A HANUKKAH CANDLE AND SIGN AT THE COURT OF FLAGS.**

NDOT's request for permission to install a lighted Christmas Tree, a Hanukkah candle and sign that reads "Nashville" to attract visitors to the Court of Flags from November 25, 2024, through January 6, 2025, was approved. There is no required cost to Parks. NDOT will maintain the features throughout the holidays. Council District 19

**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

**11-24-03**

**BOARD ACCEPTS IN-KIND GRANT NOT TO EXCEED \$83,908.52 FROM THE CENTENNIAL PARK CONSERVANCY TO FUND IMPROVEMENTS AT THE PARTHENON.**

Upon motion of Mr. DeLay seconded by Ms. Mayes and discussion, an in-kind grant not to exceed \$83,908.52 from the Centennial Park Conservancy to fund the improvements at the Parthenon, was accepted. The improvements include: \$3,000 wayfinding signage, \$3,000 sound absorption panels, \$45,296 tunnel improvements, \$9,112.52 entrance lobby improvements (locker supplies, tickets counter replacement, signage), and \$23,500 for Cowan Gallery improvements.

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

There is no required match or other obligation by Parks associated with this grant. No money will be sent to Metro Parks. All projects will be paid for directly by the Centennial Park Conservancy. CPC will coordinate these projects with Metro Parks staff and will not proceed with the projects until final approval is provided by the appropriate Parks staff. Council District 21

**11-24-04**

#### **BOARD APPROVES STAFF REQUEST FOR SUBMISSION AND ULTIMATE ACCEPTANCE OF THE LAND WATER CONSERVATION FUND (LWCF) GRANT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE "FARM" AREA OF MILL RIDGE PARK.**

Upon motion of Mr. DeLay seconded by Ms. Mayes and discussion, the submission and ultimate acceptance of the Land Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) grant in the amount of \$2,000,000 for development of the "Farm" area of Mill Ridge Park, was accepted. Also, an in-kind match valued at \$2,000,000 from the Joe C. Davis Foundation and the Friends of Mill Ridge Park for services, design improvements, and construction of the barn, was accepted. There is no required match or other obligation by Metro Parks associated with this grant. No money will be sent to Metro Parks. Council District 32

**11-24-05**

#### **BOARD APPROVES STAFF REQUEST OF A LEASE AGREEMENT (LEASE NUMBER DACW62-1-22-0324) BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY - U.S. CORPS OF ENGINEERS AND METRO PARKS.**

Upon motion of Mr. Henley, seconded by Mr. Johnston and discussion, the lease agreement (Lease Number DACW62-1-22-0324) between the Department of the Army - U.S. Corps of Engineers and Metro Parks and Recreation for the continued operation and maintenance of Lock 1 Park, was approved. The park occupies portions of Tract D, utilizing approximately 3.17 acres within the Cheatham Lock and Dam Project located in Davidson County, Tennessee. This agreement is for a term of twenty-five years (25), beginning March 15, 2021, and ending March 14, 2046. Council District 2

**X. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

**MR. JOE STOVALL PRESENTS ANNUAL UPDATE OF THE PLANNING AND FACILITIES DEVELOPMENT DIVISION TO THE BOARD.**

Mr. Joe Stovall, Assistant Director of the Planning and Facilities Development Division, provided an informational overview of the department's Planning and Facilities Development projects, responsibilities and highlights.

**THE GREENWAYS FOR NASHVILLE PRESENTS ANNUAL UPDATE TO THE BOARD.**

Ms. Karen Gregg, Interim Executive Director of Greenways for Nashville, provided an update to the Parks Board. Ms. Gregg highlighted the annual budget, the community outreach events, and trailhead restoration project, during her presentation.

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### XI. CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE – JOE STOVALL

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

- Permits obtained and submitted to Procurement for BID

#### Cedar Hill Park – Miracle League Field

- Grant submitted 22AUG24,
- We should know if we are a finalist by the end of the year, Dec 2024.
- Finalist will receive proposal results no later than Feb 1.
- Submitted FY25 CSP request should we not get grant.

#### Centennial – Master Plan, Phase Three

- Permits obtained and submitted to Procurement for BID

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

- CD progressing nicely.
- To Procurement for BID process in 4-6 months.

#### 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 NOV24, delay due to production issues.

#### Lytle Bend Park

- Construction/development stage starting in next 90 days, plan to have open to public early 2025.

#### Madison Station – Design

- 30% design approved. Working to 100% and permits in hand. Submitted FY25 CSP request for Construction funding.

#### Master Plan Update

- Staff interviews complete, State of The Parks will be submitted by early NOV for staff review.

#### Mariposa – Design

- Permits obtained and submitted to Procurement for BID

#### Mill Ridge Phase II

- Design approved by Staff, working to 30 % CD's.

#### Old Hickory - Community Center Design

- Site work has begun!!!!!!
- 14-16 for months completion
- All pads and foundations poured. Block wall about chest high. Site work/grading at 60%

#### Ravenwood Phase I Restroom

- Delivery and install of prefab scheduled for 21NOV24.

#### Shelby – Davidson St. Streambank Stabilization

- Permits obtained and submitted to Procurement for BID,
- Waiting on proposal from IDIQ contractor for work

#### Shelby Naval Building

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

#### Trinity Hills Phase I

- Working on design.

#### Two Rivers – Mansion Events Center

- Design complete, on Hold until funding allocated. Submitted FY25 CSP request for Construction funding.

#### 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. Site Work started 21OCT24.

McFerrin Park – new PG and swings, add shade structure/pavilion. Site work at 40%

Coleman Park - new PG and add shade structure. Upgrade all play surfaces to PIP or turf. Work to begin 11NOV2024.

Dudley Park – new PG (removal of tree) and updated ADA access. Site work at 40%

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. Design complete, working on MSW permit approval.

Southeast Community Center – Install shade structure and benches. Work at 90%

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

- Bordeaux Gardens – Playground & Shelter
- 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**

###### **Field Trip**

- Greenways and Open Space Commission October 9<sup>th</sup> meeting – walked the route for the new greenway from Sevier Park Community Center to Browns 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 being completed.
- Lighting design and bridge handrail design underway

##### **440 Greenway Park Plaza to Existing Interior Trails Centennial Park and 440 Greenway Phase One Lighting**

- Community input meeting scheduled for November 13<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-7:00 PM in the Metro Park Boardroom. A presentation with Q&A followed by breakout into stations for small group input.
- Project is in permitting phase.
- Project includes a lighting guideline manual for greenways and lighting design is complete.
- 0.2 Miles

##### **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.
- 1<sup>st</sup> community input meeting was held on May 14<sup>th</sup> at Hartman Park Community Center.
- Routing and design continues. Coordinating with Piedmont Gas and Metro Water Services.

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

- 1 Mile
- TAP Grant application has been submitted.

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

- Construction complete (managed by Fair Board)
- 0.5 Miles
- Trailhead graphic panel design underway.

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

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

##### **Greene Property Acquisition at Ft. Negley**

- Metro was awarded an American Battlefield Protection Program Battlefield Land Acquisition Grant for the acquisition of land on Bass Street directly adjacent to Ft. Negley.

- Closing date no later than November 1, 2024.

##### **Mill Creek Greenway Earthwork Project**

- Bids have been received and bid award expected in November 2024.

#### PRIVATELY FUNDED GREENWAY PROJECTS

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

- New trail segment allowing barrier free public access 365 days a year.
- Official Ribbon Cutting was held on October 4, 2024 at 1:00 PM with great community and partner participation
- 0.08 Miles
- New landscaping and lighting
- Perpetual maintenance

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

- Greenways for Nashville
- 30 trailheads included in this phase.
- 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 has approved the amendment. Council approval is 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.

##### **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 approved the variance request at the July 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- Final design is underway.

##### **Harpeth River Greenway Proposed Ariza Bellevue**

- Project deferred to November Stormwater Variance Commission meeting.
- 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 are on-going with development team to design greenway railroad underpass/tunnel. Coordination with CSX, FEMA, Metro Water Services, Parks Maintenance, Metro Planning

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- 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.

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

- Greenway easement in is Metro Council approval process.
- Project includes greenway easement dedication, design and grading for future paved greenway, and associated landscape installation and maintenance.

#### **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.

#### **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 off-site connection.

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

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

#### **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
- Greenway is slated to open in February 2025

#### **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 – Greenway easement dedication is in progress.
- 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**

- Project is under construction and includes reconstruction of the greenway, lighting, landscaping and maintenance in perpetuity.

#### **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.

#### **Greene Property at Bass Street Acquisition**

- Grant awarded for acquisition.
- Purchase to be complete by Novembers 1, 2024



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#### **XIII. UPCOMING SPECIAL ACTIVITIES/EVENTS – JACKIE JONES**

1: Nashville Design Week Closing Party, 7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m., Shelby Park.

Can/Am Youth Hockey Tournament, Sportsplex.

2: Black Belt Review Demonstration, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Parthenon.

Hike for Safe Haven, 9:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m., Percy Warner Park.

PicklePaw Friends of MAC, Sportsplex.

Out of Darkness Walk, 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., Centennial Park.

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

Wedding Day 5K, 7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m., Shelby Park.

Powers Welch Wedding Ceremony, 3:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m., Shelby Park.

3: Flying Monkey ½ Marathon, 5:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Percy Warner Park.

All for Him Ministry Outreach, 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m., Wharf Park.

7: Reeves Young Field Holiday Event, 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Centennial Park.

8: USA Slalom Skateboarding National Championships, 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Centennial Park.

9: Family 5K at Mill Ridge Park Benefitting Friends of Mill Ridge Park, 9 – 12, Mill Ridge Park.

NAC Fall Swim Meet, Sportsplex.

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

Christian Heritage Month Celebration, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., Public Square Park.

10: Seven Oaks Bag Tag Disc Golf Tournament, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Seven Oaks Park.

11: Rock, Ruck & Run, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Percy Warner Park.

15: 2024 Student & Staff Holiday Exhibit & Sale Opening Reception, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., Centennial Park.

16: Landvay Wedding, 4:30 p.m. – 11:59 p.m., Parthenon.

Ravenwood Park Orienteering Meet, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Ravenwood.

Vanderbilt ALCSI Fall 5K Run, 7:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Centennial Park.

19: FNP: Nashville Civil War Roundtable, 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., Fort Negley.

22: Cedar Hill Park CX Cyclocross Race, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Cedar Hill Park.

23: Girls on the Run Winter 5K, 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m., Two Rivers Park.

26: FNP: Sons of Union Veterans Bi-Monthly Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Fort Negley Park.

28: Turkey Trot, 7:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., Two Rivers Park.

29: Holiday Park, 3:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., Kossie Gardner Park.

30: Handmade Nashville, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Bellevue Park.

Full Belly 5K and Fun Run, 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m., Shelby Park.

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

- Director Odom thanked the Parks Board members for their participation in the Parks Board retreat on October 3<sup>rd</sup> and thanked them for their service.
- As the end of the calendar year approaches, we will have our FY25 Mid-Year Review meeting with Metro Finance to look at our progress in the current fiscal year.
- Budget Kickoff for FY26 will begin in January. Our team has already begun preparing given the short submission window.
- Seven Oaks tennis and pickleball courts are expected to open in the next two weeks. I know that the community is eager to have these amenities reopened.
- Metro Parks is looking for the annual Christmas Tree for Public Square Park at the Courthouse. We are looking for a 30-to-40-foot Norway Spruce with full branches that looks for from all angles. If you know of one that may be available, and someone is willing to donate it; Parks in conjunction with Nashville Electric Service will come pick it up. Please contact Randall Lance at our office by calling (615) 862-8400.
- Excited to announce that two new Parks Police recruits started the Police Training Academy last week.
- Beaman Park celebrated its 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary last month. Congratulations to Heather Gallagher who celebrated 25 years of service at Metro Parks.
- Congratulations to the Parthenon staff for the following: Bonnie Seymour was named Nashville Scene writers pick for Best Curator; Duncan McDaniel was named Nashville Scene writers pick for Best Debut Artist for a show at the Parthenon. The Tennessee Arts Education Association honored the Parthenon as TAEA Friend of the year and Curator Jennifer Richardson as Museum Educator of the year during their conference last month. Congratulation to Katie Petrol, who will be leaving to run a marathon in Greece tomorrow.
- The McFerrin Tech Lab had its ribbon cutting on August 25<sup>th</sup>. Thank you, to the Board for accepting the generous grant from the Titans Foundation for these technology upgrades through the Digital Divide Grant. Later this month Coleman Community Center will have a similar ribbon cutting.

**XIV. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR (cont'd)**

- The Tennessee Titans Foundation in total have funded three Metro Parks Technology Labs (McFerrin, Lobby and Coleman) and we are grateful for their support.
- Finally, our staff working group will submit department wide fee changes to you all next month for your review and consideration.

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

- Ms. Mayes encouraged everyone to go cast their votes today, advising that polls are open until 7pm.

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

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Monique Horton Odom, Director

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Ms. Susannah Scott-Barnes, Vice-Chairperson