

METROPOLITAN BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

December 6, 2016

A meeting of the Board of Parks and Recreation of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee was held on Tuesday, December 6, 2016 at 12:00 pm in the Centennial Park Boardroom, 2565 Park Plaza, Nashville, TN Board members present were: Ms. Christy Smith, Mr. Stan Fossick, Mr. George Anderson, Ms. Jenn Garcia, Dr. Michelle Steele, Ms. Brenda Diaz-Flores and Dr. Jo Ann Brannon. **Councilmember Angie Henderson, representative of District 34, was also in attendance.**

Staff present were: Ms. Monique Odom, Deputy Director of Parks; Assistant Directors: Mr. Rick Taylor, Consolidated Maintenance; Ms. Sally Davis, Community Recreation; Mr. Tim Netsch, Planning and Facilities; Mr. Jim Hester, Special Events; John Holmes, Revenue Producing Facilities and Ms. Shain Dennison, Greenways; Capt. Chris Taylor/Park Police; Ms. Jackie Jones, Superintendent/Public Information and **Ms. Katie Downey, representing the Metro Legal Department.**

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 1, 2016 APPROVED

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Ms. Garcia, the Board approved the minutes of the board meeting held Tuesday, November 1, 2016 as presented.

VI. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

MS. RENATA SOTO, REPRESENTING CONEXIÓN AMÉRICAS, PRESENTS UPDATE ON CASA AZAFRÁN

Ms. Renata Soto began her presentation stating that 3 years ago the Casa Azafrán pre-K classes totaling 80 children had no outdoor space to play. There was a car lot next door to the center and after discussion with Mayor Karl Dean, Conexión Américas agreed to raise funds toward the purchase and Mayor Dean granted approval in April 2015 to fund the acquisition of the land. Mayor Barry has also included capital dollars toward the partnership. Conexión Américas has received grants from HCA in the amount of \$200,000 and the Rotary Club in the amount of \$100,000 (largest single amount of money ever awarded to an organization).

Ms. Soto stated that they are currently working on park development and design should be completed in December 2016. After approval, construction should begin in February or March 2017 on the 1st phase which will include a water feature for the children and should be completed in September 2017. The 2nd phase which will include an amphitheater will begin following 1st phase completion and should be finished Spring 2018. The 3rd phase will include a boardwalk and a water retention area adjacent to the neighboring Condominiums (construction will not begin until the dollars are realized).

VI. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

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Summary of Community Input



Quantitative Needs Categories

PEER CITY ANALYSIS



VI. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS (con't.)

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Preliminary Land Recommendations
Greenway System Infrastructure



- **Finish the Water Corridor Trails:** Segments to fill gaps and improve recreation & transportation
- **Utilize Greenways, Trails and Open Space System as an Economic Generator**
- **Develop New Tools to Acquire Land and Right of Way for Expansion of Greenway Network**
- **Establish New Corridors:** Transportation connections and new generators
 - Downtown Loop
 - Mid-Town Loop
 - Tourism & Cultural Trails
 - Regional Connections
 - Underserved Areas
- **Make Key Connections:** Major bridges and boardwalks
 - Opry Mills Connector (Shelby Bottoms & Stones River)
 - Brookmeade Park to Bells Bend: Ped bridge and/or ferry
 - Neely's Bend to Stones River: Ped bridge and/or ferry

Preliminary Land Recommendations
Land Recommendations by Park Type



Park Type	Recommended Service Levels: Revised for Local Service Area			2026 Facility Standards	
				Additional Facilities/ Amenities Needed	
Pocket Parks (incl. school playgrounds): < 3 acres	0.15	acres per	1,000	37	Acre(s)
Neighborhood Parks: 3 - 20 acres	1.00	acres per	1,000	226	Acre(s)
Community Parks: 20 - 100 acres	2.00	acres per	1,000	379	Acre(s)
Regional Parks: 100 + acres	28.10	acres per	1,000	3,187	Acre(s)
Signature Parks	0.40	acres per	1,000	141	Acre(s)
Special Use Park (incl. sports)	1.50	acres per	1,000	440	Acre(s)
Greenway corridors	1.00	acres per	1,000	130	Acre(s)
Total Park Acres	34.15	acres per	1,000	4,541	Acre(s)
Land Bank	2.53	acres per	1,000	290	Acre(s)
Total Acres	36.68	acres per	1,000	4,830	Acre(s)

VI. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS (con't.)

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Preliminary Facility Recommendations

Top Facility Recommendation Categories



1. Paved multi-use trails
2. Unpaved trails
3. Picnic shelters
4. Recreation / Fitness Centers
5. Playgrounds
6. Dog parks
7. Aquatic facilities
8. Historic sites
9. Community gardens
10. Canoe / kayak access
11. Park cafes and concessionaires in parks
12. Multi-purpose fields

Preliminary Facility Recommendations

Current Service and Highest Needs

Amenity:	2016 Inventory - Developed Facilities				Recommended Service Level			2026 Facility Standards	
	Nashville	Nashville Current Service Level based upon population			Recommended Service Levels: Revised for Local Service Area			Additional Facilities/ Amenities Needed	
OUTDOOR AMENITIES:									
Reservable Shelters	60	1.00	site per	11,014	1.00	site per	10,000	17	Sites(s)
Soccer Fields	67	1.00	field per	9,863	1.00	field per	8,000	30	Field(s)
Multi-Purpose Fields (Football, Cricket, Lacrosse)	16	1.00	field per	41,302	1.00	field per	15,000	36	Field(s)
Adult Ball Fields	52	1.00	field per	12,708	1.00	field per	12,000	13	Field(s)
Youth Ball Fields	34	1.00	field per	19,436	1.00	field per	10,000	43	Field(s)
Basketball Courts	28	1.00	court per	23,801	1.00	court per	7,000	83	Court(s)
Tennis Courts	147	1.00	court per	4,495	1.00	court per	4,495	25	Court(s)
Playgrounds	156	1.00	site per	4,236	1.00	site per	3,500	65	Site(s)
Dog Parks	7	1.00	site per	94,405	1.00	site per	50,000	8	Site(s)
Skate Park	2	1.00	site per	330,418	1.00	site per	70,000	9	Site(s)
Sand Volleyball	5	1.00	site per	132,167	1.00	site per	30,000	21	Site(s)
Paved Multi-Use Trails	80	0.12	miles per	1,000	0.25	miles per	1,000	114	Mile(s)
Unpaved Trails/ Hiking Trails	66	0.10	miles per	1,000	0.12	miles per	1,000	27	Mile(s)
Mountain Bike Trails	23	0.03	miles per	1,000	0.05	miles per	1,000	16	Mile(s)
Equestrian Trails	17	0.03	miles per	1,000	0.04	miles per	1,000	14	Mile(s)
Outdoor Pools	4	1.00	site per	165,209	1.00	site per	50,000	11	Site(s)
INDOOR AMENITIES:									
Community Center/Recreation/ Gymnasium/Fitness Facility (Square Feet)	750,069.00	1.14	SF per	person	1.50	SF per	person	411,396	Square Feet

VI. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS (con't.)

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Example Recommendations

Preliminary Facility Recommendations

Recreation Centers

- Add 411,396 sf of recreation centers.
- Add Multi-Generational Centers throughout the county to meet demand. Recommended size: 100,000 to 150,000 sf.

Field House / SportsPlex

Add 1 field house in the county to expand service. Recommended size: 150,000 sf.

Field Sports Complex

Add 1 regional tournament complex.

Park Cafes & Concessionaires

- Identify existing spaces in parks for early implementation
- Develop a strategy to include opportunities for more refreshments (food and drink) in urban parks



Preliminary Program Recommendations

Top Program Recommendation Categories

1. Outdoor Recreation programs
2. Exercise / Work-out classes
3. Health & Wellness programs
4. Art programs
5. Summer Enrichment programs
6. After school programs



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Preliminary **Program** Recommendations

Program Recommendations Overview



- Focus on expanding programs:
 - Expand hours and days available including more opportunities over the weekend
 - Engage volunteers and partner with outfitters / contractors to expand and optimize services
- Expanded program offerings are directly linked to available funding for staffing, operations, and facilities.
- As funding capacity is increased raise program awareness through promotion and marketing

Preliminary Recommendations Part 2

In-Process Work

- “In an effort to help Metro Parks achieve financial sustainability, there are two key ways to get there:
 - Incorporate sustainability management principles
 - Create more funding options”
- Select from a growing list of financial tools and strategies outside of traditional tax funding
 - Dedicated Funding
 - Program Fees
 - Department Revenue
 - Developer Funding

Mr. Hawkins announced that a Public Meeting will be scheduled in January or February 2017 to unveil the Parks and Greenways Master Plan.

VI. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS (con't.)

AWARD WINNERS FROM THE 2016 TENNESSEE RECREATION AND PARKS ASSOCIATION STATE CONFERENCE HELD IN MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

Glen Adkins and Staff received the Maynard Glenn Award for Most Outstanding Recreation Program by Personnel or Specialists, which is presented to park professionals for the Most Outstanding Recreation Program of the year. The department's disABILITIES program, which won the award, is a supervised recreation program for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Participants have access to fitness classes, open swim, ice skating, flag football, soccer, bowling, skiing, speed skating, snowboarding, basketball, bocce, aquatics, powerlifting, track & field, golf and compete in Special Olympics USA. In addition, participants take a number of field trips are planned during the year that allow exposure to a variety of unique settings such as Belcourt Theater, Cheekwood Botanical Gardens, Nature Cruises on the Cumberland River, and more. Another primary component of the program includes cultural arts, which allow participants to express their creativity. One of the drama programs, "*Songs Through Signs*," gives participants the opportunity to interpret music through sign language, while performing skits and monologues in front of an audience.

Four Star Award in the Festival/Special Event Category was presented to Celebrate Nashville. Celebrate Nashville, is held every October in Centennial Park and attracts more than 40,000 people. This event encourages dialogue and promotes the cross-cultural awareness and understanding so necessary in our communities while providing experiential opportunities for Nashvillians to meet their neighbors and experience their traditions. The festival provides an opportunity for members of more than 50 cultures to participate as performers, artists, small business owners, entrepreneurs, non-profit and service organizations in a high profile setting and creates unique exposure for their businesses, products, services, and art that may not be otherwise accessible.

Four Star Benefactor Award presented to The Comfort Group for Coleman Regional Center's Community Garden. The Comfort Group won the Four Star Benefactor Award for innovative work in developing a prototype for a successful hands-on garden for Coleman Park Community Center. After hearing about an innovative gardening program where neighborhood gardens are used to teach the community about nutrition in Shreveport, LA, The Comfort Group CEO, Bill Williams decided to take action. The kids in the center's summer program were involved throughout the planning and creation of the garden. The kids requested easy to pick and eat fruits like raspberries, blueberries, and strawberries and several vegetables which could be used in a variety of different cuisines, including Armenian cucumbers, cilantro, peppers, and several different herbs were added as well. The kids were involved every step of the way, from setting the stones to create the beds, to spreading compost, to planting and harvesting the vegetables. Since the creation of the garden, the after-school coordinators have included garden work in their programming; the kids have designed and made signs for the garden, watered regularly, and planned out what plants they would like to grow in the future.

VI. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS (con't.)

AWARD WINNERS FROM THE 2016 TENNESSEE RECREATION AND PARKS ASSOCIATION STATE CONFERENCE HELD IN MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

Tommy Lynch received the **2016 Fellow Award**. This award is the highest award TRPA can confer on an individual. This award recognizes professional members who have made outstanding contributions to the recreation field throughout their career. This award, highest honor the organization can bestow, was given in recognition of Tommy's outstanding contributions to the parks, recreation and conservation field over and above his normal and expected duties.

Tommy has been a Parks Department employee since 1971 and has served in variety of positions beginning with his employment as a Recreation Leader in one of the community centers. In 1980, he was named Superintendent of Revenue Producing Facilities; in 1983, Assistant Director of Parks/Revenue Producing Facilities and from 1995-1998 he assumed the duties of both Assistant Director of Finance and Administration and Revenue Producing Facilities. He was named Director of the department in 2010.

Since that time, he has overseen the acquisition of 3000+ acres of the total 15,873 acres through the Open Space Plan, preserving and protecting areas adjacent to the Cumberland River, as well as the Harpeth River, Mill Creek, Whites Creek and Richland Creek. He also directly leads eight assistant directors who currently oversee approximately 600 employees, 185 parks, 7 Regional Centers, 19 neighborhood centers, 4 nature centers, 10 aquatic features, 7 dog parks, 7 public golf courses, 200+ miles of trails and greenways, 35+ historic sites and structures, Centennial Sportsplex (fitness, tennis, aquatic and hockey facility), the Parthenon and a parks police force. Under his leadership, Metro Parks is currently developing a countywide Parks and Greenways Master Plan, which should be finalized in early 2017 shortly before his retirement.

Tommy is also credited with playing a major role in the development of the Nashville Parks Foundation. The mission of the Foundation is to support Metro Parks and its partners, to enhance public parks, promote sustainable growth of the park system and expand recreational opportunities throughout Davidson County.

VII. INTRODUCTION OF STAFF, NEW EMPLOYEES, VOLUNTEERS

VIII. METRO COUNCIL REFERRALS

IX. OLD BUSINESS

08-16-02

NINETY DAY REVIEW OF RESERVOIR PARK

Mr. Lynch reported that Reservoir Park hours have changed from daylight to 11:00 pm to daylight to 9:00 pm, new park signage has been installed and the lighting issues on the athletic courts have been resolved.

X. CONSENT AGENDA

12-16-01

BOARD APPROVES PERMITS FOR FACILITY USE FOR 2017

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Dr. Brannon, the board approved the following Permits for Facility Use for a period of one year contingent upon all 2016 permit obligations being met.

Bike the Greenway, Inc. – Wave Country Parking Area
Boys & Girls Clubs of Middle Tennessee – Cleveland Community Center
Cane Ridge Community Club-building in Cecil Rhea Crawford Park
Charlotte Park Little League-Charlotte Park ballfields
Donelson Community Club – Heartland Park
East Nashville Little League – 3 youth athletic fields in Shelby Park
GNASH – Centennial Sportsplex Ice Rinks
Harpeth Youth Soccer – Harpeth River Park Soccer Complex
Hands on Nashville – Mill Creek Greenway (Wimpole Drive property)
Joelton Community Club-Joelton-McDowell Community Park
Lakewood Dixie Youth – Lakewood Park
Metropolitan Action Commission-Dudley Community Center
Middle Tennessee Baseball Foundation-Seven Oaks Baseball Field
Mid State Sports Leagues – Fred Douglas Sports Field
Mid State Sports Leagues – Two Rivers Softball Field 1 & 2
Music City BMX--BMX Track-Hamilton Creek Park
Nashville Amateur Radio Club-Corps of Engineers Bldg/Lock II Park
Nashville Aquatic Club-Centennial Sportsplex Aquatic Center
Nashville Baseball Training Academy- Pitts Park
Nashville Junior Predators – Centennial Sportsplex Ice Rinks
Nashville Old Timers Baseball Association-Shelby Park Baseball Field
Nashville Paddle Company – Hamilton Creek Beach
Nashville Skating Academy – Centennial Sportsplex Ice Rinks
Nashville Sports Leagues – Paragon Mills Softball Field
Nashville Youth Hockey League – Centennial Sportsplex Ice Rinks
Nashville Youth Soccer League-Heartland Park Soccer Complex
Old Hickory Girls Softball League – Old Hickory Park (2 fields)
Oxbow Tourism, LLC-Pontoon – East Bank
RBI Association-2 youth ballfields-Seven Oaks Park
Southern Off Road Bicycle Association of Middle TN-Mountain Bike Trails in parks
Stones River Woman’s Club-Two Rivers Mansion
Una Recreation Center, Inc.-youth football fields–Una Park
United Nashville Sports Academy Inc. – property at 2314 Antioch Pike (parking)
West Nashville Sports League – baseball and softball fields - Warner Park
Whites Creek Community Club – 3854 Whites Creek Pike
Whites Creek High School – athletic fields at Whites Creek High School

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X. CONSENT AGENDA

12-16-02

BOARD APPROVES DECEMBER 2016 CONSENT AGENDA

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Dr. Brannon, the board approved the December 2016 consent agenda as presented.

AMPLIFICATION APPROVAL

- MNPD Victim Intervention Program Centennial Park Thurs., Dec. 8, 2016
22nd Annual Season to Remember Ceremony-Children's Memorial Garden
- Arbor Day Celebration Centennial Park Event Shelter Thurs., March 9, 2017
- RAM Racing-Hot Chocolate 5K/15K Centennial Park Roads Sat., Feb. 11, 2017
- Girls on the Run 5K East Bank Greenway Sat., May 6, 2017
- Hillsboro West End Neighbors Fannie Mae Dees Park Sun., May 21, 28,
Dragon Music Sundays June 4, 11, 2017
- Christine Warrilow-wedding Centennial Park Sunken Garden Sat., July 1, 2017
- Glenclyff Class of '97 Reunion Hartman Park Picnic Shelter Sat., July 15, 2017
- Nashville Striders, Inc.-15K/5K Shelby Park-Shelby Bottoms Boogie Sat., Oct. 7, 2017
- Metro Health Department-remembrance event-Centennial Event Shelter Sat., Oct. 14, 2007
- American Diabetes Association-walk Centennial Park Sun., Nov. 5, 2017

FUNDRAISING APPROVAL

- Institute for Educational Volunteer Program Two Rivers Park-Unity 5K Sat., March 25, 2016
- Nashville PITTIE/Pit Bull Awareness Day Centennial Event Shelter Sun., Oct. 22, 2017

AMPLIFICATION AND FUNDRAISING APPROVAL

- Barefoot Republic Camp-5K 4 Milk East Park Greenspace Tues., Jan. 16, 2017
- Alpha Delta Pi Alumnae Association Sevier Park-Hoppin' Hounds Egg Hunt Sat., April 8, 2017
- Nashville Paddle Co.-Music City SUP/Kayak Race Hamilton Creek Rec Area Sat., July 29, 2017
- MADD-Walk Like MADD Centennial Park-walk/race Sat., Sept. 9, 2017
- Nashville Pagan Pride Day, Inc. Two Rivers Park shelters 1-4 Sat., Sept., 30, 2017
- HACODEFU-Run for Literacy Two Rivers Park Shelters 1-4/greenway Sat., Oct., 14, 2017
- Autism Speaks Tennessee Walk Centennial Park Sat., Oct., 21, 2017

AMPLIFICATION AND ALCOHOL APPROVAL

- Team Magic, Inc.-Half Marathon East Bank Landing Sat., March 18, 2017
- Nashville Earth Day Festival Centennial Park Sat., April 22, 2017
- 19th Annual Grammy Block Party Cumberland Park Tues., May 9, 2017
- Jerry Tachoir - wedding Centennial Art Center Courtyard Sun., May 28, 2017
- Team Magic, Inc.-Triathlon East Bank Landing Sun., July 23, 2017
- Sarah Cadden-wedding Centennial Art Center Courtyard Sat., June 24, 2017
- C3 Presents Music City Food/Wine/Harvest Night Walk of Fame Park Sat., Sept. 16, 2017

X. CONSENT AGENDA

12-16-02 (con't.)

BOARD APPROVES DECEMBER 2016 CONSENT AGENDA

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Dr. Brannon, the board approved the December 2016 consent agenda as presented.

AMPLIFICATION, ALCOHOL AND FUNDRAISING APPROVAL

- iHeartMedia-Cars & Cigars East Bank Landing Sat., March 25, 2017
- Rhizome Productions/Ride for Reading East Park Sat., April 8, 2017
- Friends of Sevier Park-Sevier Park Fest Sevier Park May 5 and 6, 2017
- Nashville Junior Chamber Cumberland Park-Crawfish Boil Sat., May 13, 2017
- Nashville Pride Festival Public Square Park June 24 & 25, 2017
- Cystic Fibrosis Foundation Walk of Fame Park-corn hole tourney Thurs., Oct. 5, 2017
- Musicians Corner Centennial Park May 12/13, 19/20, 6/27; June 2/3, 9/10, 23/24; Aug. 4/5, 12, 19, 26; Sept. 2, 9, 16, 30; Oct. 20/21, 2017

POLITICAL RALLY

- Bruce Dobie-The Silent Inauguration Centennial Park Bandshell Fri., Jan. 20, 2017

12-16-03

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST FROM THE CONSERVANCY FOR THE
PARTHENON AND CENTENIAL PARK TO ACCEPT A GRANT TO FUND THE
SALARY OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE CONSERVANCY
FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2017**

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Dr. Brannon, the board approved the following item on the consent agenda as submitted.

Ms. Paula Van Slyke, Chairperson of The Conservancy for the Parthenon and Centennial Park, requests the Board to accept a grant in the amount of \$107,707.41 to fund the salary of Sylvia Rapoport, President of The Conservancy, January 1 through December 31, 2017 with Metro Parks' processing weekly timesheets and paychecks on an on-going basis.

X. CONSENT AGENDA (con't.)

12-16-04

BOARD APPROVES REQUEST FROM THE FRIENDS OF TWO RIVERS MANSION TO ACCEPT A GRANT TO FUND THE SALARY, 19 HOURS PER WEEK, OF LAURA CARRILLO FOR THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2017

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Dr. Brannon, the board approved the following item on the consent agenda as submitted.

Mr. Phil Howard, President of the Friends of Two Rivers Mansion, requests the board to accept a grant from The Friends of Two Rivers Mansion to provide the salary equivalent to 19 hours per week for the current fiscal year of 2016-17 ending June 30, 2017 for Laura Carrillo and with any costs associated with benefits are to be the responsibility of Metro Parks. (\$18,495.36)

XI. NEW BUSINESS

12-16-05

BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF MS. RENATA SOTO, REPRESENTING CONEXIÓN AMÉRICAS, TO NAME PARK PROPERTY LOCATED ADJACENT TO CASA AZAFRÁN "AZAFRÁN PARK"

Ms. Renata Soto, representing Conexión Américas, was present to request approval from the board to name park property located adjacent to Casa Azafrán "**Azafrán Park**".

Upon motion of Dr. Brannon, seconded by Ms. Garcia, the board approved this request as it meets the criteria of park and community center having like names for mapping and directional purposes and staff has suggested this would be an appropriate name. This request meets criteria of **Park Policy 3000.1 Naming Parks**.

12-16-06

BOARD ACCEPTS DONATION FROM MS. MARY O'NEIL TO BE USED TOWARD RENOVATION OF THE PROCTOR FAMILY BARN IN BEAMAN PARK

Upon motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Ms. Diaz-Flores, the board accepted a donation in the amount of \$18,000.00 from Ms. Mary O'Neil to be used solely for the renovation of the Proctor Family Barn in Beaman Park.

XI. NEW BUSINESS (con't.)

12-16-07

**BOARD ACCEPTS DONATION FROM GREENWAYS FOR NASHVILLE
TO BE USED TOWARD RENOVATION OF THE PROCTOR FAMILY BARN
IN BEAMAN PARK**

Upon motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Ms. Diaz-Flores, the board accepted a donation in the amount of \$10,000.00 from Greenways for Nashville to be used solely for the renovation of the Proctor Family Barn in Beaman Park.

12-16-08

**BOARD ACCEPTS DONATION FROM THE FRIENDS OF BEAMAN PARK
TO BE USED TOWARD RENOVATION OF THE PROCTOR FAMILY BARN
IN BEAMAN PARK**

Upon motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Ms. Diaz-Flores, the board accepted a donation in the amount of \$20,000.00 from the Friends of Beaman Park to be used solely for the renovation of the Proctor Family Barn in Beaman Park.

12-16-09

**BOARD GRANTS PIEDMONT GAS COMPANY TEMPORARY EASEMENTS
IN CEDAR HILL PARK**

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick seconded by Ms. Garcia, the board granted temporary easements to Piedmont Gas Company to perform work on existing lines which have permanent easements in Cedar Hill Park. Because Piedmont already has permanent easements this request does not have to go to the Acquisition and Disposition of the board as per section **3000.25 ACQUISITION AND DISPOSITION OF PARK PROPERTY** in the Park Policy Manual.

12-16-10

**BOARD APPROVES ANNUAL PERMIT WITH MDG MANAGEMENT
TO DEVELOP AN ELITE YOUTH HOCKEY PROGRAM**

Upon motion Ms. Garcia, seconded by Dr. Brannon, the board approved the establishment of a *Permit for Facility Use* with MDG Management for use of the ice rinks and designated rooms at the Centennial Sportsplex for the development of an elite youth hockey program. This permit takes effect January 1, 2017 and is renewable on an annual calendar year basis.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

12-16-11

**BOARD APPROVES AGREEMENT BETWEEN CSX AND METRO PARKS
DEFINING TERMS FOR CONTINUED USE OF AN EXISTING AT-GRADE
CROSSING THAT ACCESSES THE BURCH RESERVE OF EDWIN WARNER PARK
FOR SERVICE AND EMERGENCY VEHICLES**

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Mr. Anderson, the board unanimously approved agreement as submitted.

During the design phase of the Burch Reserve Phase Two project (tunnel) an agreement between CSX and Metro Parks was executed. Metro Parks and Metro Legal believed this to be the final agreement needed to proceed with the project. A construction contract was bid and awarded with work to begin in May 2016. Once the project was transferred to CSX's construction division, CSX re-opened negotiations. The issue has revolved around an existing at-grade crossing which is important for both maintenance and emergency access to the Burch Reserve; the general public will not have access. Metro Legal happens to have been negotiating with CSX on non-Parks related issues elsewhere in Nashville which has added to the complexity of this issue. The new agreement allows Parks to keep the crossing in exchange for an annual payment to CSX of \$1,120. The only alternative appears to be prolonged negotiations that are not in the best interest of the project, Metro Parks or of Metro overall. The agreement can be terminated if in the future Parks determines that the crossing is no longer needed.

XII. CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE – Tim Netsch

Mr. Netsch reported:

- **Casa Azafran** hazmat study complete. Remediation/demolition to begin January 2017. Design phase underway by CA.
- **Fort Negley Pilot Structural Repair Project** – Design is complete. Construction contract awarded and will begin January 2017.
- **New Park in Goodlettsville.** Design is underway with public meeting to be scheduled early 2017.
- Master Plan for Kellytown is complete with an update to the board in January 2017 as well as suggestion for naming.
- Construction contract awarded for Madison Regional Center – should begin January 2017.
- Construction contract awarded for Smith Springs Regional Center – should begin January 2017.
- Edwin Warner Burch Reserve Connector – Phase Two. CSX contract dispute resolved with construction restarting early 2017.

Shain Dennison submitted the following Update on Greenways/Open Space:

440 Greenway Phase I Centennial to Elmington Parks

- Construction bidding underway; winter start

440 Greenway Phase II

- ROW Acquisition Pending TDOT Approval (corridor from Elmington Park to I65 split)
- Design and Engineering Gale Lane to Brown's Creek underway

Cumberland River Greenway Opry Mills Connector

- TDOT grant application pending; preliminary design underway

Harpeth River Greenway Soccer to 70

- Design and Engineering underway

Mill Creek Greenway at Rivendell

- Complete

Mill Creek Greenway at Orchard Bend Park

- Construction bidding underway

Richland Creek Greenway England to West Parks

- Conceptual routing and preliminary analysis underway

Stones River Greenway Percy Priest Trailhead

- Complete

Whites Creek Greenway at Clarksville Highway Phase I

- 90% complete (bridge delivery 30 days)

XIII. UPCOMING SPECIAL ACTIVITIES/EVENTS – Public Information Staff

Ms. Jackie Jones announced the following events for December:

First Folio	Parthenon	Nov.10, 2016-Jan. 8, 2017
Art Center Holiday Sale	Centennial Art Center	Nov. 15-Dec. 13, 2016
Predators Outdoor Ice Rink	Walk of Fame Park	Nov. 28, 2016-Feb. 20, 2017
Richland Park Farmers Mkt	Richland Park	Saturdays thru Dec. 31, 2016
MNPD Season to Remember	Centennial Park	Thurs., Dec. 8, 2016
Music City Winterfest	Sevier Park	Saturday, Dec. 10, 2016
Centennial Ballet Mini-Nutcracker	Harpeth Hall	December 2-4, 2016
Menorah Lighting	Public Square Park	Tuesday, December 20, 2016

XIV. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Lynch began his report regarding the clearing of Fort Negley. He stated that lack of communication, both internally and externally, is to blame and he is taking full responsibility. He also reported that currently Parks is pausing on Fort Negley; however, in an effort to curtail erosion hydro-seeding will be implemented in the near future. Moving forward Parks will establish guidelines with regard to historic sites and Monique Odom, Deputy Director of Parks, will lead this effort. The following statement was released to the media and public with regard to Fort Negley:

We are very much aware of the concerns people may have regarding the loss of trees at Fort Negley. We want to assure people that the clearing of the hillside surrounding the Fort Negley structure is part of the long-term management strategy that was recommended in the Fort Negley Master Plans of 1996, 2007 and the 2014 Historic Structures Report.

The selective clearing of vegetation on approximately 11 acres at the base of the fort is intended to:

- *Return the fort and surrounding historic remnants to a landscape condition that is appropriate for the historic context.*
- *Slow the deterioration and failure of the fort structures and surrounding historic features caused by the uncontrolled growth and spread of exotic invasive vegetation.*
- *Visually expose the historic fort structure and views, providing better and safer public access to the important educational and heritage site.*

In our efforts to be good stewards of the nearly 16,000 acres of land and 8,262 acres of tree canopy that we manage, we sometimes fail to communicate with all our stakeholders. This is one of those times. With that being said, it is our plan to plant evergreens and other native species on the hillside surrounding the Fort and throughout the park.

Ultimately, this will result in more trees planted than were lost and the restoration of the fort's historic viewsheds. This work along with the planned stonework restoration will result in an improved visitor experience that helps tell the story of one of Nashville's most important Civil War and African-American heritage sites.

Board Chairperson Christy Smith stated that organizations do misstep and the board is standing firm behind Tommy and the Parks Department knowing that he is addressing all external issues, as well as internal issues with staff.

In regard to the former Greer Stadium site in Fort Negley, Mr. Lynch reported that the public meetings have been held and currently working with Metro Planning on the development of a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the area.

XV. ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Ms. Brenda Diaz-Flores requested that presentations regarding the Master Plan for Kellytown and the ongoing construction phases of Casa Azafrán and Azafrán Park be communicated to the board periodically.

Mr. George Anderson stated that Parks needs to be consistent in their expectations and measurements of the current friends groups. He has requested a list of what is required of Friends' Groups and has asked that a tool be developed to confirm that they are meeting all requirements with consistency and transparency.

Mr. Anderson requested that the Nashville Parks Foundation provide an update to the Parks Board at their January 2017 meeting.

Board Chairperson Christy Smith advised the board that Mayor Barry's office is addressing attendance of all members on Metro Government Boards and asked board members to be diligent in attending meetings.

Chairperson Smith mentioned that she had met with Mayor Barry regarding establishing a sub-committee to assist in the search for the next Director of Parks after Mr. Lynch's retirement. At that statement both Mr. Fossick and Mr. Anderson commented to her that the Parks Board appoints the Director of Parks. Chairperson Smith stated that she understood that, but present rules do not preclude using stakeholders to assist the Board with the process.

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

Thomas M. Lynch, Director

Christy Smith, Chairperson