#### METROPOLITAN BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION

#### MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING February 4, 2014

A meeting of the Board of Parks and Recreation of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee was held on Tuesday, February 4, 2014 at 12:00 pm in the Centennial Park Boardroom, 2565 Park Plaza, Nashville, TN. Board members present were: Mr. George Anderson, Mr. Stan Fossick, Ms. Elizabeth Chase, Dr. Jo Ann Brannon and Mr. Phil Ponder. Mr. Charles McTorry and Ms. Juliana Ospina-Cano were not in attendance.

Staff present were: Assistant Director: Mr. Mike Bays, Consolidated Maintenance; Special Projects Managers: Ms. Monique Odom, Administration and Finance; Ms. Sally Davis, Community Recreation; Ms. Shain Dennison, Greenways; Mr. Tim Netsch, Planning and Facilities; Mr. John Holmes, Revenue Producing Facilities; and Mr. Jim Hester, Special Events; Ms. Jackie Jones, Superintendent/Public Information and Mr. Ted Morrissey, representing the Metro Legal Department. Capt. Chris Taylor representing the Park Police was not present.

#### MINUTES OF MEETING HELD JANUARY 7, 2014 APPROVED

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Mr. Ponder, the Board approved the minutes of the board meeting held Tuesday, January 7, 2014 as submitted.

#### VI. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

Mr. Bob Bedell, representing Coca Cola Bottling Company, was unable to attend the February board meeting, but will return to make presentation to the board in March.

## MS. KIM HAWKINS, REPRESENTING HAWKINS PARTNERS AND MR. LARRY ATEMA PRESENTED PLANS FOR THE PROPOSED AMPHITHEATER TO THE BOARD

Ms. Hawkins stated that the 18 acre site on the west bank of the river will be completed in the following phases:

1st phase Thermal site
2d phase promenade

• 3<sup>rd</sup> phase Shelby Street Bridge North

The 12 acre thermal site on the west side of the river will house an amphitheater, but is to be considered a park first. Located within this park area will be a dog park (14,000 sq. ft.) and a multipurpose court which includes a ½ court basketball area along with garden areas including bio-retention. There will be seating for 6500 at the amphitheater which will consist of 300 seats in sponsor section, 2,200 fixed seats and lawn seating for approximately 4,000. A ½ mile loop surrounding the amphitheater bowl will connect to the Rolling Mill Hill Greenway.

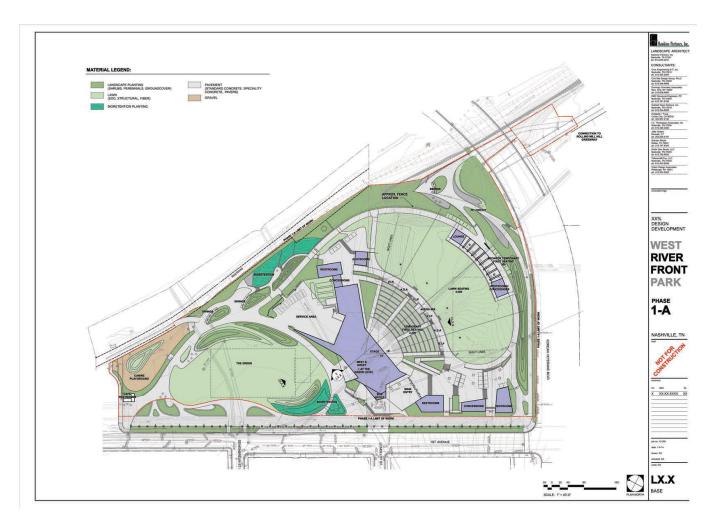
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Also to be included on the West Bank:

- Upper Wharf which will include a green beach, kiosks, pavilions and swings for all ages.
- Lower Wharf will provide a natural play area for children of all ages.
- Broadway to Shelby Street Bridge will showcase interactive fountains
- Korean Veterans Boulevard to Public Square will consist of the Nashville Promenade. A floodwall will exist within the promenade along the entire Riverfront. The flood mitigation report will be available by May 1, 2014.

A completion date for the Riverfont West Bank is approximately July 2015.



#### VI. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS (con't.)

### MS. SHIRLEY GREER ADDRESSED THE BOARD WITH REGARD TO RICHLAND PARK

Ms. Shirley Greer, resident of Richland Park area, was present to discuss the damage to the century old trees in Richland Park as a result of the West Nashville Farmer's Market. She distributed a report of 128 farmers markets in Tennessee to the board and the report indicated that Richland and Sevier Parks are the only parks that the roots of a tree canopy are used for vehicle driving and parking. The other 126 markets are located on asphalt with tents and/or sheds. Ms. Greer reported the trees are in danger because of the mistreatment of park permit holders and their inability to abide by regulations established by Metro Parks. Ms. Gaile Jaggers was also in attendance and spoke to the fact that we must work to preserve the trees and environment. (A copy of a letter sent to West Nashville Farmers Market from Ms. Greer was also distributed to the board).

Mr. Lynch assured Ms. Greer and Ms. Jaggers that Metro Parks will relocate the Farmer's Market to another area of the park so as not to damage the tree canopies and hopefully eliminate the frustration of the neighbors and dedicated users of the park. He also mentioned that Metro Parks is interested in establishing a partnership with the Nashville Farmer's Market so that they would operate markets within Metro Parks.

#### VII. INTRODUCTION OF STAFF, NEW EMPLOYEES, VOLUNTEERS

Ms. Renee Bates, representing Greenways for Nashville, introduced Ms. Emmie Thomas to the board as the Development Director for Greenways for Nashville. Ms. Thomas comes to GFN from Friends of Radnor Lake where she held the position of Executive Director for 9 years.

Mr. John Holmes, Assistant Director of Parks/Revenue Producing Facilities, introduced Mr. Daryl Edens to the board. Mr. Edens formerly operated the Ravenwood Golf Club and is now the Manager of Shelby Golf Course.

#### VIII. METRO COUNCIL REFERRALS

Councilmember Karen Johnson was present to request the board to amend the Metro Parks Master Plan to include a Regional Recreation Center in the Southeast area of Davidson County. Ms. Johnson distributed a map which designated areas neglect of a recreation center. Because of four elementary schools, one high school, one middle school with another proposed she is requesting a regional recreation center on the East side of Murfreesboro Road so that this area of Nashville will be comparable to other areas of Davidson County with respect to recreational offerings. Therefore, Councilmember Johnson has requested that the current Master Plan be amended to include another regional center. Mr. Lynch stated that the board will accept her recommendation and take in consideration amending the current plan, but it would first have to considered by the Metro Planning Commission and the community by public meeting.

#### IX. OLD BUSINESS

#### 01-14-05

# REQUEST OF BACKFIELD IN MOTION, INC. TO ENTER INTO A LEASE WITH METRO PARKS FOR USE OF PROPERTY LOCATED IN LITTON PARK WITHDRAWN

Correspondence submitted by Mr. James "Boots" Donnelly, representing Backfield in Motion, Inc., requesting permission to enter into a lease with Metro Parks for use of property located in Litton Park adjacent to the former Litton gymnasium to provide services to the community was presented to the board.

At the request of Mr. Donnelly, representing Backfield in Motion, Inc., request to enter into a lease with Metro Parks for use of property adjacent to Litton Middle School and park was withdrawn due to said property being under the jurisdiction of the Metro Nashville Public School System.

#### X. CONSENT AGENDA

#### 02-14-01

#### **BOARD APPROVES FEBRUARY CONSENT AGENDA**

Upon motion of Mr. Ponder, seconded by Ms. Chase, the board approved the consent agenda as submitted.

#### **AMPLIFICATION APPROVAL**

• TN Kurdish Council	Warner Park areas 9, 10, 11	Sun., March 23, 2014
<ul> <li>Jennifer Sivels</li> </ul>	Centennial Art Center-wedding	Sat., March 29, 2014
• Allison Miller	Warner Park area 3-picnic	Sat., April 5, 2014
• Bellevue Baptist Church	Bellevue Park-egg hunt	Sat., April 19, 2014
<ul> <li>Bridges for Deaf-picnic</li> </ul>	Centennial Event Shelter	Fri., May 9, 2014
<ul> <li>Pinnacle Financial</li> </ul>	Shelby Bottoms-5K	Sat., May, 10, 2014
<ul> <li>Compassionate Friends</li> </ul>	Centennial Event Shelter-picnic	Sun., June 8, 2014
<ul> <li>Music City Triathlon</li> </ul>	Centennial Bandshell and	Fri., June 13, 2014
Kids Duathlon	Sportsplex	Sat., June 14, 2014
<ul> <li>What Do You Run For</li> </ul>	Public Square Park -10K/5K	Fri., July 4, 2014
<ul> <li>Mimi Mayo-wedding</li> </ul>	Cumberland Park	Sat., Aug., 2, 2014
<ul> <li>What Do You Run For</li> </ul>	Shelby Bottoms-10K	Sat., Aug., 23, 2014
TN Kurdish Council	Warner Park areas 9, 10, 11	Sun., Aug., 31, 2014
• Pete Westerholm	Cumberland Park-wedding	Sat., Oct., 18, 2014

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#### AMPLIFICATION AND FUNDRAISING APPROVAL

•	Zeta Tau Alpha-Walk	Centennial Event Shelter	Sun., March 23, 2014
•	TN Aquatic Project	TN Aquatic Project Shelby Bottoms – 5K	
•	Mitochondrial Fnd	Centennial Park-walk	Sat., April 5, 2014
•	Nashville Children's Allian	ice Centennial Park – walk	Sat., April 12, 2014
•	OutCentral, Inc.	Shelby Park/Bottoms-5K	Sat., June 21, 2014
•	TN Kidney Fnd	Richland Creek Greenway/5K	Sat., Sept. 6, 2014
•	Mercy Ministries	Shelby Bottoms–5k/family walk	Sat., Sept. 27, 2014
•	Melanoma Research Fnd	Shelby Bottoms – 5k run/walk	Sat., Oct. 4, 2014
•	British Car Club	Centennial Front Lawn	Sat., Oct. 11, 2014
•	Food Allergy Fnd	Centennial Event Shelter-walk	Sat., Oct., 11, 2014
•	Cure Search for Cancer	Centennial Park-walk	Sat., Oct., 18, 2014
•	Room In The Inn	Cedar Hill Shelter 3-disc golf	Sat., Nov. 1, 2014

#### **FUNDRAISING APPROVAL**

•	American Legion Post 5	Elmington-recycle event	Sat., April 19, 2014
•	TAPPI	Shelby Park-5K run/walk	Wed., April 30, 2014
•	ALS Association	Centennial Bandshell-walk	Sat., Oct. 25, 2014
•	American Diabetes Assoc.	Centennial Bandshell-walk	Sat., Nov. 8, 2014

#### ALCOHOL AND AMPLIFICATION APPROVAL

•	Flygirl Run	Shelby Park-10K and festival	Sat., Aug., 2, 2014
•	What Do You Run For	Riverfront Park-marathon	Sat., Nov., 8, 2014

#### ALCOHOL, AMPLIFICATION AND FUNDRAISING APPROVAL

Bootstraps Foundation Public Square Park-festival Sat., Sept., 13, 2014

#### 02-14-02

### BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF FRIENDS OF BELLS BEND PARK TO HOST AN OUTDOOR VENDOR SHOW ON SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 2014 IN BELLS BEND PARK

Correspondence submitted by Ms. Sharon Work, representing Friends of Bells Bend, requesting permission from the board to host its annual Outdoor Vendor Show on Saturday, April 5, 2014 in Bells Bend Park with the following requests:

- Waiver of all fees
- Permission for amplification for music on the back porch

#### X. CONSENT AGENDA

#### 02-14-02 (con't)

### BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF FRIENDS OF BELLS BEND PARK TO HOST AN OUTDOOR VENDOR SHOW ON SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 2014 IN BELLS BEND PARK

- Permission for selling of goods, with proper permits, by vendors
- Permission for Friends of Bells Bend to sell food and beverages (non-alcoholic)
- Permission for a fitness run and other outdoor fitness competitions.

Upon motion of Mr. Ponder, seconded by Ms. Chase, the board approved request for amplification with the understanding that the sound not be disruptive to those in the surrounding area and subject to monitoring by park personnel, selling of goods with proper permits, and waiver of the usage fee request as per Park Policy 3000. 28 Fee Waivers and Reductions.

#### 02-14-03

### BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF THE FRIENDS OF TWO RIVERS MANSION TO HOST VARIOUS FUNDRAISING EVENTS IN 2014

An application submitted by Councilmember Phil Claiborne, representing *The Friends of Two Rivers Mansion*, requesting permission to host the following fundraising events in 2014 at Two Rivers Mansion with waiver of usage fees, alcohol consumption and to remain in the park after 11:00 pm, if necessary, was presented to the board for approval.

•	Two Hearts Antiques and Crafts Show	February 14-16
•	Phil the House with Art and Friends	May 18
•	Music at the Mansion	June 21
•	Music at the Mansion	July 19
•	Music at the Mansion	August 16
•	Music at the Mansion	September 20
•	Halloween at the Mansion	October 25
•	Historic Holiday Tours	December 12-14

Upon motion of Mr. Ponder, seconded by Ms. Chase, the board approved request to host various fundraising events with amplification, selling/consumption of alcoholic beverages as per Metro Ordinance and contingent upon applicant acquiring all appropriate permits from the Metropolitan Beer Board and/or the Alcoholic Beverage Commission, if required and remaining in the park after 11:00 am, if necessary. Amplification was approved with the understanding that the sound not be disruptive to those in the surrounding area and subject to monitoring by park personnel and a financial report must be submitted no later than 30 days following each fundraising event.

#### X. CONSENT AGENDA

02-14-04

# BOARD GRANTS PERMISSION TO THE TSSAA TO USE THE STEEPLECHASE COURSE IN WARNER PARK AND CHARGE ADMISSION DURING THE 2014 STATE CROSS COUNTRY MEET, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2014 WITH WAIVER OF ALL FEES

A letter representing Mr. Richard McWhirter of the TSSAA requesting permission to use the Steeplechase Course in Percy Warner Park and charge admission during the 2014 TSSAA State Cross Country Meet on Saturday, November 1, 2014 with waiver of all fees was presented to the board for approval.

Upon motion of Mr. Ponder, seconded by Ms. Chase, the Board approved this request as it meets the conditions of policy 3000. 28 with regard to **Fee Waivers and Reductions**.

#### XI. NEW BUSINESS

02-14-05

### BOARD DEFERS REQUEST OF HARDING CORPORATION TO DONATE 28 ACRES OF UNUSED LAND AS PER PARK POLICY 3000.25

Correspondence submitted by Mr. Stan Hardaway, President of Harding Corporation, requesting board consideration to accept a donation of 28 acres of unused land in North Nashville was presented to the board.

As per park policy 3000.25, the board referred this request to the Parks Board's Acquisition Committee to be heard at their meeting scheduled on Tuesday, March 4, 2014.

#### 02-14-06

### MR. JOE GOLDTHREATE ADDRESSED THE BOARD WITH REGARD TO HADLEY PARK INDOOR TENNIS FACILITY

Mr. Joe Goldthreate was present to address the board with regard to the use of Hadley Park Tennis Facility. Mr. Goldthreate has assumed a voluntary position with Big Picture High School to teach students interested in learning to play tennis and has requested use of the indoor facility at Hadley Regional Center at no charge between the hours of 8:00 am – 1:30 pm. During this time he has also offered to teach/train regional center workers interested in learning the sport with the premise of establishing a tennis program.

Mr. Lynch stated that he was scheduled to meet with members of the youth program currently utilizing space on Thursday, February 6 and would get back with Mr. Goldthreate after the meeting.

#### XI. NEW BUSINESS

#### 02-14-07

# BOARD GRANTED APPROVAL TO STAFF AT FORT NEGLEY PARK TO HOST CANNON AND SMALL ARMS DEMONSTRATIONS AS PART OF THE 150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF NASHVILLE CITY-WIDE LIVING HISTORY EVENT

Ms. Krista Castillo, representing Fort Negley Park, was present to request permission from the board to hold cannon and small arms demonstrations as part of the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Nashville City-wide Living History event to be held on Saturday, December 13 and Sunday, December 14, 2014 in Fort Negley Park.

Upon motion of Mr. Ponder, seconded by Ms. Chase, the Board approved this request as submitted with the addition of the rules set forth by Metro Parks and the **Black Powder Procedures and Safety Requirements**. Also, a safe and historically accurate event depends on compliance with the items listed below:

- Opposed-sides demonstrations and other forms of simulated warfare also referred to as reenactments, skirmishes or mock battles are strictly prohibited
- Activities that degrade the memorial qualities of the site are prohibited.
- Activities that endanger the historic structure, the grounds, the public and/or staff are prohibited.
- Participating units may be asked to provide documentation proving proficiency in black powder.

#### 02-14-08

### BOARD DEFERS STAFF REQUEST TO ACQUIRE PROPERTIES ON MILL CREEK IN SOUTHEAST DAVIDSON COUNTY FROM THE LAND TRUST FOR TENNESSEE

Correspondence submitted by staff to acquire properties on Mill Creek in Southeast Davidson County for park and greenway use and to accept up to \$200,000 toward acquisition from the Land Trust for Tennessee was presented to the board.

As per park policy 3000.25, the board referred this request to the Parks Board's Acquisition Committee to be heard at their meeting scheduled on Tuesday, March 4, 2014.

#### XI. NEW BUSINESS

#### 02-14-09

### BOARD DEFERS STAFF REQUEST TO AMEND AND/OR MODIFY THE PARKS POLICY MANUAL

The board referred the following requests to the Parks Board's Policy Committee to be heard at their meeting scheduled on Tuesday, March 4, 2014.

• Staff requests board approval to amend the Parks Policy Manual with the elimination of the following policy:

3000.17 Golf Course Guidelines

and modification of the following policy:

3000.9 Jurisdiction and Duties of the Park Police

02-14-10

#### BOARD DEFERS STAFF REQUEST TO APPROVE SPONSORSHIP POLICY

The board referred the following request for consideration of a proposed sponsorship policy to be utilized by Metro Parks to the Parks Board's Policy Committee to be heard at their meeting scheduled on Tuesday, March 4, 2014.

#### XII. UPCOMING SPECIAL ACTIVITIES/EVENTS

Ms. Jackie Jones reminded all board members about the Senior Citizen Valentine Ball scheduled for Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup> at the Noah Liff Cultural Center and distributed the following fliers regarding upcoming Metro Parks events:

Centennial Art Center Reception	5:00 – 7:00 pm	February 7
Centennial Black Box Theater	8:00 – 10:00 pm	February 7
Warner Park Winter Bird Day	9:30 am – 2:30 pm	February 8
Two Rivers Mansion Crafts Show	10:00 am – 4:00 pm	February 14,15,16
Ft. Negley President's Day Celebration	10:00 am – 1:00 pm	February 15
Predators Parks & Recreation Night	7:00 pm	March 4
Predators Parks & Recreation Night	7:00 pm	March 6

#### XIII. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Lynch reported that Metro departments are required to prepare their budget for 2015 with a 3% reduction which will equal \$662,000 for Metro Parks. He also stated that 14 of the 29 positions left vacant by retirees have been filled.

#### XIV. ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.		
Thomas M. Lynch, Director	George Anderson, Chairperson	