

METROPOLITAN BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

July 1, 2008

A meeting of the Board of Parks and Recreation of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee was held on Tuesday, June 3, 2008 at 1:30 pm in the Centennial Park Boardroom, 2565 Park Plaza, Nashville, TN. Board members present were: Mr. Stan Fossick, Mr. James Lawson, Mr. Lamont Carter, Justice A. A. Birch Jr., Ms. Ivanetta Davis Samuels, Ms. Tonya Jones and Ms. Karen Johnson.

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; Lt. George Mitchell for Captain Rich Foley, Park Police and **Ms. Theresa Costonis, Metro Government Legal Counsel.**

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD JUNE 3, 2008 APPROVED

Upon motion of Ms. Jones, seconded by Mr. Lawson, the Board approved the minutes of the board meeting held Tuesday, June 3, 2008.

VI. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

VII. INTRODUCTION OF STAFF, NEW EMPLOYEES, VOLUNTEERS

Mr. Wilson recognized Jose Ochoa and reported to the Board that Jose was leaving Metro Parks to head the newly established Chicago High School of the Arts. His last day with Parks is Thursday, July 3, 2008. Mr. Wilson thanked Jose for his leadership and the new activities and events he brought to Metro Parks. Mr. Carter wished Jose well and stated that Chicago's gain is Nashville's loss.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS:

01-07-04

**BOARD APPROVES PLACEMENT OF PROPOSED ART CREATED BY KEN ROWE
IN PUBLIC SQUARE PARK AND AESTHETICALLY APPROVES PROPOSED ART
TO BE CREATED BY THOMAS SAYRE
CONTINGENT UPON QUESTIONS BEING SATISFIED**

Ms. Sandra Duncan, Ms. Noree Boyd and Mr. Joseph Presley representing the Metro Arts Commission were in attendance to request approval from the Board of an art proposal to be integrated on the Public Square.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS:

01-07-04 (con't.)

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Upon motion of Mr. Jim Lawson, chair of the board sub committee, seconded by Ms. Karen Johnson, the board approved by vote of 6-1 **placement of the 3 small art statues** (*The Spark of Discovery* will be located in the northwest corner of the park; *The Scholar* in the southwest corner and *To the Moon* atop an existing rock on the east side of the park) in the general proximity of the proposed placement areas in Public Square Park as determined by the map distributed by the Arts Commission with a comment to assess the historical significance of the stone amenities in the park. Please let the record reflect that Lamont Carter voted No as he did not think placing the artwork entitled *To the Moon* atop an existing amenity of the park was appropriate.

In consideration of the proposed artwork of Thomas Sayre which consists of a series of cranes and terrazzo sculptures with misting capabilities the sub-committee of the board had many concerns. Those concerns include: adherence to the existing Metro Tree Ordinance with regard to tree removal, misting and the possibility of creating public health issues, liability, the actual size and scope of the artwork is unknown; therefore, anchoring/stabilization of the art is in question and the weight of the art project is crucial because of the parking garage located beneath Public Square. With that, Mr. Lawson asked Tonya Jones, board member, and Curt Garrigan, Assistant Director of Parks, to formulate a series of imperative questions and forward to Sandra Duncan of the Metro Arts Commission to respond.

Mr. Carter inquired as to the ramifications of the expense of tearing out existing park amenities and which Metro Department would incur the debt. Mr. Lawson stated that the questions prepared by Ms. Jones and Mr. Garrigan will address Mr. Carter's concerns. Justice Birch asked Mr. Lawson if the board moves forward, what exactly will this authorize the Arts Commission to do. Mr. Lawson responded that by moving motion forward that proposed art is approved conceptually and authorizes Parks to work with the Arts Commission. Ms. Jones stated that if we should give the Arts Commission permission to work through the engineering complexities, the board should then let it go. Mr. Lawson responded that the Arts Commission should do their homework, come back to the board and the board would then approve or disapprove. Mr. Fossick stated that if approved, liability would fall on the Arts Commission as far as signing off on engineers. Ms. Davis Samuels said that with regard to those questions prepared by parks' officials is it not possible that Parks has those contingencies if the Arts Commission takes on the responsibility.

Therefore, after much discussion and upon motion of Justice Birch, seconded by Karen Johnson, the board by a vote of 6-1 approved the proposed art aesthetically by Thomas Sayre for Public Square contingent upon prepared questions being satisfied. Once complete, that information will be presented to the board for their final review. Please let the record reflect that Lamont Carter voted No.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS:

10-07-08

BOARD APPROVES 2002 PARKS AND GREENWAYS MASTER PLAN AS AMENDED

At the request of Councilmember Vivian Wilhoite representing district 29 and Councilmember Robert Duvall representing district 33 the board reviewed the 2002 Parks and Greenways Master Plan. Therefore, upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Johnson, the board unanimously approved the 2002 Parks and Greenways Master Plan as presented by Mr. Curt Garrigan with the following recommendations:

- Apply 30% or 50% multiplier as a cost adjustment to remaining unfunded projects as they are funded.
- Initiate Phase II of Master Plan update through the Greenways division 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
- Plan amendments to include specific line-item projects:
 - Southeast Community Center (Regional) \$6.5 million
 - Two Southeast Neighborhood Centers (phased based on population) \$3 million each
 - Mountain Bike Development (countywide) \$2.5 million
 - Additional Skate Park Facilities (developed as part of other improvements)
 - Additional General Park Improvements including dog parks, park-specific improvements (through existing line item projects)
- Continue Recurring and Deferred Maintenance
 - Recreation Division
 - Existing Facility Renovation/Upgrades \$1,500,000
 - Special Services Division
 - Existing Facility Renovation/Upgrades \$1,500,000

VIII. OLD BUSINESS:

04-08-09

BOARD GRANTS PERMISSION TO THE TSSAA TO USE THE STEEPLECHASE COURSE IN WARNER PARK AND CHARGE ADMISSION DURING THE 2008 STATE CROSS COUNTRY MEET, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2008 WITH WAIVER OF ALL FEES

A letter representing Mr. Bernard Childress of the TSSAA requesting permission to use the Steeplechase Course in Percy Warner Park and charge admission during the 2008 TSSAA State Cross Country Meet on Saturday, November 1, 2008 with waiver of all fees was presented to the Board. (Initial request was to host meet on Friday, October 31, 2008; however, that request could not be honored after much research by Captain Foley with regard to traffic, parking and other logistics pertaining to workday traffic.)

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

04-08-14

BOARD DEFERS INDEFINITELY REQUEST OF THE PARTHENON STAFF TO AMEND THE COLLECTIONS MANAGEMENT POLICY FOR ART COLLECTIONS OF THE PARTHENON

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Tonya Jones, the Board deferred amendment of this policy indefinitely until Metro Legal completes policy review.

06-08-15

BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF THE BRALCO GROUP, INC (102.5 THE BUZZ) FOR ALCOHOL SALES/CONSUMPTION DURING A RADIO SPONSORED CONCERT ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2008, 12:00 – 11:00 PM, IN RIVERFRONT PARK

An application submitted by The Bralco Group Inc., representing ***102.5 The Buzz*** radio, requesting permission to sell alcohol during a radio sponsored concert on Saturday, September 13, 2008, 12:00 – 11:00 pm in Riverfront Park was presented to the Board.

Upon motion of Ms. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Lawson, the board approved request for alcohol consumption during a radio sponsored concert as all permit requirements were completed.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS:

06-08-16

**BOARD APPROVES ACQUISITION OF 40 ACRES ADJACENT
TO HEARTLAND PARK FOR PASSIVE RECREATION USE**

Ms. Shain Dennison, Superintendent of the Greenways Division, distributed an aerial Map with property information to board members and reported that the selling price is \$100,000 less than the appraised value. Therefore, upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Carter, the board approved staff request to accept acquisition of approximately 40 acres adjacent to Heartland Park on Stones River from Donelson Church of Christ. Proposed use of this area is for passive recreation with canoe/small fishing boat access.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA:

07-08-01

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF NATHAN FRENSLEY FOR AMPLIFICATION
DURING A WEDDING TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 31, 2008
IN THE SUNKEN GARDENS OF CENTENNIAL PARK**

An application submitted by Mr. Nathan Frensley requesting permission for amplification during a wedding on Sunday, August 31, 2008, 12:00 – 11:00 pm, in the Sunken Gardens of Centennial Park was presented to the board.

Upon motion of Ms. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Carter, 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.

07-08-02

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF ANDREW STEPHENS FOR AMPLIFICATION
DURING A WEDDING TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 30, 2008
IN THE SUNKEN GARDENS OF CENTENNIAL PARK**

An application submitted by Mr. Andrew Stephens requesting permission for amplification during a wedding on Saturday, August 30, 2008 in the Sunken Gardens of Centennial Park was presented to the board.

Upon motion of Ms. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Carter, 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:

07-08-03

**BOARD GRANTS PERMISSION TO HCA FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING
THE FOLLOWING EMPLOYEE EVENTS SCHEDULED AT
THE CENTENNIAL PARK EVENT SHELTER AND ADJACENT GREEN SPACE**

An application submitted by Ms. Jennifer Neely, representing HCA, requesting permission for amplification during the following events at the Centennial Park Event Shelter and adjacent green space was presented to the board:

Employee Agency Fair 8:00 am – 5:00 pm Wednesday, August 27 and
Thursday, August 28, 2008

Employee Thank You 8:00 am – 5:00 pm Wednesday, October 1 and
Thursday, October 2, 2008

Upon motion of Ms. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Carter, 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.

07-08-04

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY
FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING A RALLY AND PUBLIC AWARENESS EVENT
TO BE HELD AT THE CENTENNIAL PARK EVENT SHELTER
ON THURSDAY, JULY, 10, 2008**

An application submitted by Mr. Trent Weaver, representing the American Cancer Society, requesting permission for amplification during a rally and public awareness event on Thursday, July 10, 2008, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm at the Centennial Park Event Shelter was presented to the board.

Upon motion of Ms. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Carter, 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.

07-08-05

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF THE NASHVILLE AREA JUNIOR CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING A WIFFLE BALL TOURNAMENT
BENEFITING THE NASHVILLE HUMANE SOCIETY
TO BE HELD IN CENTENNIAL PARK ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 16, 2008**

An application submitted by Mr. Shayne Merritt, representing the Nashville Area Junior Chamber of Commerce, requesting permission for amplification during a wiffle ball tournament benefiting the Nashville Humane Society on Saturday, August 16, 2008, 10:00 am – 8:00 pm in Centennial Park was presented to the board.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA:

07-08-05 (con't.)

BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF THE NASHVILLE AREA JUNIOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING A WIFFLE BALL TOURNAMENT BENEFITING THE NASHVILLE HUMANE SOCIETY TO BE HELD IN CENTENNIAL PARK ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 16, 2008

Upon motion of Ms. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Carter, 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.

07-08-06

BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF CANDICE KING FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING A COOKOUT TO BE HELD AT THE HADLEY PARK PICNIC SHELTER ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 16, 2008

An application submitted by Ms. Candice King requesting permission for amplification during a cookout on Saturday, August 16, 2008, 9:00 am – 7:00 pm, at the Hadley Park Picnic Shelter was presented to the board.

Upon motion of Ms. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Carter, 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.

07-08-07

BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF THE CUMBERLAND RIVER COMPACT FOR AMPLIFICATION AND ALCOHOL SALES AND CONSUMPTION DURING THE DRAGON BOAT RACE AND RIVER FESTIVAL TO BE HELD IN RIVERFRONT PARK ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 23, 2008

An application submitted by Ms. Geralyn Hoey and Ms. Brooke Seigle, representing Cumberland River Compact, requests permission for alcohol sales/consumption (alcoholic beverages containing less than 5 percent only) during the **Dragon Boat Race and River Festival** on Saturday, August 23, 2008, 6:00 am – 5:30 pm in Riverfront Park was presented to the board.

Upon motion of Ms. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Carter, 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:

07-08-08

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF OUTBACK CONCERTS
FOR ALCOHOL SALES AND CONSUMPTION DURING A CONCERT
TO BE HELD IN RIVERFRONT PARK ON SATURDAY, AUGUST, 16, 2008**

An application submitted by Mr. Rick Whetsel, representing Outback Concerts, requesting permission to sell alcohol during a concert on Saturday, August 16, 2008, 5:00 – 11:00 pm, at Riverfront Park was presented to the board.

Upon motion of Ms. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Carter, 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.

07-08-09

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF TARONDA FRIERSON FOR AMPLIFICATION
DURING A CLASS REUNION FAMILY PICNIC TO BE HELD AT
TWO RIVERS PARK PICNIC SHELTER 4 ON SATURDAY, JULY 12, 2008**

An application submitted by Ms. Taronda Frierson, representing the Whites Creek High School Class of 1991, requests permission for amplification during a class/family picnic at Two Rivers Park picnic shelter 4, 2:00 – 7:00 pm, on Saturday, July 12, 2008 was presented to the board.

Upon motion of Ms. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Carter, 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.

07-08-10

**BOARD GRANTS APPROVAL TO THE DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
TO RENEW ANNUAL LEASE NOY®-40727 FOR THE TERM OF
JULY 1, 2008 – JUNE 30, 2009**

A letter submitted by Claude E. Jones, Operations Branch-Department of the Navy, requesting renewal of Lease NOY®-40727 (land known as the Naval Reserve Center located in Shelby Park) for the term of July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009 was presented to the board.

Upon motion of Ms. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Carter, the board granted unanimous approval.

X. NEW BUSINESS:

07-08-11

**BOARD CONFIRMS APPOINTMENT OF TONYA JONES AS A MEMBER OF THE
PARK BOARD REPRESENTING THE PLANNING COMMISSION**

Upon motion of Mr. Carter, seconded by Mr. Lawson, the Board unanimously confirmed the appointment of Ms. Tonya Jones as a member of the Park Board, representing the Metropolitan Planning Commission, effective May 22, 2008. (Ms. Jones' term will expire May 22, 2009.)

07-08-12

**BOARD GRANTS PERMISSION TO THE NASHVILLE AQUATIC CLUB TO INSTALL
NEW SCOREBOARD WITH SIGNAGE IN THE SPORTSPLEX NATATORIUM**

Ms. Diane Mulloy, representing the Nashville Aquatic Club, was present to request approval of installation of a new scoreboard with signage in the Sportsplex Natatorium from the board and permission to address the board regarding other NAC issues.

Upon motion of Mr. Carter, seconded by Mr. Lawson and based upon committee recommendation, the board unanimously approved scoreboard with signage. Ms. Mulloy reported that significant donations were secured from the Frist Foundation and Dr. and Mrs. Frist and therefore request that the scoreboard include "Frist Centennial Sportsplex" on its signage.

Ms. Mulloy also requested that "Frist" be included on the Metro Parks website when referring to the Centennial Sportsplex.

07-08-13

**REQUEST TO PLACE A BRONZE PLAQUE IN THE IROQUOIS SOCIETY PAVILION
RECOGNIZING HENRY AND ALICE HOOKER WAS DEFERRED
TO THE AUGUST MEETING**

Ms. Mary Ruth Shell representing Ms. Vee Vee Scott, 2008 Iroquois Steeplechase Chair, was present to request permission from the board to place a bronze plaque in the Iroquois Society Pavilion recognizing the work of Henry and Alice Hooker over the last 50 years promoting the Children's Hospital, Steeplechase racing, and the City of Nashville.

The board deferred this request to the signage committee for one month.

X. NEW BUSINESS:

07-08-14

**BOARD APPROVES GRANT FROM GREENWAYS FOR NASHVILLE
TO ADD AN ADDITIONAL EMPLOYEE TO THE
GREENWAYS FOR NASHVILLE STAFF**

Correspondence submitted by Ms. Jane Laub on behalf of Mr. Phil Ponder, President of Greenways for Nashville, requesting the Board to accept a grant from Greenways for Nashville to add Renee Bates to the Greenways for Nashville staff with Metro Parks processing weekly timesheets and paychecks on an on-going basis.

Upon motion of Mr. Carter, seconded by Ms. Johnson, the Board accepted a grant from Greenways for Nashville to cover the salary expense of Ms. Bates.

XI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS FROM STAFF

Community Garden Update

Councilmember Anna Page is very active in the community gardening initiative at the Coleman Regional Center. A meeting was held on June 5 and a garden has been planted.

Miracle League Update

Curt Garrigan reported that Metro Purchasing has not yet released the Shelby Master Plan document. Lamont Carter expressed his frustration at the slowness of the project and asked if we had notified officials with the Titans regarding the \$25,000 donation by Bud Adams. Mr. Garrigan stated that we have not notified the Titans as we are awaiting the approval of the Master Plan. Until Metro Purchasing offers us a definitive answer, we have no information for the Titans.

Park Watch/Trail Watch Program – no report

Park/School Wellness Program

The health initiative focusing on youth and the Hispanic population was launched at Coleman Regional Center on Saturday, June 28. Many Vanderbilt and Meharry medical students were in attendance to provide screenings. Cooking classes promoting healthy eating were also held.

XII. UPCOMING SPECIAL ACTIVITIES/EVENTS

Jackie Jones announced the following upcoming events:

Hot Chicken Festival Friday, July 4 12:00 – 3:00 pm East Park

July 4th Fireworks Friday, July 4 3:00-10:00 pm Riverfront Park

XIII. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Wilson reported that Metro Parks received the 2008 Governor's Environmental Stewardship Award for building green in reference to the construction of the Shelby, Bells Bend and Beaman Nature Centers.

Distributed copies of a proclamation designating "Play Day in Nashville" sponsored by Councilmembers Cole and Bennett.

XIV. ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Fossick named Jim Lawson, Karen Johnson and Lamont Carter to the signage committee effective July 1, 2008.

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

Mr. Roy E. Wilson, Director

Mr. Stan Fossick, Chairperson