

# METROPOLITAN BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION

## MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING OCTOBER 5, 2010

A meeting of the Board of Parks and Recreation of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee was held on Tuesday, October 5, 2010 at 1:30 pm in the Centennial Park Boardroom, 2565 Park Plaza, Nashville, TN. Board members present were: Ms. Ivanetta Davis Samuels, Mr. Stan Fossick, Mr. James Lawson, Mr. Charles McTorry, Mr. George Anderson, Ms. Tonya Jones and Ms. Kay Simmons.

Staff present were: Assistant Directors: Mr. Mike Bays, Consolidated Maintenance; Mr. Curt Garrigan, Planning/Facilities Management; Mr. Paul Widman, Recreation; Ms. Shain Dennison, Superintendent of Greenways Development; Capt. Rich Foley, Park Police; Mr. Bob Parrish, Superintendent of Resource Management; Ms. Jackie Jones, Superintendent of Parks-Public Information; Ms. Monique Odom, Budget Analyst and **Mr. Ted Morrissey, Metro Government Legal Counsel.**

### **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 14, 2010 APPROVED**

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Fossick, the Board approved the minutes of the board meeting held Tuesday, September 14, 2010.

#### **VI. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS**

Dr. Shari Barkin presented an overview of a 12 million dollar, seven-year grant recently awarded to Vanderbilt Department of Pediatrics in partnership with Metro Parks (the Nashville Collaborative) designed to stop obesity in preschoolers. The grant is designed to stop obesity in preschoolers by getting their parents involved in changing their diets and taking them to recreations centers. Vanderbilt research shows overweight preschoolers are five times more likely to be overweight as a teen.

The program will be implemented at Coleman and East Park Recreation Centers. Through the program, *Growing Right Onto Wellness (GROW): Changing Early Body Mass Index Trajectories*, families will get help making healthy lifestyle changes and researchers will assess the influence of risk factors that lead to obesity. This new project is an expansion of a study conducted with 100 Latino families at Coleman Community Center. With 24 percent to 27 percent of Hispanic children overweight, Vanderbilt and Metro Parks launched *Salud con La Familia (Health with the Family)* in 2008.

The experts are finding the program is also helping ease loneliness and isolation. The latest research should be finished by August 2017. Doctors say Latino Americans are at a higher risk for obesity and diabetes and that their children often have the highest rates of obesity and diabetes in the nation. A video is available for viewing at <http://www.mc.vanderbilt.edu/news>.

**VI. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS**

Mr. Curt Garrigan, Assistant Director of Parks/Finance and Administration and Planning and Facilities Development Coordinator announced his resignation from Metro Parks effective Thursday, October 14, 2010. Mr. Garrigan has accepted the position of Coordinator of the Sustainable Buildings and Climate Initiative of the United Nations Environment Program in Paris, France. Mr. Lynch and Ms. Davis-Samuels presented Mr. Garrigan a Phil Ponder print and thanked him for all of expertise in the planning and facilities development of Metro Parks and wished him the very best as he begins this exciting career opportunity.

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

Justice Adolpho A Birch, Jr. and Karen Johnson were honored by the Metro Parks Board for service to the citizenry of Nashville and Davidson County as former members of the Metro Parks Board. Justice Birch served 10 years on the board as a Mayoral appointee and Ms. Johnson served 4 years as representative from the Metro School Board.

Ivanetta Davis Samuels, board chair and Tommy Lynch, interim director presented Justice Birch and Ms. Johnson with framed iconic renderings of the Parthenon in appreciation for their service.

**VIII. METRO COUNCIL REFERRALS**

**IX. OLD BUSINESS:**

**X. CONSENT AGENDA**

**10-10-01**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF MS. AMANDA MILLS FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING A WEDDING CEREMONY TO BE HELD IN THE SUNKEN GARDEN OF CENTENNIAL PARK ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2010**

An application submitted by Ms. Amanda Mills requesting permission for amplification during a wedding ceremony on Saturday, October 9, 2010, 3:00 – 6:30 pm, in the Centennial Park Sunken Garden was presented to the board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, 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. CONSENT AGENDA**

**10-10-02**

**BOARD GRANTS PERMISSION TO THE TENNESSEE LITERACY COALITION AND COMMUNITY SHARES TO HOST A FUNDRAISING EVENT WITH AMPLIFICATION ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2010 AT THE CENTENNIAL PARK EVENT SHELTER**

An application submitted by Ms. Suzanne Horne, representing the Tennessee Literacy Coalition and Community Shares, requesting permission to host a fundraising event with amplification, *Music City Chili Cookoff*, on Saturday, October 23, 2010, 11:00 am – 5:00 pm, at the Centennial Park Event Shelter was presented to the board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Fossick, the Board approved amplification 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 event.

**10-10-03**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF SHAWNA MCMONIGLE TO HOST A PICNIC WITH AMPLIFICATION TO BE HELD AT THE CENTENNIAL PARK PICNIC PAVILION ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2010**

An application submitted by Ms. Shawna McMonigle requesting permission for amplification during a picnic on Friday, October 29, 2010, 6:00 am – 3:00 pm, at the picnic pavilion in Centennial Park was presented to the board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, 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.

**10-10-04**

**BOARD GRANTS PERMISSION TO BOSWELL'S HARLEY DAVIDSON MUSIC CITY HOG/RIVERBIKE OF TENNESSEE TO HOST A FUNDRAISING EVENT ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2010 AT THE CENTENNIAL PARK EVENT SHELTER**

An application submitted by Mr. Gary Bagwell, representing Boswell's Harley Davidson Music City Hog/Riverbike of Tennessee, requesting permission to host a fundraising event on Saturday, November 13, 2010, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm, at the Centennial Park Event Shelter was presented to the board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Fossick, the board approved request to host a fundraiser with the understanding that a financial report must be submitted no later than 30 days following event.

**X. CONSENT AGENDA**

**10-10-05**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF MS. RACHEL FARMER FOR AMPLIFICATION  
DURING A WEDDING CEREMONY TO BE HELD IN THE  
SUNKEN GARDEN OF CENTENNIAL PARK ON SATURDAY, APRIL 16, 2011**

An application submitted by Ms. Rachel Farmer requesting permission for amplification during a wedding ceremony on Saturday, April 16, 2011, 2:00 – 5:00 pm, in the Centennial Park Sunken Garden was presented to the board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, 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.

**10-10-06**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF MS. RACHEL FARMER FOR AMPLIFICATION  
DURING A WEDDING CEREMONY TO BE HELD IN THE  
SUNKEN GARDEN OF CENTENNIAL PARK AND RECEPTION IN THE  
CENTENNIAL PARK EVENT SHELTER ON SATURDAY, APRIL 16, 2011**

An application submitted by Mr. Bryan Moore requesting permission for amplification during a wedding ceremony in the Sunken Garden and reception on Saturday, April 23, 2011, 1:00 – 5:00 pm, in the Centennial Park Event Shelter was presented to the board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, 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.

**10-10-07**

**BOARD GRANTS PERMISSION TO VANDERBILT CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL  
TO HOST A FUNDRAISING EVENT ON SUNDAY, JUNE 5, 2011  
IN CENTENNIAL PARK**

An application submitted by Ms. Rachel Brewer, representing Vanderbilt Children's Hospital, requesting permission to host a fundraising event, ***Middle Tennessee Youth Triathlon***, on Sunday, June 5, 2011, 8:00 – 11:00 am, in Centennial Park was presented to the board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Fossick, the board approved request to host a fundraiser with the understanding that a financial report must be submitted no later than 30 days following event.

**X. CONSENT AGENDA**

**10-10-08**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF MS. CARA ANDERSON AND  
MR. VINCENT PEER FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING A WEDDING CEREMONY  
TO BE HELD IN THE SUNKEN GARDEN OF CENTENNIAL PARK AND  
RECEPTION IN THE CENTENNIAL PARK EVENT SHELTER  
ON SATURDAY, APRIL 16, 2011**

An application submitted by Ms. Cara Anderson and Mr. Vincent Peer requesting permission for amplification during a wedding ceremony in the Sunken Garden and reception on Saturday, September 10, 2011, 12:00 – 3:30 pm, in the Centennial Park Event Shelter was presented to the board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, 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.

**10-10-09**

**BOARD GRANTS PERMISSION TO THE AMERICAN FOUNDATION OF SUICIDE  
PREVENTION TO HOST A FUNDRAISING EVENT  
ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2010 IN OWEN BRADLEY PARK**

An application submitted by Ms. Angelynn Tinsley, representing the American Foundation of Suicide Prevention, requesting permission to host a fundraising 3 mile walk with amplification, ***Out of the Darkness***, on Saturday, November 6, 2010, 8:00 am – 12:00 pm, in Owen Bradley Park was presented to the board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Fossick, the board approved request to host a fundraiser with the understanding that a financial report must be submitted no later than 30 days following event.

**XI. NEW BUSINESS**

**10-10-10**

**REQUEST OF METRO ARTS COMMISSION DEFERRED  
UNTIL NOVEMBER 2010 BOARD MEETING**

Ms. Jennifer Cole, Director of the Metro Arts Commission, requested deferral, because of illness, until the November 2010 board meeting of request from the board to enter a partnership with Metro Parks to produce a long range Master Plan for Public Art Integration within the Parks system.

**XI. NEW BUSINESS**

**10-10-11**

**REQUEST OF THE NORTHWEST FAMILY YMCA DEFERRED  
UNTIL NOVEMBER 2010 BOARD MEETING**

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Anderson, the board deferred request of Ms. Dawana Wade, representing the Northwest Family YMCA, to enter into a temporary partnership with Metro Parks for the use of Hadley Park Regional Center during the time period of October – December, 2010.

**10-10-12**

**BOARD APPROVES A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH VANDERBILT  
DEPARTMENT OF PEDIATRICS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$750,000 FOR USE WITH  
THE PROJECT GROWING RIGHT ONTO WELLNESS**

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Mr. Lawson, the board accepted \$750,000 in personnel, equipment, training and transportation support in the form of a contractual agreement with Vanderbilt Department of Pediatrics for use with the project “Growing Right onto Wellness (GROW): Changing Early Body Mass Index (BMI) Trajectories.

**10-10-13**

**BOARD APPROVES APPLICATION AND ULTIMATE ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT  
TO THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION  
FOR THE RECREATION TRAIL PRGRAM**

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Fossick, the board granted approval and ultimate acceptance from the Tennessee Department of Transportation of an enhancements grant in the amount of \$829,500 as recommended by the 2009 Shelby Park Master Plan for the Regional Greenway Connector. (Please note the total project amount is \$829,500 with grant request amount of \$663,600 and Metro match of \$165,900).

**II. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS FROM STAFF**

**III. UPCOMING SPECIAL ACTIVITIES/EVENTS**

Ms. Jackie Jones announced the following upcoming events in Metro Parks:

- Nashville British Car Club Show, Centennial Park, October 9
- Autumn Song, Two Rivers Mansion, October 8, 9, and 10
- Music City Half Marathon, October 10
- Tennessee Beer Festival, grounds of Two Rivers Mansion, October 16

**IV. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR**

Mr. Lynch reported that the Tennessee Recreation and Parks State Conference was held September 19-23 in Murfreesboro, Tennessee with certain Parks staff members conducting seminars.

A very successful Celebration of Cultures was held on Saturday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> in Centennial Park with approximately 50,000 in attendance.

The groundbreaking for the East Bank project of Riverfront Park was held Tuesday, October 5 at 10:00 am.

Mr. Lynch advised the board of a forthcoming request to be submitted by the Tennessee Walking Horse Breeders and Exhibitors Association. The association would like to donate funds for trail/bridle path upkeep and have users register at Warner and Peeler Parks in order to obtain data to determine usage.

The next meeting of the board finance committee and members of the Metro Finance Department is scheduled for Tuesday, October 19 at 11:30 am in the Director's conference room at 511 Oman Street.

**IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

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

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**Tommy Lynch, Interim Director**

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**Ivanetta Davis Samuels, Chairperson**