

# **METROPOLITAN BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION**

## **MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING**

**August 6, 2013**

A meeting of the Board of Parks and Recreation of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee was held on Tuesday, August 6, 2013 at 12:00 pm in the Centennial Park Boardroom, 2565 Park Plaza, Nashville, TN. Board members present were: Mr. George Anderson, Mr. Stan Fossick, Ms. Elizabeth Chase, Dr. Jo Ann Brannon and Mr. Phil Ponder. Mr. Charles McTorry and Ms. Juliana Ospina-Cano were not in attendance.

Staff present were: Assistant Directors: Mr. Mike Bays, Consolidated Maintenance; Mr. Paul Widman, Recreation; Special Projects Managers: Mr. Tim Netsch, Special Projects Manager-Planning/Facilities; Ms. Shain Dennison, Greenways; and Mr. Jim Hester, Special Events; Superintendents: Ms. Monique Odom, Administration and Finance and Ms. Jackie Jones, Public Information; Capt. Chris Taylor/Park Police and **Mr. Ted Morrisey, representing the Metro Legal Department.**

### **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD JULY 2, 2013 APPROVED**

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Mr. Ponder, the Board approved the minutes of the board meetings held Tuesday, July 2, 2013 as submitted.

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

##### **MS. NANCY DORMAN UPDATES BOARD ON THE FRIENDS OF BEAMAN PARK**

Ms. Nancy Dorman, President of Friends of Beaman Park was present to advise the board that Beaman Parks' Handicap Accessible and Interpretive Trail received a national award for the Friends of Beaman Park recently.

Seven trail projects from across the country were chosen as recipients in the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Achievement Awards in recognition for the outstanding use of Recreational Trails Program funds during the *Great Outdoors Week 2013* celebration. The centerpiece of the Beaman project was the construction of a 300-foot long boardwalk which connects to the Beaman Park Nature Center then loops back on a 300-foot long, barrier free firm surface trail creating a quarter-mile loop. The project also includes decks and seating for visitors to sit and enjoy the quiet wooded setting.

Nancy stated that it was never thought of as an ADA project as it was always about providing access for a wide variety of users from families with strollers to older folks. She said the Friends of Beaman Park were awarded an \$85,000 grant from the Federal Highways Administration (FHA) in 2009 and a \$20,000 grant, which provided the required matching funds for the FHA grant, from the Memorial Foundation of Hendersonville.

The majority of expenditures on the project were for the purchase of construction materials and supplies. Over the course of the three-year project, volunteers included members of the Nashville Hiking Meetup, the Tennessee Trails Association, Vanderbilt and Belmont University students, the Davidson County Sheriff's Department Inmate Labor Crew, Hands on Nashville, and two Eagle Scout projects.

**VI. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS**

**WARNER PARKS BLUEBIRD RESEARCH PROJECT NAMED  
WILDLIFE CONSERVATIONIST OF THE YEAR**

Ms. Vera Vollbrecht was present to advise the board of the Warner Parks Bluebird Research Project being named Wildlife Conservationist of the Year by the Tennessee Wildlife Federation. Founded in 1946, the Tennessee Wildlife Federation is dedicated to the conservation, sound management, and enjoyment of Tennessee's wildlife and natural resources for current and future generations through stewardship, advocacy and education.

Vera stated that the Warner Parks Bluebird Research Project is the longest-running program of its type in the United States. Ornithologist Amelia Laskey began the program 77 years ago in 1936 and over those years, the bluebird project has continued generating interest within the birding community and today, there are fifty (50) bluebird boxes located throughout Percy Warner and Edwin Warner parks which and are monitored weekly."

The Conservation Achievement Awards ceremony, now in its 48th consecutive year, was held at the Ed Jones Auditorium at Nashville's Ellington Agricultural Center.

**METRO ARTS COMMISSION PRESENTS PLANS  
FOR PROPOSED ARTWORK IN PUBLIC SQUARE PARK**

Ms. Jennifer Cole, Director of the Metro Arts Commission, appeared before the board to present preliminary plans for artwork to be placed in Public Square Park and requested approval for the installation of a Civil Rights inspired public artwork with an artists' budget of \$300,000 for Public Square. This artwork will replace art previous placed in Public Square Park and removed because of frequent vandalism. This artwork has been relocated to the courtyard of the downtown location of the public library.

Civil Rights Veterans and community feedback have indicated a desire for a traditional memorial to the movement which will require:

- Pedestrian plaza with 360° approach
- Significant landscape surround
- Appropriate signage, including artwork label and statement of significance
- A contemplative space
- Representational work (figurative or photographic)

Ms. Cole indicated that twenty (20) locations were identified, with only three (3) being property owned by the Metropolitan Government. Initially the Public Square Park location was not considered, but with the Fifth Avenue location not accommodating to the proposed art, Public Square became a primary location because of its proximity with the history of the Civil Rights movement.

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FOR PROPOSED ARTWORK IN PUBLIC SQUARE PARK (con't.)**

The Public Square Park site will allow:

- Seating and landscape elements
- Pedestrian interaction without disrupting retail activity
- Larger work and larger budget
- Historical signage

**Historical Significance of this site:**

It was here that Mayor Ben West met the protestors and conceded to Diane Nash of Fisk University that he felt that segregation was wrong and that lunch counters should be desegregated. This site represents a reconciliation site rather than a confrontation site.

**Artists currently being considered:**

**Richard Hunt**

Born 1935 in Chicago, IL and presently resides and works there. He has an abstract expressionist style fusing art, architecture and the environment to create sculptures that suggest organic forms and humanistic qualities.

- Had major solo exhibition at the Museum of Modern Art in
- Completed more public sculptures than any artist in country and received Lifetime Achievement Award from International Sculpture Center in 2009
- Currently creating public art for the Romare Bearden Park in Charlotte, NC

**Preston Jackson**

Born 1944 in Decatur, IL and presently resides and works in Dunlap, IL. Creator of bronze abstract figurative work; monumental steel and cast bronze sculpture, as well as two-dimensional work.

- Professor emeritus and former chair of Sculpture Department at School of the Art Institute of Chicago
- His large scale sculptures center on where we have been and where we are going, both in an historical and a philosophical sense
- Currently co-owns The Checkered Raven Gallery, home of the Contemporary Art Center in Peoria, IL

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**Martin Puryear**

Born in 1941 in Washington, DC and presently resides and works in Upstate New York. Reflecting great thought, his work is assembled in a minimalist, simple design while rejecting the association with Minimalism.

- Taught at Fisk University from 1971-1973
- Received National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship, 1978
- Guggenheim Memorial Foundation Grant, 1984
- MacArthur Foundation Fellowship, 1989
- São Paulo Bienal, grand prize,
- His sculptures are in the collections of the Guggenheim Museum, the Whitney Museum, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and the National Gallery
- Currently designing a slavery memorial at Brown University

As per Parks Board policy 3000.42, Acquisition/Installation of Public Art in Parks, the board deferred this request to the Public Art committee of the Board to be considered at their September 2013 meeting.

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

**VIII. METRO COUNCIL REFERRALS**

**IX. OLD BUSINESS**

**04-12-40**

**BOARD DEFERS REQUEST TO NAME PARK PROPERTY LOCATED AT WEST  
HAMILTON AND CLARKSVILLE HIGHWAY – G. C. GARRETT PARK**

As per park policy 3000.1 Naming of Parks, the board deferred this request to the Naming Committee of the Board to be considered at their September 2013 meeting.

**X. CONSENT AGENDA**

**08-13-01**

**BOARD APPROVES AUGUST CONSENT AGENDA**

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Mr. Ponder, the board approved the consent agenda as submitted.

**AMPLIFICATION APPROVAL**

- Lashaker Jones/picnic Cane Ridge Park areas 1 & 2 Sunday, Sept. 1, 2013
- Islamic Center of Centennial Front Lawn Sunday Aug. 11, 2013  
Nashville End of Ramadan Celebration
- Yahoo! Cumberland Park/concert Friday, Sept. 6, 2013
- Recover Fest 2013 Cumberland Park/Festival Saturday, Sept. 14, 2013
- Provision International Cumberland Park/Worship Event Sat., October 5, 2013
- Laura Rosser/wedding Fannie Mae Dees Park Saturday, Nov. 2, 2013
- Family Affair Ministries South Inglewood Park Saturday, Aug. 10, 2013  
Back to School Bash
- Nations Neighborhood Inc. Richland Park Tuesday, Aug. 6, 2013  
Nashville Night Out Against Crime
- What Do You Run For? Riverfront Park/Run Saturday, Jan. 4, 2014
- Fit 5280 Shelby Park/Run-Walk Saturday, Nov. 23, 2013
- Vickie Randle/picnic Warner Park Friday, October 4, 2013
- Myasthenia Gravis Fnd. Warner Park Saturday, Nov. 16, 2013

**AMPLIFICATION AND FUNDRAISING APPROVAL**

- ALSAC/St. Jude Centennial/Run-Walk Saturday, Nov 23, 2013
- Belly Rubs Bassett Rescue Centennial Event Shelter Saturday, June 7, 2014
- Prevent Child Abuse TN Shelby Bottoms/Run-Walk Saturday, Dec. 14, 2013

**ALCOHOL APPROVAL**

- Ashley Holt/wedding Centennial Event Shelter Sunday, Sept. 1, 2013

**ALCOHOL AND AMPLIFICATION APPROVAL**

- Rebecca Ramirez/wedding Cumberland Park Saturday, May 10, 2014
- C3 Presents/food festival Public Square Park Saturday, Sept. 21, 2013  
Sunday, Sept. 22, 2013
- Sherpa Concerts Riverfront Park/concert Friday, Aug. 23, 2013
- Living Well Events Sevier Park-Harvest Festival Friday, Oct. 18, 2013
- C3 Presents/food festival Walk of Fame Park Saturday, Sept. 21, 2013

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**08-13-01 (con't.)**

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**FUNDRAISING APPROVAL**

- American Diabetes Assc. Centennial Bandshell/walk-run Saturday, Nov. 9, 2013
- Victim2Victory and Hadley Bandshell/walk-run Saturday, Oct. 5, 2013  
Beat Knockin' Radio
- Bellevue Bell Garden Harpeth River Greenway Saturday, Sept. 14, 2013

**ALCOHOL, AMPLIFICATION AND FUNDRAISING APPROVAL**

- Ride for Reading East Park/Beer Festival Saturday, April 12, 2014
- Experience Art Walk of Fame Park Saturday, Oct. 5, 2013  
in Memphis Southern Hotwing Festival Sunday, Oct. 6-raindate
- Volunteer State Warner Park Equestrian Areas Saturday, May 10, 2014  
Horsemen's Foundation Iroquois Steeplechase

**XI. NEW BUSINESS**

**08-13-02**

**BOARD DEFERS REQUEST OF OPTIMA TOWERS IV, LLC TO ENTER INTO A LEASE TO LOCATE A WIRELESS TOWER IN EDWIN WARNER PARK**

Mr. James Murphy, representing Bradley Arant Boult Cummings, LLP and on behalf of Optima Towers IV, LLC, was present to request permission to enter into a lease to locate a 195 foot wireless tower on Old Hickory Blvd. in Edwin Warner Park at the ball field site from the board.

As per park policy 3000.25, Acquisition and Disposition of Park Property, the board deferred this request to the Acquisition/Disposition Committee of the Board to be considered at their September 2013 meeting.

**08-13-03**

**BOARD DEFERS REQUEST OF ALL THE KINGS MEN TO PURCHASE AND INSTALL A PICNIC PAVILION IN WATKINS PARK**

As per park policy 3000.25, Acquisition and Disposition of Park Property, the board deferred this request to the Acquisition/Disposition Committee of the Board to be considered at their September 2013 meeting.

**XI. NEW BUSINESS**

**08-13-04**

**BOARD GRANTS PERMISSION TO THE OLD HICKORY GIRL'S SOFTBALL ORGANIZATION TO ENTER INTO A PERMIT FOR FACILITY USE FOR THE REMAINDER OF 2013 EFFECTIVE AUGUST 6, 2013**

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Ms. Chase, the Board granted approval to the Old Hickory Girl's Softball Organization to enter into a Permit for Facility Use for the remainder of 2013 for use of two (2) youth ball fields in Old Hickory, TN.

**08-13-05**

**BOARD DEFERS REQUEST OF STAFF TO ACCEPT GREENWAY TRAIL AND OPEN SPACE AT ROLLING MILL HILL FROM THE METROPOLITAN DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING AUTHORITY FOR THE CUMBERLAND RIVER GREENWAY SYSTEM**

Ms. Shain Dennison, representing Metro Parks Greenways/Open Space Division, Was present to request acceptance of greenway trail and open space at Rolling Mill Hill from the Metropolitan Development and Housing Authority for the Cumberland River Greenway system, which includes a Memorandum of Agreement for Map and Parcel 09311025600 for the existing trail switchback and sidewalk trail to Korean Veterans Boulevard, and fee simple acceptance of the open space, containing 1.10 acres of the Rolling Mill Hill subdivision phase I, Map & Parcel 09311025400 from the board.

As per park policy 3000.25, Acquisition and Disposition of Park Property, the board deferred this request to the Acquisition/Disposition Committee of the Board to be considered at their September 2013 meeting.

**08-13-06**

**BOARD DEFERS REQUEST OF STAFF TO APPLY FOR AND ULTIMATELY ACCEPT A GRANT FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION TO COMPLETE A PRAIRIE FLOWER BIORETENTION AREA IN SOUTH INGLEWOOD PARK**

As per park policy 3000.25, Acquisition and Disposition of Park Property, the board deferred this request to the Acquisition/Disposition Committee of the Board to be considered at their September 2013 meeting.

**XII. UPCOMING SPECIAL ACTIVITIES/EVENTS**

Ms. Jackie Jones distributed information regarding the following upcoming events in Metro Parks:

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| • Shakespeare In The Park  | Centennial Park    | Aug. 15 – Sept. 15                |
| • Jazz on the Cumberland   | Cumberland Park    | Aug. 18; Sept. 15; Oct. 20        |
| • Live on the Green        | Public Square Park | Aug. 8, 15, 22, 29; Sept. 5, 12   |
| • Brown Bag Lunch Concerts | Centennial Park    | Aug. 8, 22; Sept. 12, 26; Oct. 26 |
| • Big Band Dance           | Centennial Park    | Aug. 10, 17 and 24                |
| • Full Moon Pickin’ Party  | Warner Park        | Aug. 23; Sept. 20; Oct. 18        |
| • Music at the Mansion     | Two Rivers Mansion | Aug. 17 and Sept. 7               |

**XIII. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR**

Mr. Lynch welcomed Captain Taylor back from bereavement leave.

Mr. Lynch distributed 2 articles from national publications to the board:

- Private Businesses in Public Parks
- Pillars of our Communities – Conservation, Health and Wellness and Social Equity

Mr. Lynch announced:

- Foder’s Travel Corporation named Warner Park’s Red Trail and Mossy Ridge as best trail in the United States.
- Sponsorship Policy is going to Council and should come back to the board in September or October.

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

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

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**Thomas M. Lynch, Director**

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**George Anderson, Chairperson**