

METROPOLITAN BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

November 5, 2013

A meeting of the Board of Parks and Recreation of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee was held on Tuesday, November 5, 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, Mr. Charles McTorry, Ms. Elizabeth Chase, Ms. Juliana Ospina-Cano and Dr. Jo Ann Brannon. Mr. Phil Ponder was not in attendance.

Staff present were: Assistant Director: Mr. Mike Bays, Consolidated Maintenance; Special Projects Managers: Ms. Monique Odom, Administration and Finance; Ms. Sally Davis, Community Recreation; Ms. Shain Dennison, Greenways; Mr. Tim Netsch, Planning and Facilities; Mr. John Holmes, Revenue Producing Facilities; and Mr. Jim Hester, Special Events; Capt. Chris Taylor/Park Police; Ms. Jackie Jones, Superintendent/Public Information and **Mr. Ted Morrissey, representing the Metro Legal Department.**

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD OCTOBER 1, 2013 APPROVED

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Ms. Chase, the Board approved the minutes of the board meeting held Tuesday, October 1, 2013 as submitted.

VI. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

Mr. Bill Coke, Mayor of Forest Hills, and Joe Hodgson of Hodgson and Douglas Landscape Architects were present to inform the board of a seven (7) acre lot located at the corner of Hillsboro Road and Old Hickory Boulevard referred to as "Kellytown".

In the late 1990's, the Tennessee Department of Transportation was considering adding a turning lane at Hillsboro Road and Old Hickory Boulevard; however, before construction could be considered state archaeologists had to research for any possible archaeological sites in area slated for construction. In 1999 an investigation of approximately 30 feet showed evidence of 12 structures, sections of two (2) palisade lines with bastions, seven (7) human graves and domestic cultural deposits associated with a Mississippian Period village (said period was from A.D. 950 to 1450) Some of these artifacts are now on display at the Forest Hills City Hall. They include bowls in the shape of frogs, earrings, daub walls, and remnants of corn and nuts. The site was named "Kellytown" in honor of the Kelly family who owned the property at the time and a large part of the "Kellytown" village remains and is still capable of yielding important information about the era.

In 2002, the Regency Realty Group purchased roughly seven acres of the Kellytown site to develop as a commercial site. In 2008, a proposal was made to the Metro Planning Commission that the property be rezoned from R-40 to SP-MNR to build a strip mall. Metro Planning conducted a public hearing at Congregation Micah in November of that year and over 200 residents from Forest Hills and the surrounding Metro neighborhoods came to this meeting in opposition to any development on the site. The Metro Planning staff denied the request for the zoning change.

VI. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

Although Kellytown is in Metro-Davidson County just across Old Hickory Boulevard from the Forest Hills City Hall, the Board of Commissioners of the City of Forest Hills has long advocated that the Kellytown site not be developed for commercial purposes but rather that it be preserved and maintained for the public as open space. In 2008, the City of Forest Hills issued the Green Community Framework Report to develop strategies for protecting community character and preserving important open spaces in the community and this included the Kellytown archaeological site.

To begin to develop conceptual plans for the site, the City of Forest Hills has contracted with Joe Hodgson of Hodgson and Douglas Landscape Architects. A committee has been formed to work with architectural firm and to develop a plan for preservation of the site. Members of this committee include members of the Forest Hills Board of Commissioners; representatives from Metro Parks, Metro Historical Commission, and Congregation Micah; the Tennessee state archaeologist; TDOT archaeologists; citizens of both Forest Hills and neighboring Metro Nashville neighborhoods, and Metro Council Representative Carter Todd. Matt Foster, attorney for the City of Forest Hills, has met with Karl Dean, Mayor of Nashville and Davidson County and Mayor Dean is very enthusiastic about the property.

A “Friends of Kellytown” 501(c)(3) has been established to receive funds; however, 1.2 million dollars is needed by March 2014 to purchase said property. This group does not want to own or maintain the site but because the property strategically fits the description of a park and/or greenway discussions have centered on preserving the Kellytown site as a Metro park with a fitness trail loop and markers interpreting the Mississippian Period of its history. Purchase of this tract of land will require funding from Forest Hills and Metro governments as well as grants from foundations, nonprofits, and interested individuals and once acquired they would like Parks to oversee property.

VII. INTRODUCTION OF STAFF, NEW EMPLOYEES, VOLUNTEERS

Mr. Lynch introduced Mr. Jephy Harr to the Board and thanked him for his act of heroism. Jep was on-duty all day making sure that the electricity was working properly in Centennial Park for the popular Celebrate Nashville Cultural Festival. As he was working to outlet solve the intricate electrical challenges that sometimes crop up during live events Jep was called to address a major problem at the Thomas Frist Centennial Sportsplex. After completing the service call for the Sportsplex, he was on his way back to the main festival area of Centennial Park when he heard calls for help. Witnesses stated a man had fallen into Lake Watauga and seemed to be in distress. Jep never hesitated and jumped into the lake and with the help of two bystanders, Allison and Daniel Beyer, got the man out of the lake and onto the sidewalk where with the help of EMTs, the Police and Fire departments, he was eventually revived. After the gentleman (who was unconscious and had turned blue), was transported to the hospital, both staffers and patrons were amazed as Jep went back to addressing electrical issues in the park. The gentleman, after spending a few days in the hospital, was released and is now recuperating at home.

VIII. METRO COUNCIL REFERRALS - NONE

IX. OLD BUSINESS - NONE

X. CONSENT AGENDA

11-13-01

BOARD APPROVES NOVEMBER CONSENT AGENDA

Upon motion of Dr. Brannon, seconded by Ms. Chase the Board approved the consent agenda as submitted.

AMPLIFICATION APPROVAL

- Fit5280 Shelby Park/Retro Run 5K Sat., November 23, 2013
- Japan/America Society Public Square-walk & festival Sat., April 12, 2014
- Hume Fogg Class of 1973 Centennial Event Shelter Sat., May 10, 2014
- Ray of Hope Church Shelby Park – walk Fri., June 6, 2014
- Team Magic/Triathlon East Bank Greenway & T-Dock Fri., July 25-27, 2014
- Katie Plemons Cumberland Park-wedding Sat., October 11, 2014

FUNDRAISING APPROVAL

- Nashville Striders, Inc. Shelby Park/Bottoms-run Sat., March 8, 2014
- Eating Disorders of TN Centennial Bandshell/walk Sat., March 22, 2014
- Children's Tumor Fnd. Centennial Bandshell/walk Sat., May 10, 2014
- Arthritis Fnd. Centennial Bandshell/walk Sat., May 17, 2014
- Nashville Humane Assc. Centennial Bandshell/festival Sat., September 20, 2014

AMPLIFICATION AND FUNDRAISING APPROVAL

- St. Jude Hospital/walk Centennial Front Lawn Sat., November 23, 2013
- National MS Society/walk Warner Special Events area Sat., April 12, 2014

ALCOHOL AND AMPLIFICATION APPROVAL

- Nashville Film Festival Walk of Fame Park April 18-26, 2014
- Lynn Hodges Cumberland Park/wedding Sat., June 21, 2014
- Tuned In Broadcasting Public Square/Live on Green Thurs., Aug. 7, 14, 21, 28, and Sept. 4, 11, 2014

ALCOHOL, AMPLIFICATION AND FUNDRAISING APPROVAL

- Jr. Chamber of Commerce Cumberland Park/crawfish boil Sat., April 19, 2014
- Friends of Sevier Park Sevier Park/festival & concert Sat., May 3, 2014
- Volunteer State Horsemen Warner Park/steeplechase Sat., May 10, 2014
- Hootenanny Events East Park/musical festival Sat., May 24, 31, June 7, 14, 21, 28, July 5, 12, 2014
- Cumberland River Compact Riverfront/Dragon Boat Festival Sat., September 6, 2014

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SPECIAL EVENT APPROVAL

- Center for Jewish Awareness Riverfront Park Nov. 25 – Dec. 31, 2013
(Lighting of the Menorah-date TBD)

XI. NEW BUSINESS

11-13-02

BOARD DEFERS REQUEST OF MR. ED FREEMAN, REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CITY OF BELLE MEADE, WITH REFERENCE TO A PAGE ROAD LOT LOCATED IN WARNER PARK TO THE BOARD'S ACQUISITION COMMITTEE

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Ms. Chase, the board referred request of Mr. Ed Freeman, representing the City of Belle Meade, to accept the donation of foliage and landscaping with long term maintenance of the Page Road lot in Warner Park for beautification purposes to the Parks Board's Acquisition Committee as per park policy 3000.25 to be heard at their meeting scheduled on December 3, 2013.

11-13-03

BOARD GRANTS PERMISSION TO MS. WESLEY PAINE, DIRECTOR OF THE PARTHENON, TO ADD A \$1.00 SURCHARGE TO ALL PARTHENON ADMISSIONS BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 1 – DECEMBER 31, 2014 TO FUND A MAJOR EXHIBITION AT THE PARTHENON

Ms. Wesley Paine, Director of the Parthenon, was present to request permission from the Board to add a \$1.00 surcharge to all admissions between September 1 and December 31, 2014 to defray the cost and to match anticipated grant funding of a major exhibition ***FLEX IT! My Body, My Temple***. NOTE: The Conservancy of the Parthenon and Centennial Park will manage and collect the surcharge).

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Ms. Ospina-Cano, the board approved this request. This request was approved by the Metro Finance Department contingent upon board approval; also, a similar request was approved by the board for the Homer Exhibit housed at the Parthenon in 2001.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

11-13-04

REQUEST OF THE METRO GREENWAYS COMMISSION DEFERRED TO THE NAMING COMMITTEE OF THE PARKS BOARD AS PER PARK POLICY 3000.1

Ms. Ann Tidwell, Metro Greenways Commission Chair, submitted correspondence to the Board requesting the establishment of policy which will allow honorary naming of secondary trails, picnic shelters, overlooks and other physical features while continuing Metro Parks current practice of naming greenway trails for nearby waterways or other natural features and naming trailheads for nearby streets and physical landmarks.

This request was deferred as per park policy 3000.1.

11-13-05

BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF GREENWAYS FOR NASHVILLE TO ACCEPT UP TO \$300,000 IN REIMBURSEMENT OF OPEN SPACE FUNDING

Ms. Shain Dennison, representing Greenways for Nashville, was present to request the Board to accept up to \$300,000 as pledged for land acquisition projects in reimbursement of Open Space funding. This is pre-approval to accept reimbursement of Open Space Funds through invoicing Greenways for Nashville for up to \$152,000 in contributions and pledges it has raised from individuals and organizations toward the Stones River Farm, to accept a contribution of \$100,000 it received from The Memorial Foundation toward acquisition of Lakewood Park and greenway land, reimbursement of \$10,000 raised for Peeler Park improvements, and up to \$38,000 obtained for the Richland Creek Greenway

Upon motion of Ms. Chase, seconded by Dr. Brannon, the board approved acceptance of reimbursement up to \$300,000 for open space funding.

11-13-06

BOARD DEFERS APPROVAL TO NAME NEW PARK LAND ALONG THE MILL CREEK GREENWAY SYSTEM AS PER PARK POLICY 3000.1

Staff was present to request approval to name new park land along the Mill Creek Greenway system from the board.

As per park policy 3000.1, the board referred approval to name new park land along the Mill Creek Greenway system to the Parks Board's Naming Committee to be heard at their meeting scheduled on Tuesday, December 3, 2013.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

11-13-07

BOARD DEFERS APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF A GREENWAY EASEMENT ON THE WHITES CREEK GREENWAY SYSTEM AS PER PARK POLICY 3000.25

Staff was present to request acceptance of a greenway easement for the Whites Creek greenway system from the board.

As per park policy 3000.25, the board referred acceptance of a greenway easement for the Whites Creek Greenway system to the Parks Board's Acquisition Committee to be heard at their meeting scheduled on Tuesday, December 3, 2013.

11-13-08

BOARD DEFERS REQUEST TO ACQUIRE VACANT LOTS FOR OPEN SPACE USE AS PER PARK POLICY 3000.25

Staff was present to request permission to acquire vacant lots located at 723, 727 and 731 Madison Avenue for open space use from the board.

As per park policy 3000.25, the board referred acceptance of a greenway easement for the Whites Creek Greenway system to the Parks Board's Acquisition Committee to be heard at their meeting scheduled on Tuesday, December 3, 2013.

XII. UPCOMING SPECIAL ACTIVITIES/EVENTS

Jackie Jones announced the following upcoming events:

Songs through Sign	CAAC	November 7
Mayor's Challenge 5K	Public Square Park	November 17
Student Art Show and Sale	Centennial Art Center	December 1-18
Holiday Ice Show	Centennial Sportsplex	December 15

Ms. Jones also announced that Randall Lantz is currently looking for this year's holiday tree to be set at Public Square Park. She stated that it needs to be a 30-40 ft. Norway Spruce.

XIII. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Lynch reported:

The ribbon cutting for Paradise Ridge Recreation Center is scheduled for Tuesday, November 12 at 5:00 pm.

The 40th anniversary of Warner Park Nature Center was held Saturday, October 28 and a 12 minute film was produced and shown at the anniversary celebration.

XIII. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR (con't.)

Cumberland Park is one of five national finalists for the Urban Open Space Award.

The department is beginning to fill the positions of those employees who retired earlier this year.

The 2013 Tennessee Recreation and Parks Association State Conference will be held November 17 – 21 in Chattanooga, TN. Metro Parks will host the conference in 2014 and theme for our conference is “It’s All Connected”.

Eleanor Willis, outgoing Director of the Friends of Warner Parks, presented each board member with a copy of the book “The Warner Parks”.

XIV. ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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

Thomas M. Lynch, Director

George Anderson, Chairperson