

METROPOLITAN BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

June 5, 2007

A meeting of the Board of Parks and Recreation of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee was held on Tuesday, June 5, 2007 at 1:30 pm in the Centennial Park Boardroom, 2565 Park Plaza, Nashville, TN. Board members present were: Mr. Lamont Carter, Ms. Susan Jones, Mr. Stan Fossick, Justice A. A. Birch Jr., Mr. James Lawson, Ms. Karen Johnson and Ms. Tonya Jones.

Staff present were: Assistant Directors: Mr. James Gray/Finance and Administration, Mr. Mike Bays/Consolidated Maintenance, Mr. Paul Widman/Recreation, Mr. Tommy Lynch/Special Services; Ms. Mitzie Curtis for Mr. Tim Netsch, Acting Assistant Director of Planning and Facilities Development; Ms. Jackie Jones, Superintendent of Community Affairs; Mr. Bob Parrish, Superintendent of Resource Management; Lt. George Mitchell for Captain Eric Snyder, Park Police and **Tom Cross, Metro Government Legal Counsel.**

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD MAY 1, 2007 APPROVED

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Fossick, the Board approved the minutes of the board meeting held Tuesday, May 1, 2007.

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

03-07-22

BOARD DENIES REQUEST OF MR. LARRY ODOM TO ENTER INTO A LONG TERM LEASE FOR AN ADDITIONAL 60 FEET OF MADISON PARK PROPERTY FOR USE BY THE KING'S DAUGHTERS DAY HOME

Correspondence submitted by Mr. Larry Odom, Advisory Board Member of the King's Daughters Day Home, requesting the Board to consider a long term lease for an additional 60 feet of Madison Park property to add additional parking as required by proposed building expansion (previous request of Candyee Goode, Director of King's Daughters Day Home has been amended).

Upon motion of Ms. Jones, seconded by Mr. Fossick and upon Committee recommendation, the Board denied request to consider a long term lease for an additional 60 feet of Madison Park property for use as additional parking as required by proposed building expansion of the King's Daughters Day Home. Currently there is limited park land in the Madison area and to donate park property in this area for non-park purposes would be inconsistent and conflicting with the Metro Parks and Greenways Master Plan.

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

04-07-15

BOARD DEFERS REQUEST OF LIFE WORKS FOUNDATION TO CONSTRUCT A ROSE AND DAY LILY GARDEN IN THE TRIANGULAR OF HALL OF FAME PARK

Mr. Jim Douglas was present to represent Mrs. Pat Bullard of the Life Works Foundation requesting approval to construct a rose and day lily garden in the triangular corner of Hall of Fame Park to celebrate the music of Nashville (previous request amended).

At the suggestion of Board Chair, Lamont Carter, the Board deferred this request for two board meetings. Because the roses and/or day lilies to be planted are to be named and identified with a nameplate for Nashville music artists or songs written in Nashville, this request was deferred until a signage policy is established for Metro Parks.

04-07-23

REQUEST OF THE FRIENDS OF CENTENNIAL PARK AND THE PARTHENON TO CHANGE THEIR NAME TO THE CONSERVANCY FOR THE PARTHENON AND CENTENNIAL PARK APPROVED

Ms. Sylvia Feldman, Executive Director of the Friends of Centennial Park and the Parthenon, requests board permission to change the name of the Friends of Centennial Park and The Parthenon to The Conservancy for The Parthenon and Centennial Park.

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Ms. Johnson, the board approved request to add The Conservancy for the Parthenon and Centennial Park for branding purposes only and as a DBA to the current name of The Friends of Centennial Park and the Parthenon. Let the record reflect that Mr. Lawson voted no to this request.

5-07-15

BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF COUNCILMEMBER WALTER HUNT TO CHANGE THE NAME OF JOELTON PARK TO JOELTON-MCDOWELL PARK IN MEMORY OF THE LANDOWNER WHO DONATED THE PROPERTY

Councilmember Carolyn Baldwin Tucker and Kenneth Jakes were present to support Councilmember Walter Hunt's request of the Board to rename Joelton Park in memory of the landowner who donated the property to the community.

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Ms. Jones, and based upon committee recommendation, the board unanimously approved request to change the name of Joelton Park to Joelton-McDowell Park in memory of Mr. Robert McDowell who donated the property to the Joelton community in 1972. Councilmember Tucker requested that a bronze plaque be placed in the park in memory of Mr. McDowell.

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

05-07-23

BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF MR. JOE EDGENS, REPRESENTATIVE OF METRO PUBLIC SCHOOLS, TO UTILIZE A PORTION OF FANNIE MAE DEES PARK FOR PHYSICAL EDUCATION CLASSES AND OTHER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Correspondence submitted by Mr. Joe Edgens, Executive Director of Facilities and Operations with Metro Nashville Public Schools, requesting permission to utilize a portion of Fannie Mae Dees Park for physical education and other school activities was presented to the Board. This request has originated because of the significant renovation and addition to Eakin Elementary School.

Upon motion of Ms. Jones, seconded by Ms. Johnson, and based upon committee recommendation the board granted approval subject to the proposed soccer field not interfering with existing vegetation. Tommy Lynch, Assistant Director of Parks, reported to the board that he met with Mr. Edgens on Monday, June 4th and were in agreement that no existing vegetation would be lost during the construction phase of the athletic field.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA:

06-07-01

BOARD GRANTS PERMISSION TO THE NASHVILLE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC. TO USE LOCK TWO PARK, OVERNIGHT, SATURDAY, JUNE 23 THROUGH SUNDAY, JUNE 24, 2007 WITH USAGE FEE WAIVER

An application submitted by Mr. B. G. Malone, representing the Nashville Amateur Radio Club, Inc., in conjunction with Metro Emergency Management Services, requesting permission to remain in Lock Two Park overnight during their annual amateur radio field day from 8:00 am Saturday, June 23 through 4:00 pm Sunday, June 24, 2007 with waiver of usage fees was presented to the board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Jones, the board unanimously approved this request to remain in Lock Two Park overnight, Saturday, June 23 through Sunday, June 24, 2007. Because of this group's affiliation with the Metro Emergency Management Division the request for park usage fee waiver was also granted.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA:

06-07-02

**BOARD GRANTS PERMISSION TO CLEAR CHANNEL NASHVILLE
FOR AMPLIFICATION AND ALCOHOL SALES/CONSUMPTION DURING
THE MUSIC CITY BREWER'S FESTIVAL
ON SATURDAY, JULY 28, 2007, 2:00 – 8:00 PM IN HALL OF FAME PARK**

An application submitted by Ms. Candace Price, representing Clear Channel Radio, requesting permission for amplification and alcohol sales/consumption during the *Music City Brewer's Festival* on Saturday, July 28, 2007, 2:00 – 8:00 pm in Hall of Fame Park was presented to the Board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Jones, the Board granted permission for the consumption and sale 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.

06-07-03

**BOARD GRANTS PERMISSION TO SOUTH CENTRAL RADIO (JACK FM)
FOR AMPLIFICATION AND ALCOHOL SALES/CONSUMPTION DURING
AN OUTDOOR CONCERT/PARTY
ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1, 2007, 4:00 – 7:00 PM IN HALL OF FAME PARK**

An application submitted by Ms. Billie Dunn, representing South Central Radio (Jack FM), requesting permission for amplification and alcohol sales/consumption during an outdoor concert/party on Wednesday, August 1, 2007, 4:00 – 7:00 pm in Hall of Fame Park was presented to the Board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Jones, the Board granted permission for the consumption and sale 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.

06-07-04

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING FAMILY FUN AND
PERFORMING ARTS DAYS SPONSORED BY SALAMA ON SATURDAY, JULY 14,
FRIDAY, JULY 20, SATURDAY, JULY 21 AND SUNDAY, JULY 22, 2007,
IN E. S. ROSE PARK**

An application submitted by Mr. George Crook, representing Salama, requesting permission for amplification during a family fun day and performing arts on Saturday, July 14 (9:00 am – 1:00 pm), Friday, July 20, Saturday, July 21 (7:00 am – 4:30 pm) and Sunday, July 22, 2007 (4:00 – 6:30 pm), in E. S. Rose Park was presented to the Board.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA:

06-07-04 (con't.)

BOARD APPROVES REQUEST FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING FAMILY FUN AND PERFORMING ARTS DAYS SPONSORED BY SALAMA ON SATURDAY, JULY 14, FRIDAY, JULY 20, SATURDAY, JULY 21 AND SUNDAY, JULY 22, 2007, IN E. S. ROSE PARK

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Jones, 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.

06-07-05

BOARD APPROVES REQUEST FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING A JULY 4TH BLOCK PARK SPONSORED BY NASHVILLE FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 4, 2007, 5:00 – 9:00 PM IN EAST PARK

An application submitted by Mr. Dale Benson, representing Nashville First Church of the Nazarene, requesting permission for amplification during a July 4th Block Party on Wednesday, July 4, 2007, 5:00 – 9:00 pm, in East Park was presented to the Board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Jones, 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.

06-07-06

BOARD APPROVES REQUEST FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING A PRESS CONFERENCE PROMOTING ARANJO FOR OUR DEMOCRACY ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13, 2007, 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE PARTHENON IN CENTENNIAL PARK

An application submitted by Mr. Roland Aranjó, representing Aranjó for our Democracy, requesting permission for amplification during a press conference on Wednesday, June 13, 2007, 11:00 am – 12:00 noon, in Centennial Park on the west side of the Parthenon to announce his candidacy for President was presented to the board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Jones, 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.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA:

06-07-07

BOARD APPROVES REQUEST FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING THE FIRST ANNUAL CITYWIDE YOUTH DAY SPONSORED BY GREATER FAITH AND GALILEE M.B. CHURCH ON SATURDAY, JULY 28, 2007 IN MCFERRIN PARK

An application submitted by Ms. Staci Alexander, representing Greater Faith and Galilee M.B. Church, requesting permission for amplification during the 1st Annual Citywide Youth Day on Saturday, July 28, 2007 in McFerrin Park was presented to the Board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Jones, 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.

06-07-08

BOARD APPROVES REQUEST FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING A CELEBRATION SPONSORED BY THE NASHVILLE AREA HABITAT FOR HUMANITY ON FRIDAY, JUNE 29, 2007, 12:00 – 2:00 PM IN PROVIDENCE PARK

An application submitted by Ms. Kelly Brownlee, representing Nashville Area Habitat for Humanity, requesting permission for amplification during a celebration on Friday, June 29, 2007, 12:00 – 2:00 pm, in Providence Park was presented to the Board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Jones, 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.

06-07-09

BOARD APPROVES REQUEST FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING A COMMUNITY DAY SPONSORED BY THE NAACP NASHVILLE BRANCH ON SUNDAY, JULY 1, 2007, 12:00 NOON – DUSK AT THE CENTENNIAL PARK EVENT SHELTER

An application submitted by Ms. Marilyn Robinson, representing NAACP Nashville Branch, requesting permission for amplification during a Community Day on Sunday, July 1, 2007, 12:00 – dusk, at the Centennial Park Event Shelter was presented to the board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Jones, 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.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA:

06-07-10

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF NATHANIEL PERRY FOR AMPLIFICATION
DURING A FAMILY REUNION PICNIC ON SATURDAY 7, 2007,
ALL DAY IN TWO RIVERS PARK AT PICNIC AREA 1**

An application submitted by Mr. Nathaniel Perry requesting permission for amplification during a family reunion on Saturday, July 7, 2007, all day, in Two Rivers Park at picnic area 1 was presented to the board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Jones, 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.

06-07-11

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING AN EMPLOYEE
TEAM BUILDING EVENT SPONSORED BY CHILI'S BAR AND GRILL
ON MONDAY, JULY 9, 2007, 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM
AT THE CENTENNIAL PARK PICNIC SHELTER**

An application submitted by Mr. Corey Blue, representing Chili's Bar and Grill, requesting permission for amplification during an employee team building event on Monday, July 9, 2007, 11:00 am – 5:00 pm at the Centennial Park picnic shelter was presented to the Board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Jones, 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.

06-07-12

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING
A CARIBBEAN CONNECTION COMPANY PICNIC ON SUNDAY, JULY 15, 2007,
ALL DAY, IN CEDAR HILL PARK (PICNIC AREAS 1 AND 2)**

An application submitted by Ms. Pauline Wilson, representing Caribbean Connection, requesting permission for amplification during a company picnic on Sunday, July 15, 2007, all day, in Cedar Hill Park at picnic areas 1 and 2 was presented to the board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Jones, 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.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA:

06-07-13

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF SHATONA JONES FOR AMPLIFICATION
DURING A FAMILY REUNION PICNIC ON SATURDAY, JULY 21, 2007,
6:00 AM – 3:00 PM IN TWO RIVERS PARK**

An application submitted by Ms. Shatona Jones requesting permission for amplification during a family reunion on Saturday, July 21, 2007, 6:00 am – 3:00 pm, in Two Rivers Park at picnic areas 2, 3, and 4 was presented to the board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Jones, 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.

06-07-14

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF BETSY CLAPSADDLE JONES FOR
AMPLIFICATION DURING A DISC GOLF TOURNAMENT AND FUNDRAISER
ON SATURDAY, JUNE 2, 2007,
1:00 – 5:00 PM IN TWO RIVERS PARK AT THE DISC GOLF COURSE**

An application submitted by Ms. Betsy Clapsaddle Jones requesting permission for amplification during a disc golf tournament and fundraiser on Saturday, June 23, 2007, 1:00 – 5:00 pm, at the Two Rivers Disc Golf Course was presented to the board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Jones, 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.

06-07-15

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF TARRIA MCNEAL FOR AMPLIFICATION
DURING A FAMILY REUNION PICNIC ON FRIDAY, JULY 13, 2007,
ALL DAY AT CANE RIDGE PARK PICNIC AREA #1**

An application submitted by Ms. Tarria McNeal requesting permission for amplification during a family reunion on Friday, July 13, 2007, all day, at Cane Ridge Park picnic area 1 was presented to the board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Jones, 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.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

06-07-16

**MS. TONYA JONES APPOINTED AS MEMBER OF THE PARKS BOARD
REPRESENTING THE PLANNING COMMISSION**

The Board unanimously affirmed the appointment of Tonya Jones as a member of the Parks Board representing the Metropolitan Planning Commission effective May 24, 2007. (Ms. Jones' term will expire May 24, 2008).

Mr. Carter welcomed Ms. Jones and Mr. Lawson stated that with the length of time he has known and worked with Ms. Jones on the Planning Commission he is assured that she will do a great job on the Parks Board.

06-07-17

**BOARD ACCEPTS DONATION OF 2900 PAIR (RETAIL VALUE OF \$250,000)
OF SHOES FROM THE NIKE SUMMER SHOES PROJECT**

Upon motion of Ms. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Lawson, the Board unanimously accepted a donation of 2,900 pairs of shoes from the NIKE Summer Shoes Project. Paul Widman, Assistant Director of Parks, brought samples of the 12 different styles of shoes available to show the board. He stated that this project began in New Orleans as a result of the devastation of Hurricane Katrina.

06-07-18

BOARD DEFERS METRO COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. RS2007-1896

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Fossick, the Board unanimously deferred consideration of Metro Council Resolution No. RS2007-1896 until a meeting can be scheduled between Mr. Wilson and sponsoring councilmembers.

A resolution requesting the Mayor's Office and the Parks and Recreation Department to place appropriate yellow ribbons in the Public Square as a way to remember the men and women of our Armed Services in conflict overseas.

06-07-19

BOARD DEFERS METRO COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. RS2007-1903

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Fossick, the Board unanimously deferred consideration of Metro Council Resolution No. RS2007-1903 until a meeting can be scheduled between Mr. Wilson and sponsoring councilmembers. (The time limit noted in the resolution is one month and that has expired).

A resolution requesting the Mayor's Office and the Parks and Recreation Department to place appropriate ribbons in the Public Square and in other public spaces to acknowledge and cause us to remember the students and faculty members of Virginia Tech killed, wounded, or traumatized by the attacks perpetrated on the Virginia Tech campus on Monday, April 16, 2007.

IX. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

Mr. Lawson represented the Parks Board on May 9th at the Metropolitan Action Commission's Banquet and accepted an award from Cynthia Croom, Director of MAC, on behalf of the board.

X. INTRODUCTION OF STAFF, NEW EMPLOYEES, VOLUNTEERS

XI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS FROM STAFF

Community Garden Update

Vera Vollbrecht reported that the intern began work 2 weeks ago and is coordinating volunteer gardening days at Shelby and Watkins and working with a grant program to assist gardeners in the community by offering a sustainable gardening cooking class.

Miracle League Update

Dottie Hale brought an example of the field material used for these fields. She stated that the material will be green for the infield and blue for the outfield with the bases painted on the field. She reported that we (Parks) are also planning to target the hearing impaired participant.

Park Watch/Trail Watch Program

Lt. George Mitchell reported that both programs are working and that due to citizen response we have added increased patrols.

Park/School Wellness Program

Paul Widman reported that Metro Parks is partnering with the Health Department to provide 15 competition step teams in the Community Centers; collaborating with Vanderbilt University for their doctors to gain knowledge of Centennial Park so that area doctors can prescribe the area for fitness and Dr. Shari Barkin, of Vanderbilt University to collaborate efforts to address childhood obesity (East Center).

XII. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Wilson reported that there are 9 projects out of 22 remaining on Mayor Purcell's "**get r done**" list and hopefully they will be completed before September.

The first campout was held in Bells Bend on Saturday May 19th with Metro Parks staff and 16 youth accompanying Mayor and Mrs. Purcell overnight. It was reported that a great time was had by all.

Mr. Wilson and Susan Jones attended the dedication ceremony of a bench and trees in memory of Charlie Williams on Memorial Day in East Park.

XII. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

On Saturday, June 2nd the 7.6 mile stretch of the Stones River Greenway, from the Percy Priest trailhead to the Cumberland Pedestrian Bridge site (Two Rivers Park) was the focus of June's ***Walk with the Mayor***. It was very well attended and several participants completed the entire trek.

Mr. Wilson suggested that the interim camping policy with minor changes for Bells Bend be considered as a policy and Justice Birch stated that it should appear on the July Board agenda for approval.

Mr. Wilson announced the following upcoming events:

Dedication of Youth Sports Complex	10:00 am	Saturday, June 9 th
Opening of the Greenway at Peeler Park	9:30 am	Saturday, June 16 th
Neighborhood Picnic at Public Square	11:00 am	Saturday, June 16 th

XIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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

Mr. Roy E. Wilson, Director

Mr. Lamont Carter, Chairperson