

METROPOLITAN BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

March 4, 2008

A meeting of the Board of Parks and Recreation of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee was held on Tuesday, March 4, 2008 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, Mr. James Lawson, Ms. Karen Johnson, and Ms. Tonya Jones. Justice A. A. Birch Jr. was not in attendance.

Staff present were: Assistant Directors: Mr. James Gray/Finance and Administration, Mr. Mike Bays/Consolidated Maintenance, Mr. Curt Garrigan/Planning and Facilities Development, Mr. Paul Widman/Recreation, Mr. Tommy Lynch/Special Services; Ms. Jackie Jones, Superintendent of Community Affairs; Mr. Bob Parrish, Superintendent of Resource Management; Ms. Shain Dennison, Superintendent of Greenways Development; Captain Rich Foley, Park Police and **Ms. Theresa Costonis, Metro Government Legal Counsel.**

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 5, 2008 APPROVED

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Ms. Susan Jones, the Board approved the minutes of the board meeting held Tuesday, February 5, 2008.

VI. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

VII. INTRODUCTION OF STAFF, NEW EMPLOYEES, VOLUNTEERS

VIII. OLD BUSINESS:

10-07-08

REVIEW OF THE 2002 PARKS AND GREENWAYS MASTER PLAN PRESENTED BY CURT GARRIGAN

Mr. Curt Garrigan presented a review of the 2002 Parks and Greenways Master Plan as requested by Councilmembers Wilhoite and DuVall. Councilmembers present for this review were Vivian Wilhoite, Robert Duvall and Duane Dominy. The Metropolitan Parks Department conducted five community meetings to give area residents an opportunity to assist in updating the city's Master Plan for Parks and Greenways. The meetings held in various sections of the city were scheduled as follows:

- **Monday, February 25, 2008 6:30 p.m. at Hermitage Police Precinct**
- **Tuesday, February 26, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. at Una Elementary School**

VIII. OLD BUSINESS:

10-07-08 (con't.)

**REVIEW OF THE 2002 PARKS AND GREENWAYS MASTER PLAN
PRESENTED BY CURT GARRIGAN**

The meetings held in various sections of the city were scheduled as follows:

- **Wednesday, February 27, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. at Looby Center**
- **Thursday, February 28, 2008 at 6:30 p.m., Warner Nature Center**
- **Monday, March 3, 2008 at 6:30 p.m., Parkway Baptist Church**

Upon motion of Ms. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Lawson, the board approved beginning of the phase 2 initiative of the Master Plan review by referring recommendations to be considered to the acquisition and disposition sub-committee of the board as part of the Parks and Greenways Master Plan with the sub-committee reporting to the Full Board at the June 2008 meeting. Recommendations to be considered are as follows:

- Update Existing Project List based on 2008 cost adjustment
- Initiate Phase II of Master Plan update to include:
 - Open Space Preservation Initiative
 - Acquisition Strategy
 - Identification of mechanisms and non-Metro funding possibilities
 - Coordination with Sidewalks and Bikeways Plan
 - Waterway and Blueway initiatives and water-based recreational opportunities
- Continue implementation of current projects
- Consider plan amendments to include:
 - Southeast Community Center (Regional)
 - Two Southeast Neighborhood Centers (phased based on population)
 - Mountain Bike Development (countywide)
 - Additional Skate Park Facilities
 - Additional General Park Improvements including dog parks, park-specific improvements

IX. CONSENT AGENDA:

03-08-01

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST TO SERVE BEER FOLLOWING
THE 3rd ANNUAL HARPETH HILLS FLYING MONKEY MARATHON
ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2008 IN PERCY WARNER PARK**

Mr. Trent Rosenbloom, representing the Harpeth Hills Marathon, was present to request permission from the board to serve beer in a designated location following the 3rd Annual Harpeth Hills Flying Monkey Marathon on Sunday, November 23, 2008 in Percy Warner Park.

Upon motion of Ms. Susan Jones, seconded by Mr. Fossick, the board approved a tented area behind a thick tree line in the Vaughn's Creek area of Percy Warner Park off Highway 100 as an area conducive for alcohol consumption following the marathon. (This is the same area that was utilized after the 2007 marathon.)

03-08-02

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF BIG EVENTS, INC.
FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING A WEDDING TO BE HELD
IN HALL OF FAME PARK ON SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2008,**

An application submitted by Ms. Martha Greenwood, Big Events, Inc., requesting permission for amplification during a wedding on Saturday, May 3, 2008, 8:00 am – 11:00 pm, in Hall of Fame Park was presented to the Board.

Upon motion of Ms. Susan Jones, seconded by Mr. Fossick, the Board approved this request with the understanding that the sound not be disruptive to those in the surrounding area and is subject to monitoring by park personnel.

03-08-03

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF RENEE GLENN
FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING A WEDDING TO BE HELD
IN HALL OF FAME PARK ON SATURDAY, MAY 24, 2008,**

An application submitted by Ms. Renee Glenn requesting permission for amplification during a wedding on Saturday, May 24, 2008, 3:00 – 5:00 pm, in Hall of Fame Park was presented to the Board.

Upon motion of Ms. Susan Jones, seconded by Mr. Fossick, the Board approved this request with the understanding that the sound not be disruptive to those in the surrounding area and is subject to monitoring by park personnel.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA:

03-08-04

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF LINDA LONG AND TODD CAMP, SR.
FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING A WEDDING/RECEPTION TO BE HELD
IN THE SUNKEN GARDEN OF CENTENNIAL PARK
ON FRIDAY, MAY 23, 2008,**

An application submitted by Ms. Linda Long and Mr. Todd Camp, Sr. requesting permission for amplification during a wedding and reception on Friday, May 23, 2008, 3:00 – 6:00 pm, in the Sunken Gardens and Event Shelter of Centennial Park was presented to the Board.

Upon motion of Ms. Susan Jones, seconded by Mr. Fossick, the Board approved this request with the understanding that the sound not be disruptive to those in the surrounding area and is subject to monitoring by park personnel.

03-08-05

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF JILL HABBAT
FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING A WEDDING TO BE HELD
IN THE SUNKEN GARDEN OF CENTENNIAL PARK
ON SUNDAY, MAY 4, 2008,**

An application submitted by Ms. Jill Habbat requesting permission for amplification during a wedding on Sunday, May 4, 2008, 4:00 – 7:00 pm, in the Sunken Garden of Centennial Park was presented to the Board.

Upon motion of Ms. Susan Jones, seconded by Mr. Fossick, the Board approved this request with the understanding that the sound not be disruptive to those in the surrounding area and is subject to monitoring by park personnel.

03-08-06

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF CORINNE GOULD AND ROBERT JASSO
FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING A WEDDING TO BE HELD
IN THE SUNKEN GARDEN OF CENTENNIAL PARK
ON SATURDAY, MAY 31, 2008**

An application submitted by Ms. Corinne Gould and Mr. Robert Jasso requesting permission for amplification during a wedding on Saturday, May 31, 2008, 3:00 – 6:00 pm, in the Sunken Garden of Centennial Park was presented to the Board.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA:

03-08-06 (con't.)

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF CORINNE GOULD AND ROBERT JASSO
FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING A WEDDING TO BE HELD
IN THE SUNKEN GARDEN OF CENTENNIAL PARK
ON SATURDAY, MAY 31, 2008**

Upon motion of Ms. Susan Jones, seconded by Mr. Fossick, the Board approved this request with the understanding that the sound not be disruptive to those in the surrounding area and is subject to monitoring by park personnel.

03-08-07

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC.
FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING AN ALUMNI REUNION PICNIC
TO BE HELD IN HADLEY PARK ON FRIDAY, APRIL 18, 2008**

An application submitted by Ms. Tifinie Adams, representing Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., requesting permission for amplification during an Alumni Reunion Picnic on Friday, April 18, 2008, 12:00 – 9:00 pm, at the picnic pavilion in Hadley Park was presented to the Board for approval.

Upon motion of Ms. Susan Jones, seconded by Mr. Fossick, the Board approved this request with the understanding that the sound not be disruptive to those in the surrounding area and is subject to monitoring by park personnel.

03-08-08

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY
FOR AMPLIFICATION AND TO REMAIN IN CENTENNIAL PARK OVERNIGHT
ON FRIDAY, MAY 16, 2008 DURING A RELAY FOR LIFE EVENT**

An application submitted by Ms. Pam Carlson, representing the American Cancer Society, requesting permission for amplification and to remain in Centennial Park (front lawn area) overnight during a **Relay for Life** event from 6:00 pm on Friday, May 16, 2008 until 7:00 am on Saturday, May 17, 2008 was presented to the Board for approval.

Upon motion of Ms. Susan Jones, seconded by Mr. Fossick, the Board approved this request with the understanding that the sound not be disruptive to those in the surrounding area and is subject to monitoring by park personnel.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA:

03-08-09

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF THE NASHVILLE CIVIC DESIGN CENTER
FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING A RUN/WALK
TO BE HELD AT PUBLIC SQUARE ON SATURDAY, MAY 24, 2008**

An application submitted by Ms. Susannah Shumate, representing the Nashville Civic Design Center, requesting permission for amplification during a Run/Walk on Saturday, May 24, 2008, 7:00 – 10:00 am, at Public Square was presented to the Board for approval.

Upon motion of Ms. Susan Jones, seconded by Mr. Fossick, the Board approved this request with the understanding that the sound not be disruptive to those in the surrounding area and is subject to monitoring by park personnel.

03-08-10

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF THE MARCH OF DIMES FOUNDATION
FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING A WALK
TO BE HELD IN CENTENNIAL PARK ON SUNDAY, APRIL 20, 2008**

An application submitted by Ms. Cheryl Bockstruck, representing the March of Dimes Foundation, requesting permission for amplification during a Walk on Sunday, April 20, 2008, 12:30 – 4:00 pm, in Centennial Park (front lawn area) was presented to the Board for approval.

Upon motion of Ms. Susan Jones, seconded by Mr. Fossick, the Board approved this request with the understanding that the sound not be disruptive to those in the surrounding area and is subject to monitoring by park personnel.

03-08-11

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF WALK/BIKE NASHVILLE
FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING A WALK AND BIKE RIDE TO BE HELD
ON THE EAST BANK GREENWAY ON SATURDAY, MAY 17, 2008**

An application submitted by Ms. Laurel Davis, representing Walk/Bike Nashville, requesting permission for amplification during a walk and bike ride on Saturday, May 17, 2008, 6:00 am – 3:00 pm, on the East Bank Greenway was presented to the Board for approval.

Upon motion of Ms. Susan Jones, seconded by Mr. Fossick, the Board approved this request with the understanding that the sound not be disruptive to those in the surrounding area and is subject to monitoring by park personnel.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA:

03-08-12

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF
THE MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF MIDDLE TENNESSEE FOR
AMPLIFICATION DURING THE 5TH ANNUAL RUNNIN' TO BEAT THE BLUES
TO BE HELD IN CENTENNIAL PARK ON SATURDAY, MARCH 29, 2008**

An application submitted by Ms. Sara Thompson, representing the Mental Health Association of Middle Tennessee, requesting permission for amplification during the 5th *Annual Runnin' to Beat the Blues*, a 5k run and 1 mile run/walk on Saturday, March 29, 2008, 7:30 – 11:00 am, in Centennial Park adjacent to the Event Shelter was presented to the Board for approval.

Upon motion of Ms. Susan Jones, seconded by Mr. Fossick, the Board approved this request with the understanding that the sound not be disruptive to those in the surrounding area and is subject to monitoring by park personnel.

03-08-13

**BOARD GRANTS PERMISSION TO SORBA MIDDLE TENNESSEE
TO HOST A MOUNTAIN BIKE FESTIVAL AND CROSS COUNTRY RACE
IN HAMILTON CREEK PARK WITH WAIVER OF USAGE FEE**

An application submitted by Mr. Tim Spencer, Vice President of SORBA Middle Tennessee, requesting permission from the board permission to host a Mountain Bike Festival and Cross Country Race with waiver of usage fee on Saturday, April 12, 2008 in Hamilton Creek Park.

Upon motion of Ms. Susan Jones, seconded by Mr. Fossick, the board granted approval because of the improvements and ongoing maintenance SORBA provides the mountain bike trails located in Hamilton Creek Park along with the bicycle and trail safety education offered the Nashville community and request meets criteria established by the Board in May 2002 regarding fee waivers.

03-08-14

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF THE CAUSE USA FOR AMPLIFICATION
DURING A CHRISTIAN MUSIC FESTIVAL
TO BE HELD IN CENTENNIAL PARK ON SATURDAY, MAY 10, 2008**

An application submitted by Ms. Deborah Meador, representing The Cause USA, requesting permission for amplification during a Christian Music Festival on Saturday, May 10, 2008, 10:00 am – 11:00 pm, at the Centennial Park Bandshell was presented to the Board for approval.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA:

03-08-14 (con't.)

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF THE CAUSE USA FOR AMPLIFICATION
DURING A CHRISTIAN MUSIC FESTIVAL
TO BE HELD IN CENTENNIAL PARK ON SATURDAY, MAY 10, 2008**

Upon motion of Ms. Susan Jones, seconded by Mr. Fossick, the Board approved this request with the understanding that the sound not be disruptive to those in the surrounding area and is subject to monitoring by park personnel.

03-08-15

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF THE FRIENDS OF CHURCH STREET
PARK FOR AMPLIFICATION AND ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION
DURING A CHILI COOK-OFF
TO BE HELD IN CHURCH STREET PARK ON SATURDAY, MARCH 15, 2008**

An application submitted by Ms. Amy Walters, representing Friends of Church Street Park, requesting permission for amplification and alcohol consumption during a Chili Cook-off on Saturday, March 15, 2008, 2:00 pm until dark, in Church Street Park was presented to the Board for approval.

Upon motion of Ms. Susan Jones, seconded by Mr. Fossick, the Board approved this request with the understanding that the sound not be disruptive to those in the surrounding area and is subject to monitoring by park personnel.

X. NEW BUSINESS:

03-08-16

**MS. SCOTT HAS REQUESTED DEFERRAL UNTIL ALL INFORMATION
HAS BEEN COMPILED FOR PRESENTATION TO BOARD**

Ms. Vee Vee Scott, 2008 Iroquois Steeplechase Chairman, asked the board to defer request to permanently install sculptural art and landscaping at the intersection of Old Hickory Blvd. and Gaucho Road until all information is gathered for a complete presentation.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Johnson, the Board deferred this request until further notice.

X. NEW BUSINESS:

03-08-17

**BOARD APPROVES STAFF REQUEST TO UTILIZE LOOBY THEATER
REVENUE FOR PARK SUPPORT ACTIVITIES**

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Johnson, the Board granted permission for revenue generated from Looby Theater to be utilized by the Arts in the Parks friends group to fund and support youth and senior programming, guest instructor fees, summer programming/workshops and to cover staff and custodial costs.

03-08-18

**BOARD APPROVES STAFF REQUEST TO ENTER
INTO A PROJECT DIABETES GRANT**

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Ms. Susan Jones, the board approved application and ultimate acceptance of a **Project Diabetes** grant in the amount of \$250,000 sponsored by the State of Tennessee in cooperation with Nashville General Hospital, the Metro Public Health Department, and the Vanderbilt Diabetes Center to be utilized by the Recreation Division.

Mr. Lawson thanked Paul Widman on behalf of Vanderbilt and the community as a whole while commending his leadership role in the development of this grant. Mr. Wilson announced to the board that Dr. Shari Barkin of Vanderbilt Hospital will appear at the April Board Meeting to update the board on joint projects with Metro Parks.

XI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS FROM STAFF – NO MARCH REPORTS

Community Garden Update – Vera Vollbrecht

Miracle League Update – Tim Netsch

Park Watch/Trail Watch Program – Captain Rich Foley

Park/School Wellness Program – Paul Widman

XII. UPCOMING SPECIAL ACTIVITIES/EVENTS – NO MARCH REPORT

XIII. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

At the request of Mr. Wilson, James Gray, Assistant Director of Parks/Finance and Administration, presented Metro Parks 2008-09 budget to board members. The budget has been submitted as requested by the Metro Finance Department with reduction scenarios of 5, 10, and 15 percent. This presentation was to inform the board members of what type of reductions the department may be confronted with during the upcoming budget year.

XIV. 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