

METROPOLITAN BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

February 6, 2007

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, 2007 at 1:30 pm in the Centennial Park Boardroom, 2565 Park Plaza, Nashville, TN. Board members present were: Ms. Susan Jones, Mr. Lamont Carter, Justice A. A. Birch Jr., Mr. James Lawson, and Ms. Karen Johnson. Mr. Stan Fossick was not in attendance.

Staff present were: Assistant Directors: Mr. Tim Netsch, Acting Assistant Director of Planning and Facilities Development; Mr. James Gray/Finance and Administration; Mr. Mike Bays/Consolidated Maintenance; Mr. Tommy Lynch/Special Services; Mr. Paul Widman/Recreation; Ms. Jackie Jones, Superintendent of Community Affairs; Mr. Bob Parrish, Resource Management; Ms. Shain Dennison, Superintendent of Greenways and Lt. George Mitchell, Park Police.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD JANUARY 9, 2007 APPROVED

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Carter, the Board approved the minutes of the board meeting held Tuesday, January 9, 2007.

V. OLD BUSINESS:

01-06-02

BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF BELMONT UNIVERSITY TO MOVE FORWARD WITH PROPOSAL TO ENTER INTO A PARTNERSHIP WITH METRO PARKS FOR RENOVATION AND USE OF THE E.S. ROSE PARK ATHLETIC FACILITIES

Ms. Jones, chairperson of the Board, welcomed Kyong Choi, Walter Searcy, and Arlene Lane who requested in advance to address the Board before the vote was taken on the partnered use of E. S. Rose Park by Belmont University. These individuals spoke in opposition to the proposed partnership. Dr. Fisher, President of Belmont University, was also present to address the Board in support of the proposal.

Justice Birch stated that the sub-committee had done a great job, as well as Roy Wilson, Director of Metro Parks, and his staff. He also recognized the fact that there seems to be nothing left to discuss with all parties being very fair and if there is a recreational need within a city, the City should fulfill it – regardless of who is footing the bill.

Mr. Lawson, chairperson of the acquisition/disposition committee, thanked Arlene Lane, King Hollands, Janice Davis and Bill Barnes for all of their work toward this proposed project. Mr. Carter stated that a plan is in place for this to become very positive and the process will not end today, the process is actually just beginning.

V. OLD BUSINESS:

01-06-03

BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF BELMONT UNIVERSITY TO MOVE FORWARD WITH PROPOSAL TO ENTER INTO A PARTNERSHIP WITH METRO PARKS FOR RENOVATION AND USE OF THE E.S. ROSE PARK ATHLETIC FACILITIES

The acquisition/disposition committee of the Metro Park Board met prior to the February Board Meeting and the committee recommended to the board that the board should adopt and move forward with the partnership between Metro Parks and Belmont University. Therefore, Mr. Carter recommended to the Board to authorize the establishment of the partnership and move forward with Belmont University for the use of E. S. Rose Park contingent upon conditions relative to scheduling, traffic control/parking being resolved and subject to approval by Metro Legal before the final contract is signed and Mr. Lawson seconded. Ms. Johnson and Justice Birch voted against Mr. Carter's recommendation; thereby resulting in Ms. Jones, as chairperson of the Board, having to place her vote to break the tie. Ms. Jones voted in favor of the continuation of the process.

05-06-10

BOARD DENIES REQUEST TO AMEND PREVIOUS APPROVAL TO HOST THE MUSIC CITY FESTIVAL

Mr. Stuart McWhorter, Co-Chair of the Music City Festival, and Mr. Chris Conrad were present to request permission from the board to amend previous approval to host a two day Christian Outreach Festival with Dr. Luis Palau in Riverfront Park in spring of 2007. Mr. McWhorter and Mr. Conrad requested permission to extend beyond the boundaries of Riverfront Park and to place the main staging area at the intersection of 1st Avenue and Broadway and to utilize Riverfront Park as a secondary viewing area. Along with placing the main stage at the end of Broadway, they also requested to remove the flagpoles and shrubbery currently located in the arrival court area of Riverfront Park.

Mr. Lawson made motion to amend previous approval by allowing the removal of flagpoles and shrubbery and to place the main staging area at the end of Broadway. However, motion failed for the lack of a second; therefore, request to extend boundaries of festival was denied.

06-06-21

BOARD REFERS REQUEST OF COUNCILMEMBER RONNIE GREER TO RENAME THE SEVIER PARK COMMUNITY CENTER IN HONOR OF MR. EDWARD M. MULLINS, JR. TO THE NAMING COMMITTEE

Correspondence submitted by Councilmember Ronnie Greer requesting the Board to rename the Sevier Park Community Center located in Council District 17 in honor of former park employee, Mr. Edward M. Mullins, Jr., was presented to the Board

The Board unanimously referred this request to committee for report at the March board meeting.

V. OLD BUSINESS:

06-06-22

**BOARD DEFERS REQUEST OF COUNCILMEMBER MIKE JAMESON
TO NAME THE NEW EAST PARK COMMUNITY CENTER
OR ANOTHER APPROPRIATE BUILDING IN EAST PARK
IN HONOR OF MR. CHARLIE WILLIAMS**

Correspondence from Councilmember Mike Jameson and Metropolitan Council Resolution No. RS2006-1326 was presented to the Board requesting them to name the new East Park Community Center, or another appropriate building in the park, in honor of Charlie Williams, a prominent East Nashvillian and attorney.

The Board unanimously referred this request to committee for report at the March board meeting.

10-06-10

**BOARD DEFERS REQUEST OF COUNCILMEMBER ERIK COLE
TO DEDICATE A PARK BENCH OR OTHER APPROPRIATE MEMORIAL IN
MEMORY OF DRAKE HOLLIDAY, A LONGTIME NASHVILLE LEGAL AID LAWYER
AT PUBLIC SQUARE**

Correspondence representing Councilmember Erik Cole requesting permission to dedicate a park bench or other appropriate memorial in memory of Drake Holliday, a longtime Nashville legal aid lawyer, at Public Square was presented to the Board.

The Board unanimously deferred this request until policy for Public Square is established and approved by the Board.

01-07-04

**BOARD DEFERS REQUEST OF THE METRO ARTS COMMISSION TO APPROVE
ART PROPOSAL TO BE INTEGRATED ON THE PUBLIC SQUARE**

Ms. Sandra Duncan, representing the Metro Arts Commission, requests board approval to integrate an art proposal on the Public Square.

The Board unanimously referred this request to committee for report at the March board meeting.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA:

02-07-01

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF THE CHURCH WORLD SERVICE
FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING A 5K WALK "NASHVILLE CROP WALK"
ON SUNDAY, APRIL 1, 2007 IN CENTENNIAL PARK**

An application submitted by The Church World Service requesting permission for amplification during a 5K Walk, "Nashville Crop Walk" on Sunday, April 1, 2007, 1:30 – 5:30 pm, at the Centennial events shelter and Centennial Park roadways was presented to the Board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Justice Birch, the board unanimously approved this 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.

02-07-02

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF THE MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF
MIDDLE TENNESSEE FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING A 5K RUN/WALK
ON SATURDAY, MARCH 31, 2007 IN CENTENNIAL PARK**

An application submitted by The Mental Health Association of Middle Tennessee requesting permission for amplification during a 5K Run/Walk, on Saturday, March 31, 2007, 6:00 – 11:00 am, at the Centennial events shelter and Centennial Park roadways was presented to the Board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Justice Birch, the board unanimously approved this 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.

02-07-03

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF BETH LAHEY AND MARK HECKEL TO SERVE
ALCOHOL AT THEIR WEDDING REHEARSAL DINNER
ON FRIDAY, MAY 11, 2007 AT HAMILTON CREEK SAILBOAT MARINA**

An application submitted by Ms. Beth Lahey and Mr. Mark Heckel requesting permission to serve alcohol at their wedding rehearsal dinner on Friday, May 11, 2007 at the Hamilton Creek Sailboat Marina was presented to the Board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Justice Birch, the board unanimously approved this request for the serving of alcohol during this event subject to monitoring by park personnel.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA:

02-07-04

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF MS. ELIZABETH SUBLETT TO HOST A
SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT BENEFITTING THOMAS EDISON ELEMENTARY
WITH WAIVER OF USAGE FEES ON SATURDAY, APRIL 21 AND
SUNDAY, APRIL 22, 2007 AT CANE RIDGE PARK**

An application submitted by Ms. Elizabeth Sublett, representing Thomas Edison Elementary School, requesting permission to host a softball tournament at Cane Ridge Park on Saturday, April 21 and Sunday 22, 2007 with waiver of usage fee to benefit the school.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Justice Birch, the board unanimously approved this request as it meets the following guidelines established by the Board in May 2002 regarding fee waivers:

1. *The event, program, or activity must be sponsored by or organized for the exclusive benefit of a department, agency, or entity of the Metropolitan Government other than the Board of Parks and Recreation; or*
2. *The event, program, or activity must be sponsored by or organized for a not-for-profit entity and the net proceeds derived from such event, program, or activity must be devoted to the exclusive benefit of the Metropolitan Government. Evidence of not-for-profit status, which may include but is not limited to, certification and/or registration by or with the Charitable Solicitations Division of the State of Tennessee, the Charitable Solicitations Board of the Metropolitan Government, and or the United States Department of Internal Revenue, must be submitted with the application for fee waiver; or*
3. *The event, program, or activity must demonstrably benefit the Department of Parks and Recreation as may be determined by the Director.*

02-07-05

**BOARD GRANTS APPROVAL TO THE HILLSBORO HOUNDS
TO HOST THE POINT TO POINT RACES
IN WARNER PARK ON SUNDAY, MARCH 18, 2007
WITH PERMISSION TO SERVE ALCOHOL**

An application representing Mr. Henry W. Hooker, President of the Hillsboro Hounds, was presented to the Board requesting permission to host the **Hillsboro Hounds Point to Point Races** in Percy Warner Park with appropriate usage fees and serve alcohol in a restricted area of the box seats on Sunday, March 18, 2007.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Justice Birch, the board unanimously approved this request for the serving of alcohol during this event subject to monitoring by park personnel.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

02-07-06

**JENNY HANNON AND ED KINDALL RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS
TO THE DEPARTMENT AS PARK BOARD MEMBERS**

Ms. Susan Jones, Chairperson of the Board thanked former Park Board Members Jenny Hannon and Ed Kindall for their contributions to the Board. Ms. Hannon and Mr. Kindall were presented statues of appreciation from the department.

02-07-07

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF THE CAROTHERS CROSSING COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DEVELOPER TO ACQUIRE 61 FEET OF CANE RIDGE PARK
PROPERTY AND TO RELOCATE THE EXISTING ENTRANCE
TO CANE RIDGE PARK**

Mr. Mike Delvizi, representing the Carothers Crossing Community Development was present to request approval of acquisition of approximately 31 feet of park frontage for a right of way and an additional 30 feet for pedestrian and utility easement with the developer relocating the existing entrance.

The landscaping design to redevelop the entrance of Cane Ridge Park is consistent with Warner and Shelby Park entrances. Randall Lantz, Superintendent of Horticulture/Metro Parks has reviewed the proposal and is pleased with it. Therefore, upon recommendation of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Carter, the board unanimously granted approval to move forward with this project contingent upon the approval of all other Metro agencies (Public Works, Planning Commission, Metro Council, Real Property Services).

02-07-08

**BOARD ACCEPTS FUNDS FROM GREENWAYS FOR NASHVILLE
TO MATCH STATE AND FEDERAL GRANTS
AWARDED METRO PARKS GREENWAYS PROJECTS**

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Johnson, the board unanimously granted approval to accept funds from Greenways for Nashville, a 501c3 nonprofit friends' organization, to be used toward matches for state and federal grants received for Metro Parks Greenways projects. No new Metro funds for matches are required.

02-07-09

**BOARD GRANTS APPROVAL AND ACCEPTANCE OF A 1.3 MILLION DOLLAR
FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION GRANT
FOR METRO PARKS GREENWAYS PROJECTS**

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Johnson, the board unanimously granted approval to accept a contract with the Tennessee Department of Transportation for a 1.3 million HPP Federal Transportation Grant to be utilized for the Cumberland River Greenway system's Downtown to MetroCenter Levee Greenway project.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

02-07-10

**BOARD APPROVES APPLICATION BY THE RECREATION, CULTURE
AND WELLNESS DIVISION
AND ULTIMATE ACCEPTANCE OF THE FOLLOWING GRANTS**

Upon motion of Ms. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Lawson, the board approved application and ultimate acceptance by the Recreation, Culture and Wellness Division of the following Summer Youth Enrichment Grants in the amount of \$20,000 each from the Metropolitan Development and Housing Authority.

Music City Ballroom Kids - This grant will continue the second year of this program which introduces youth to ballroom dancing at various Metro Parks Community Centers (to be determined). The program provides an introduction to Ballroom dancing with a hip attitude for today's youth. The program will provide professional dance instruction and recreational opportunities for low income youth.

East Park Summer Enrichment - this grant program will offer children in the neighborhood of East Park Community Center, enrichment activities during the summer. Children participating will be from low-income families. Activities will offer recreation, education, social activities, and cultural art activities. The budget will provide recreation equipment, supplies, field trips and transportation.

02-07-11

BOARD GRANTS APPROVAL TO CURRENT PARK POLICIES UNDER REVIEW

Upon motion of Mr. Carter, seconded by Ms. Johnson, the board unanimously approved the following policies:

3000.31 Establishment and Operation of Not for Profit Friends or Support Groups (amendment)

III. No group or organization shall commit the resources of the Parks Department to any project, endeavor, or event without the approval of the Board or Director. This shall include staff time, equipment, funds, or any other resources. No group shall undertake any project which would require departmental resources without such approval.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

02-07-11

BOARD GRANTS APPROVAL TO CURRENT PARK POLICIES UNDER REVIEW

Upon motion of Mr. Carter, seconded by Ms. Johnson, the board unanimously approved the following policies:

3000.35 Public Square (new policy)

A true community facility, the Public Square, hereinafter referred to as the Square, is a public space, surrounding the refurbished historic Metro Courthouse. Its design offers citizens and visitors a timeless setting that acts, through interpretation, to remind them about the historical significance of this important community and governmental center.

Members of the public who wish to use an area of the Square cannot be turned away, and usage will be permitted on a first come, first permitted basis. No event can completely close the Square to the public. Cultural and other organizations are encouraged to sponsor and present free programming at the square. The Square will not be held to same permitting standards as all other Metro Parks. Special events and use of the Square shall be permitted at the discretion of the Parks Director and Parks Board Chair and/ or their designee.

The Lawn

Maximum capacity: 5,000 (standing) 75,000 ft²

Taking up the foremost space in the Square, the 1.75 acre lawn is an excellent location for large-scale activities, such as civic and political events, graduations and/or large festivals. As the most popular and highly trafficked area in the Square, the availability of the Lawn is limited depending on its condition. Weather conditions and other factors on the day of and prior to an event may also limit its availability.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

02-07-11 (con't.)

BOARD GRANTS APPROVAL TO CURRENT PARK POLICIES UNDER REVIEW

Upon motion of Mr. Carter, seconded by Ms. Johnson, the board unanimously approved the following policies:

3000.35 Public Square (new policy)

General Public Square Guidelines

- A. Alterations or modifications of any kind to the Square or site amenities without permission
- B. Unauthorized alcohol consumption
- B. Drug use
- C. Organized sports on the lawn
- D. Walking dogs through landscaped areas
- E. Bicycling, skateboarding, roller or in-line skating on any of the pathways
- F. Harming birds, wildlife, park landscape or park property
- G. Amplified music, except by permit
- H. Performances, except by permit
- I. Commercial activity, advertising or photography, except by permit
- J. Obstructing park entrances and walkways
- K. Food preparation and/or distribution, except by permit
- L. Merchandising, except by permit
- M. Pyrotechnics (refer to fireworks policy)
- N. Feeding the pigeons
- O. Panhandling
- P. Rummaging in trash receptacles

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

02-07-11(con't.)

BOARD GRANTS APPROVAL TO CURRENT PARK POLICIES UNDER REVIEW

3000.35 PUBLIC SQUARE

IV. Public Square Event Rules

- A. **Alcohol at an Event:** Alcohol must be approved by the appropriate agencies and served by a licensed bartender.
- B. **Hours:** Events must take place between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m.
- C. **Insurance:** Special Event Liability insurance may be required with Metro Parks named as additionally insured.
- D. **Parking:** Paid parking is provided in the garage beneath the Square, however, at no time shall any event completely block access to the roadways surrounding the Square without the consent of the Metro Parks Department, as well as the Department of Public Works. Valet service can be arranged at client expense through the Metro Parks permit office.
- E. **Photography and filming:** Commercial photography and filming requires a permit from the Metro Parks. The fee will be assessed based on the appropriateness to the Square, interruption of the public's use of the Square, crew size, complexity of set-up, amount of equipment brought into the Square, and the space used in the Square.
- F. **Security:** All events will require additional security at client's expense coordinated through the Metro Parks Police Division. Cost will be dependant upon the size and duration of the event.
- G. **Security Deposit:** In the interest of Public Square property, horticulture, and equipment, a security deposit is required for each event. The fee will be assessed based upon the size and utilization of Square services. The Square will be properly assessed before and after each event to determine the condition. An additional fee may be charged if the damage is greater than the deposit. Copies of receipts documenting event caterer and/or equipment rental company use must be submitted to the Metro Parks before refund of security deposit will be refunded.
- H. **Square Loading Guidelines:** Walker Parking Consultants (WPC) is the Engineer of Record for the design of Nashville Public Square and Parking Structure. WPC has been asked to provide loading guidelines for use by the Nashville Fire Department and event planners for the Nashville Public Square.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

02-07-11(con't.)

BOARD GRANTS APPROVAL TO CURRENT PARK POLICIES UNDER REVIEW

3000.35 PUBLIC SQUARE

V. Loading Guidelines for the Public Square Area

- A. **Fire Truck Loading:** The truck turnaround off James Robertson parkway has been designed for AASHTO HS20 loading and therefore can accommodate fire trucks. The maximum allowable axel load is 24,000 lbs. Fire trucks must stay on the paved road surface (truck turnaround area) because the landscaped areas have not been designed to support fire trucks. **Fire trucks must not go on landscaped areas of the Square.**
- B. **Landscape Loading:** The landscaped area of the Square has been designed with a live load of 100 psf. This loading is appropriate for holding concerts special events. Passenger vehicles, light trucks, ambulances, and small construction equipment and park anywhere on the Square.
- Tractor trailers and heavy construction equipment must not be driven or placed on the landscaped areas. Semi trucks can easily exceed the 100 psf live load considered in design.
 - It is not possible to address the innumerable loading scenarios possible during special events. The Square can support any configuration of human assembly. However, significant point loads (material storage, stage platforms, scaffolds, bleachers, etc.) could potentially exceed the 100 psf design live load. WPC recommends having a qualified design professional review any event loading where special loads similar, but not limited to, those mentioned above could occur. If assistance is needed in reviewing the event loading, WPC is available to perform this function on an as needed basis.
- C. **Waterproofing System:** Event planners should be mindful of the waterproofing system buried beneath the landscaping. Driving or screwing stakes or anchors into the Square could damage the waterproofing system. They should be cognizant that fill depth varies significantly across the Square, meaning the waterproofing system is roughly 8 inches to 3 feet below the surface, depending on location.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

02-07-11(con't.)

BOARD GRANTS APPROVAL TO CURRENT PARK POLICIES UNDER REVIEW

3000.35 PUBLIC SQUARE

V. Loading Guidelines for the Public Square Area

- D. **Sanitation and Maintenance:** There is a sanitation/maintenance staff for the Square during Square hours. Events will require additional sanitation/maintenance at Client's expense through the Metro Parks permit office. All debris generated by an event must be removed from the Square prior to the event sponsor leaving the premises. Cost will be dependant on the size and duration of the event.

VI. Public Square Event Rules

- A. **Signage:** All signage pertaining to the event and other materials intended for distribution must be approved by the Director of Metro Parks and or his designee.
- B. **Sound and Set-up** for amplification, including direction of staging, sound equipment and decibel levels must be approved by the Metro Parks permits office.
- C. **Teardown:** All equipment must be removed from the Square within 24 hours of the event.
- D. **Weather:** Events are rain or shine, rain dates are not typically given.
- E. **Wireless:** Wireless internet is available anytime that Public Square is open. Public Square has free wireless internet access for users of laptops and handheld devices with a compatible Ethernet card or built-in wireless capability.
- F. **Memorials, Plaques and Monuments:** In the January 12, 2004, Park Board meeting a dedication of a grove of trees was approved for Ann Chapman to recognize her dedication and commitment to the Metropolitan Government upon her retirement after 28 years of service. Due to its nature, additional memorials at the Public Square shall be limited to governmental, local history and national significance and shall be installed only at the discretion of the Park Board.
- G. **Vendors:** Vendors will be restricted in number and to the first level off the sidewalk facing Third Avenue (nearest Second Avenue) only. Design, Appearance and set-up of each vendor must be approved by the Parks Board and its designee.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

02-07-11(con't.)

BOARD GRANTS APPROVAL TO CURRENT PARK POLICIES UNDER REVIEW

3000.35 PUBLIC SQUARE

Note:

- Other agency approvals, including Health, Codes, Fire Marshall, Beer Board, Public Works, and General Services may be required.
- All events shall meet compliance standards for ADA.
- Electricity may be available. Fees shall apply.

As the Department receives future requests, the Public Square will eventually best define its use. The Board and Department can then become more or less restrictive as we receive requests for events and know better what our concerns should be.

3000.36 Sale and Distribution of Products (new policy)

- A. Vendors are defined as those who sell and those who distribute.
- B. Vendors and/or distributors wanting to sell/distribute concessions in the park system or at scheduled special events/activities must submit a Vending Application Form to the Office of the Director of Metro Parks.
- C. Products are limited to non-alcoholic drinks and food items.
- D. Vendors are only allowed in areas that do not have permanent city concession facilities.
- E. Vendors will be assigned specific areas at all locations.
- F. Vendors must remain stationary at the site and not solicit park users.
- G. Permanent stands, equipment, etc. are not permitted. Once the special event/activity has concluded all apparatus is to be removed from the site.
- H. The Department of Parks and Recreation will provide vendors with a list of authorized, scheduled special events/activities. Staff will assist vendors with determining which events warrant multiple vendors.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

02-07-11(con't.)

BOARD GRANTS APPROVAL TO CURRENT PARK POLICIES UNDER REVIEW

3000.36 Sale and Distribution of Products (new policy)

- I. Vendors must be licensed and comply with all local and state regulations.
- J. Vendors must provide the Parks Department with a copy of their mobile vending insurance.
- K. Vendors will be responsible for removal of trash from their immediate concession area.
- L. Existing park utilities can be utilized at no expense to the vendor. If additional utilities are needed it will be responsibility of the vendor to install, at their cost. Written authorization to install additional utilities must be obtained through the office of the Director of Metro Parks.
- M. The Parks Department can cancel this agreement at anytime if it is deemed in the best interest of the City of Nashville and the public.

3000.37 Fireworks in Metro Parks (new policy)

Fireworks may be permitted in Metro Parks at the discretion of the Director of Metro Parks or his designee.

3000.38 Spreading of Ashes in Metro parks (new policy)

The spreading of ashes is not permitted in Metro Parks as prohibited by Metro Charter, Section 13.24.460 Polluting.

IX. CITIZEN PRESENTATIONS

X. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

XI. INTRODUCTION OF STAFF, NEW EMPLOYEES, VOLUNTEERS

XII. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS FROM STAFF

Community Garden Update

Vera Vollbrecht distributed flyers regarding the upcoming Community Gardens Workshop scheduled for February 10, 2007 and the Food Security Partners of Middle Tennessee. She also reported that **“Grow Nashville”** has been chosen as the name for the Community Gardens Steering Committee. The community garden adjacent to Shelby Community Center has a scheduled planting date of May and construction is scheduled to begin April 14th on the community garden area at Watkins Community Center.

Miracle League Update

Dottie Hale reported that there was not an update at this time.

Volunteer Ranger Program

Lt. George Mitchell reported that the program was going well.

Park/School Wellness Program

Paul Widman reported that he is sitting on the healthy practices committee and the initial meeting was held on January 24th. He will keep the board apprised of the committee's agenda.

XIII. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Wilson expressed thanks on behalf of the department and the board to Kay Simmons, chair of Greenways Commission and Jan Laub, volunteer coordinator for their efforts in raising over 1 million dollars since its 1994 inception.

He also stated that Metro Parks Golf Courses received funding from the NRPA for “Sticks for Kids”. We were one of only 100 agencies receiving this benefit.

The Tennessee United States Tennis Association's 2007 Awards Luncheon is scheduled for Saturday, February 10th at 1:30 pm at the Franklin Marriott Hotel with Metro Parks accepting the 2007 "Outstanding Recreation Department Award" for our 2005 & 2006 Summer Enrichment Tennis programs.

XIV. ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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

Mr. Roy E. Wilson, Director

Ms. Susan Short Jones, Chairperson