

METROPOLITAN BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING APRIL 2, 2019

A meeting of the Board of Parks and Recreation of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee was held on Tuesday, April 2, 2019 at 12:00 pm in the Centennial Park Boardroom, 2565 Park Plaza, Nashville, TN. Board members present were: Mr. George Anderson, Mr. Stan Fossick, Dr. Michelle Steele, Ms. Tari Hughes, Ms. Susannah Scott-Barnes, Mr. Jeff Haynes and Dr. Sharon Gentry.

Staff present were: Ms. Chinita White, Administration and Finance; Mr. Rick Taylor, Consolidated Maintenance; Mr. Stevon Neloms, Community Recreation; Mr. Tim Netsch, Planning and Facilities; Mr. John Holmes, Revenue Producing Facilities; Mr. Jim Hester, Outdoor Recreation/Special Events; Ms. Cindy Harrison, Greenways; Capt. Chris Taylor, Parks Police and **Ms. Macy Amos, representing the Metro Legal Department. Councilmember at Large John Cooper and Councilmember Russ Pulley, representing the 25th district, were in attendance.**

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD MARCH 5, 2019 APPROVED

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Ms. Scott-Barnes, the Board approved the minutes of the board meeting held Tuesday, March 5, 2019 as presented.

V. METRO COUNCIL REFERRALS - none

CHERRY TREE REMOVAL IN RIVERFRONT PARK

Mr. Anderson, Metro Parks' board chair, addressed the issue of the past weekend's media blasting of Metro Parks regarding cherry tree removal in Riverfront Park and along 1st Avenue because of the NFL Draft event. Mr. Anderson began by stating that the department and board were caught off guard with regard to the trees as no one came before the board as they should have to discuss this issue. Many months ago Mr. Anderson heard that some of the trees around the arrival court in Riverfront Park might need to be moved, but he never heard anything else so we were caught off guard. And with saying that Mr. Anderson wanted to reiterate and thank everyone for all the calls, emails and texts this past weekend - it was busy. Staff is working with Samara Farms to relocate the trees from the court of flags to empty tree pits along 1st Avenue. Would like to reiterate what was said this weekend so everyone is in sync:

- No trees along the 1st Avenue tree canopy will be touched.
- Ten (10) trees will be impacted and located back to the park near the train station.
- Will extract the ten (10) trees with the root balls intact.
- Trees will be replanted after NFL Draft event.
- The NCVC and the NFL will pay for the cost of the new trees and any work associated and also pay for any necessary repairs for damage to the park.

CHERRY TREE REMOVAL IN RIVERFRONT PARK (con't.)

- The NCVF and the NFL have agreed to donate 200 (100 each) cherry trees to Metro Parks.
- Trees in question are not part of the Betty Brown Tree Trail.

Mr. Anderson voiced his thanks to Randall Lantz, Metro Parks Horticulturist for his expertise in this area and to Monique Odom, Metro Parks Director, for her leadership navigating everyone through this.

Ms. Susannah Scott-Barnes, Metro Parks' board member, stated that as a board member it is important to acknowledge what has happened over the last four (4) days as it relates to the cherry trees in Riverfront Park. The committee found out late on Friday that 21 trees would be cut down on Monday and what followed was an unprecedented public outcry with over 65,000 individuals saying this is not ok.

The number of trees was quickly reduced and instead of being cut down they were being moved and transplanted. But the number in this case is not the issue, the lack of transparency is. After the Fort Negley tree removal, Metro formed a tree removal committee under the Metro Parks umbrella and despite reports that this committee approved the cherry tree removal . . . this committee never met on this issue. As a City we have to look at what we have done, what we have not done and what we can do differently to protect trees. I believe that Parks can turn this travesty into a victory if we can commit to working with other Metro Departments to fix the broken system. I believe that this department has the leadership, the talent, and the will to do this. In theory we have a process in place to issue permits for this in Parks; everyone needs a permit from a family reunion to a huge, public event and I am scratching my head as to why the NFL was apparently exempt from this process. Parks are owned by the public, they are owned by Nashville citizens who work, live, and play here. Trees are owned by everyone too; let's listen to what everyone is saying . . . they care about trees, they care about transparency and they care about the process. I have a vision for Nashville – instead of being branded the best bachelorette city or the best place for a convention – we will instead be known for our parks and our trees. Let's together make that brand a reality.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

09-18-05

**REPRESENTATIVES FROM CHEEKWOOD PRESENT
PROPOSED PARKING PLAN TO THE BOARD**

Ms. Jane MacLeod, representing Cheekwood, and the Honorable Jim Hunt, Mayor of Belle Meade, were present to introduce the proposed parking plan for continued use of Percy Warner Park land by Cheekwood to the Board. Ms. MacLeod offered the following historical relationship between Cheekwood and Metro Parks with regard to Cheekwood's use of Percy Warner Park for Cheekwood overflow parking.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

09-18-05 (con't.)

**REPRESENTATIVES FROM CHEEKWOOD PRESENT
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At the time of Cheekwood's construction in the late 1920s, the Cheek family secured approval from Metro Parks to utilize adjacent parkland for an entrance drive to the estate. Ultimately, the creator of Cheekwood, Bryant Fleming, would go on to design the entrance allee at Percy Warner Park further establishing a relationship between the entities.

In 1960, when Cheekwood was gifted as a public institution, that land continued to be used as the main entrance, and in 1981 Cheekwood and Metro Parks created a "memorandum of understanding" allowing Cheekwood to construct an entrance facility and access road, and Cheekwood assumed responsibility for care and maintenance of the property. As part of the 1981 agreement, an area was also designated for approved "overflow parking," and this area has been used accordingly since then.

With Cheekwood's increasing reliance on the "overflow" parking area following the 2010 Chihuly exhibition and the rise in attendance that followed in subsequent years, negotiations on use of the property escalated between 2013 and 2015, when a five-year agreement (2015 -2019) for continued use of the "overflow parking area, as well as additional adjacent property (used as a Metro Park "slash dump") for parking. The agreement called for Cheekwood to pay a monthly fee to Friends of Warner Parks for use of the land, with the fee doubling each year, reaching \$96K annually in 2019, the final year of the agreement.

At the September 2018 Metro Parks Board meeting, Cheekwood was granted an extension to use the overflow parking space through 2021, with the annual fee currently paid to Friends of Warner Park to remain at \$48K, contingent on Cheekwood presenting a parking solution that is agreeable to the Parks Board by November 2018. This date was since extended until April 2019. If a solution is not presented or agreed upon, Cheekwood will be charged a \$96K fee in 2019 and use of the land will be terminated at the end of the year.

Ms. MacLeod then outlined the following parking proposal to the board, with the endorsement of Friends of Warner Parks, a request for approval of a continued agreement relating to the property according to the terms listed below, with final details to be developed via a Memorandum of Understanding with Metro Parks:

Term: A 15-year MOU term for the approximately 18 acres of park property adjacent to Cheekwood's entrance, of which 9.5 acres represents land usable for parking.

Use: Metro Park visitors, the general public and users of the Park Bike Trail and Golf Course would all be granted **free** use of the parking area. Cheekwood guests would be charged a parking fee.

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Rate:

- Cheekwood will pay \$77,715 per year with a 3% annual increase. The annual payment amount has been based on comparable land values.
- 30% of the MOU payment will be directed to FOWP.
- 70% of the MOU payment will be held in an Escrow account with an independent escrow agent. The escrow shall be restricted for use in the implementation of a long-term parking solution utilizing property owned, controlled or accessed by Cheekwood and satisfactory to Metro Parks.
- 10% of the 70% MOU payment will be given annually to the Nashville Parks Foundation.
- Interest accruing in the Escrow account may be used for on-going care and maintenance of the parking area.

Escrow:

- Cheekwood must provide an annual progress report on its plans toward a long-term solution satisfactory to Metro Parks and accounting of the escrow account.
- The long term plan may include, solely at Metro Parks discretion, a land swap.
- If at the end of the 15 year MOU term, Cheekwood has not developed a long term parking plan that is approved by Metro Parks, the escrowed funds shall be paid to Metro Parks (or at its discretion, Friends of Warner Parks).

Improvements:

- Improvements to the land (development of a parking lot) will be at Cheekwood's expense.
- The parking lot construction plan to be approved by Metro Parks and the Friends of Warner Parks.
- Upon expiration of the MOU, the area shall be returned to its natural state at Cheekwood's cost, or remain in its improved state with approval of Metro Parks and input from the Friends of Warner Parks.

As per Parks Policy 3000.25 Acquisition and Disposition of Park Property, this request was deferred to the Acquisition and Disposition Committee of the Parks Board.

X. CONSENT AGENDA

04-19-01

BOARD APPROVES APRIL 2019 CONSENT AGENDA

Upon motion of Ms. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Fossick, the board approved the April 2019 consent agenda with amendment to consent item 04-19-02 to include any salary increase as approved by Metro Council.

AMPLIFICATION APPROVAL

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| • Lockeland Springs Cleanup and Social | Bass Park | Sat., April 13, 2019 |
| • Belonging Co. Easter Egg Hunt | Elmington Park | Sat., April 20, 2019 |
| • University School of Law & Leadership | McKissack Park – Easter Egg Hunt | Sat., April 20, 2019 |
| • Midtown Fellowship-12 South | Sevier Park-Easter Sunrise Service | Sun., April 21, 2019 |
| • D&S Community Services – picnic | Cane Ridge Park picnic shelter 1 | Fri., April 26, 2019 |
| • Walk Bike Nashville-Bike to Work Day | Public Square Park | Fri., May 3, 2019 |
| • Nashville Cricket | Whites Creek athletic field | May 4,5,11,12, 2019 |
| • Progressive Insurance-picnic | Centennial Park Picnic Pavilion | Sat., May 4, 2019 |
| • American Heart Association-picnic | Centennial Park Event Shelter | Thurs., May 9, 2019 |
| • Sherry Smith-picnic | Two Rivers Park picnic shelter 3 | Sat., May 18, 2019 |
| • Veronica Whitsey-picnic | Centennial Park Picnic Pavilion | Fri., May 24, 2019 |
| • Jo Johnston Brotherhood-picnic | Watkins Park | Sat., May 25, 2019 |
| • Nashville Aquatic Club-banquet | Centennial Sportsplex Lawn | Fri, June 7, 2019 |
| • Caleb Church – picnic | Two Rivers Park picnic shelter 5 | Sun., June 16, 2019 |
| • Vaea Johanna Willey-picnic | Centennial Park Picnic Pavilion | Fri., June 28, 2019 |
| • Run Nash-Music City July 4 th 5k/10k | E. S. Rose Park | Thurs., July 4, 2019 |
| • Lamons Starks-picnic | Madison Park picnic shelters 1 & 2 | Sat., Aug. 31, 2019 |
| • Carl Owens-picnic | Hadley Park picnic shelter 2 | Sat., Aug. 31, 2019 |
| • Stipheveda Kochinsky-picnic | Centennial Park Picnic Pavilion | Sat., Sept. 21, 2019 |

FUNDRAISING APPROVAL

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| • Kappa Alpha Theta – field day | Sevier Park | Fri., April 5, 2019 |
| • American Legion Post 5 Shred on the Run | Elmington Park | Sat., May 4, 2019 |
| • Lifeline Children’s Services-Run 4 One | Two Rivers Park | Sat., May 24, 2019 |
| • C & S Patient Education Foundation | Watkins Park-Conquer Chiari Walk | Sat., Sept 28, 2019 |

AMPLIFICATION AND FUNDRAISING APPROVAL

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| • SORBBA MID-TN-Trail Builder Time Trial | Cane Ridge Park | Sun., April 7, 2019 |
| • IAN-Festival of Colors | Edwin Warner Shelter 10 | Sun., April 7, 2019 |
| • Project Heart – Rhythm Run | Percy Warner-XC Course | Sat., May 18, 2019 |
| • B.A.P.S. Charities Walk-A-Thon | Edwin Warner Park | Sat., June 9, 2019 |
| • CMA Music Fest 2019 1 | Riverfront Park | June 6 - 10, 2019 |
| • FAMU Alumni-fundraiser for college scholarships | Southeast Park | Sat., June 15, 2019 |
| • American Foundation for Suicide Prevention | Two Rivers Park-walk | Sat., Sept. 21, 2019 |
| • Neighborhoods Resource Centers – Festival | Southeast Park | Sat., Sept. 28, 2019 |
| • United Ostomy Association of America-run | Shelby Park | Sat., Oct. 12, 2019 |
| • Superfly Childrens Foundation-The Super Run | Two Rivers Park | Sat., March 7, 2020 |

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AMPLIFICATION AND ALCOHOL APPROVAL

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| • Music City Inc.-Preds Party in the Park | Walk of Fame Park | Mon., April 8, 2019 |
| • Hip Donelson Farmers Market (Fridays) | Two Rivers Mansion Grounds | May 3-Oct. 25,2019 |
| • CMT Productions-music festival | Cumberland Park | Sun., June 2, 2019 |
| • Nat'l. /conference of State Legislatures | Walk of Fame Park-reception | Mon., Aug. 5, 2019 |
| • Annie Huitt-wedding reception | Centennial Art Center | Sat., Aug. 24, 2019 |
| • Launch TN-36/86 VIP Dinner | Walk of Fame Park | Tues., Aug. 27, 2019 |
| • EnMotive- I Love the 90's 5K | Shelby Park/Riverview Shelter | Sat., Sept. 28, 2019 |
| • Acme Feed & Seed – Nashville Dancin' | Riverfront Park | Oct. 10 & 17, 2019 |
| • Emily Hudson-wedding reception | Centennial Art Center | Fri., Oct. 18, 2019 |
| • Team Magic, Inc. –half marathon, 10k, 5k | East Bank Landing | Sat., March 14, 2020 |

AMPLIFICATION, ALCOHOL AND FUNDRAISING APPROVAL

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| • Walk Bike Nashville- Tour de Nash | Public Square Park | Sat., May 11, 2019 |
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04-19-02

BOARD ACCEPTS GRANT FROM THE FRIENDS OF TWO RIVERS MANSION TO PROVIDE SALARY FOR LAURA CARRILLO EQUIVALENT TO 19 HOURS PER WEEK FOR FISCAL YEAR OF 2019-20

Upon motion of Ms. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Fossick, the board approved request of Mr. Phil Claiborne, representing the Friends of Two Rivers Mansion to accept a grant from The Friends of Two Rivers Mansion to provide the salary equivalent to 19 hours per week (\$19,918.08) for the fiscal year of 2019-20 ending June 30, 2020 for Laura Carrillo and with any costs associated with benefits are to be the responsibility of Metro Parks. **Please note that this request (04-19-02) was amended by Ms. Odom to include any salary increase as approved by Metro Council.**

04-19-03

BOARD ACCEPTS GRANT FROM THE FRIENDS OF TWO RIVERS MANSION TO PROVIDE SALARY OF 2 PART TIME WORKERS (12 HOURS EACH PER WEEK FOR 12 WEEKS) FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONDUCTING SUMMER TOURS

Upon motion of Ms. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Fossick, the board approved request of Mr. Phillip Claiborne, representing Friends of Two Rivers Mansion, to accept a grant in the amount of \$2,936.00 to fund 2 part time workers (host/hostess-12 hours each per week for 12 weeks) for the purpose of conducting tours during the months of June, July and August 2019.

X. CONSENT AGENDA

04-19-04

BOARD ACCEPTS GRANT FROM THE FRIENDS OF TWO RIVERS MANSION TO PROVIDE SALARY OF 2 PART TIME WORKERS (12 HOURS EACH FOR ONE WEEK) FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONDUCTING HOLIDAY TOURS

Upon motion of Ms. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Fossick, the board approved request of Mr. Phillip Claiborne, representing Friends of Two Rivers Mansion, to accept a grant in the amount of \$489.33 to fund 2 part time workers (host/hostess-12 hours each for 1 week) in December during the 2019 holiday season at Two Rivers Mansion.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

04-19-05

COUNCILMEMBER RUSS PULLEY ADDRESSES THE BOARD REGARDING LOCATION OF A HISTORICAL MARKER TO RECOGNIZE REV. BILL BARNES

Councilmember Russ Pulley, representing Council District 25, was present to address the board regarding the location of a historical marker to recognize Rev. Bill Barnes.

The Rev. Bill Barnes was a longtime Nashville affordable housing and civil rights advocate, crusader for the poor and founding pastor of Edgehill United Methodist Church. He also helped start Project Return, a program which assisted former incarcerated individuals return to the outside population. Councilmember Pulley stated that a committee had been formed and they have submitted a request to the Metro Historical Commission to locate this marker in Public Square Park. Therefore, at the recommendation of Mr. Anderson, Parks Board chair, this request has been deferred until the Metro Historical Commission has completed their evaluation of said request.

04-19-06

BOARD ACCEPTS DONATION OF FIELD MIX FROM THE NASHVILLE CONVENTION AND VISITORS CORP

Correspondence received from Mr. Butch Spyridon, President/CEO of the Nashville Convention and Visitors Corp, requesting the Parks Board to accept a donation of field mix valued at \$2,500 to assist with field renovations at Charlotte Park Ball Field was presented to the board for approval.

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Mr. Haynes, the board accepted this donation of field mix valued at \$2500.00 from the Music City Inc. Foundation, operated through the Nashville Convention and Visitors Corp, to assist with field renovations at the Charlotte Park Ball Field.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

04-19-07

BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF FRIENDS OF WARNER PARKS TO FUNDRAISE FOR THE PURPOSE OF RESTORING THE ALLEE LOCATED IN WARNER PARKS

Mr. D. Kevin Roddey, Board Chair of Friends of Warner Parks, was present to request approval on behalf of the Friends of Warner Parks to raise funds up to 3 million dollars for the purpose of restoring the Allee located in Warner Parks.

Upon motion of Mr. Haynes, seconded by Ms. Scott-Barnes, the board granted permission to the Friends of Warner Parks to raise funds up to 3 million dollars for the purpose of restoring the Allee located in Warner Park and to move forward with the project at the appropriate time. It is also noted that no matching project funds are requested from Metro Parks and all improvements are subject to approval by Metro Parks.

04-19-08

BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF THE CONSERVANCY FOR THE PARTHENON AND CENTENNIAL PARK TO CHANGE ITS NAME TO THE CENTENNIAL PARK CONSERVANCY

Ms. Paula Van Slyke, Board Chair of the Conservancy for the Parthenon and Centennial Park, was present to request board approval to change the current name of The Conservancy for the Parthenon and Centennial Park to the Centennial Park Conservancy.

Upon motion of Mr. Haynes, seconded by Ms. Hughes, the board approved request, on behalf of The Conservancy for the Parthenon Patrons and Centennial Park, to change its name as part of rebranding of the organization to the Centennial Park Conservancy.

04-19-09

BOARD GRANTS APPROVAL TO NASHVILLE TENNIS LLC TO HOST THE INAUGURAL WOMEN'S TENNIS ASSOCIATION'S NASHVILLE OPEN AT THE CENTENNIAL SPORTSPLEX, AUGUST 17-24, 2019

Correspondence from Mr. Bill Rapp and Mr. Kent Russell, representing Nashville Tennis LLC, requesting permission from the board to host the inaugural WTA (Women's Tennis Association) Nashville Open at the Centennial Sportsplex August 17-24, 2019 was presented to the board for approval. Ms. Kim Wilson, representing the USTA was in attendance to answer any questions the board might have.

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Mr. Haynes, the board granted approval to Nashville Tennis LLC to host the inaugural WTA Nashville Open with amplification and permission to sell and/or consume alcoholic beverages as per Metro Ordinance at the Centennial Sportsplex August 17 - 24, 2019.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

04-19-09(con't).

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INAUGURAL WOMEN'S TENNIS ASSOCIATION'S NASHVILLE OPEN AT THE
CENTENNIAL SPORTSPLEX, AUGUST 17-24, 2019**

In lieu of a facility fee Nashville Open has agreed to provide:

- resurfacing of stadium court, courts 1-8 and indoor courts 1-4 (investment \$82,000) and will have to resurface courts in year two.
- lighting upgrade on stadium court (\$48,000) and indoor courts 1-4 (\$50,000) (total investment \$98,000) and will provide lighting upgrades to outdoor courts 1-8 in year two.
- umpire chairs, player benches for stadium court and two other match courts (investment \$12,000) and will be donated for year round use.
- replacement of match and practice court nets, singles sticks (investment \$2500) and will be donated for year round use.
- used tournament balls donated for year-round use.
- numerous community engagement elements.
- Complimentary Metro Parks Nashville signage in stadium court.

Centennial Sportsplex will provide:

- complete access to and control of the outdoor and indoor tennis courts, fitness center, aquatic center, multipurpose rooms, parking and grounds.
- all utilities.
- use of existing furniture, appliances, televisions and fitness equipment.
- grounds and facility upkeep.
- operations, maintenance and janitorial staff with the Nashville Open responsible for hourly compensation.
- Temporary event/corporate partnership signage waiver for tournament partners.
- assistance with securing liquor license and food truck.
- Nashville Open permanent signage promoting next year's event.

Please note:

- both parties have 60 days following the conclusion of the 2019 event to terminate agreement.
- right to terminate based on gross negligence by either party.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

04-19-10

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST TO INCREASE ACCOMPANISTS' FEE
FROM \$22.00 TO \$25.00 PER SESSION**

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Ms. Scott-Barnes the board approved staff request to increase accompanists' fee in the Cultural Arts Department from \$22.00 to \$25.00 per session effective April 2, 2019. This request is to allow Metro Parks to remain competitive within the Nashville market.

04-19-11

**BOARD GRANTS CONDITIONAL APPROVAL TO ACCEPT DONATION OF CAPITAL
IMPROVEMENTS FOR DUDLEY PARK WITH AN ESTIMATED VALUE OF
\$260,000 FROM BENTO BOX, LLC**

Upon motion of Ms. Scott-Barnes, seconded by Dr. Steele, the board granted conditional approval of a donation of capital improvements in Dudley Park with an estimated value of \$260,000 from Bento Box, LLC. The improvements include two sand volleyball courts, sports lighting, net seating area, drinking fountain, paths and associated improvements for the southern end of Dudley Park. This donation is consistent with Plan to Play and is 100% fully funded by the donor. This approval is conditional until Metro Parks has received a donor letter from Bento Box, LLC.

04-19-12

**ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS
EFFECTIVE MAY 7, 2019 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2020
AS PER SECTION 1000.4 OF THE METRO PARKS POLICY MANUAL**

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick to elect Mr. George Anderson as chairperson, seconded by Mr. Haynes, the motion fails due to lack of majority of votes.

Upon motion of Ms. Hughes to elect Dr. Michelle Steel as chairperson, seconded by Ms. Scott-Barnes, motion carries and the Board elected:

Dr. Michelle Steele as Chairperson for one year

Upon motion of Mr. Haynes, seconded by Mr. Fossick, the Board elected:

Ms. Susannah Scott-Barnes as Vice-chairperson for one year

Upon motion of Ms. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Fossick, the Board elected:

Ms. Monique Odom as Secretary for one year

IX. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

**MR. JOHN TUMMINELLO, REPRESENTING THE CONSERVANCY FOR THE
PARTHENON AND CENTENNIAL PARK, PRESENTS ANNUAL UPDATE
TO THE BOARD**

The mission of the Conservancy for the Parthenon and Centennial Park is to preserve, enhance and share the Parthenon and Centennial Park so that all future generations may benefit from these enriching cultural and educational landmarks.

The Conservancy recently had a leadership transition with Sylvia Rapoport moving into a part time position as Founding President focusing on the capital campaign and the Gala. John Tumminello has assumed the role of Executive Director managing the organization after 8 years of managing the Conservancy's programming.

PERSERVING AND ENHANCING CENTENNIAL PARK

- Currently partnering with Metro Parks on phase two of the Centennial Park Revitalization.
- Conservancy is providing five million dollars in private funding for phase two.
- Also working to fundraise for upcoming phases including the Events Pavilion and Children's Memorial Garden and Playground.
- Use Centennial Park as Nashville's cultural and central park as a gathering place for our community.
- Conservancy's free programs bring together diverse individuals for various socio-economic groups by providing free access to the arts without cost as a barrier to entry.

Community programming in 2018 and 2019 is focused on Education, Art and Music.

EDUCATION

The Conservancy works closely with the Parthenon to help fund and present educational programming and co-manage 37 Parthenon docents and 4 greeters.

- In 2018, the Conservancy and the Parthenon co-presented 87 free architecture tours for 2000 attendees.
- Presented "Wade Into These Waters" the Arc of the African American Experience in Centennial Park held at the site of the former public swimming pool at the Centennial Park Art Center. This discussion featured David Ewing, Howard Gentry, Reavis Mitchell, Monique Odom and moderated by Phillis Hildreth.

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TO THE BOARD (con't.)**

EDUCATION (con't.)

- Featured The Art of Songwriting with Rivers Rutherford
- In 2019 a conversation about Cuban photos and architecture with Tommy Crow is planned.

In 2018 Kidsville programming presented 100 free educational events: 42 at the Parthenon, 34 in Centennial Park and 24 as community outreach serving over 10,000 children.

- Partnered with over a dozen agencies in 2018.
- Second annual Kidsville Family Festival was held in 2018 partnering with Nashville Public Television and Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. 2019 festival is scheduled for September 21st.
- Partnered with Celebrate Nashville and managed the Kidsville area and will manage the area again in 2019.
- Nashville Scene recognized Kidsville at the Parthenon with a special Best of Nashville Writer's choice distinction as Best Free Kids Series.

ART

The Conservancy works with the Parthenon team to fund exhibits, receptions, archival, restorative services and provide marketing promotions.

- Support rotating and permanent exhibits such as the Cowan Collection, David Ewing's "A Day at the Fair" and Ridley Wills Postcard Collection.
- Support temporary exhibits such as "Twin Peeks" and "This is the Original and Only Harry Shepherd".
- Hosted a panel discussion in partnership with Fisk University and Nashville Arts.

MUSIC

Musician's Corner celebrated its 9th year and presented 21 events which supported and showcased 100 artists in 2018 and attend by 75,000+.

- Partnered with the Nashville Symphony to present their community concert at Musician's Corner and are planning for 2019.

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TO THE BOARD (con't.)**

MUSIC (con't.)

- Musician's Corner was recognized by the Nashville Scene:

Best Festival Programming Upgrade (Writer's Choice Award)
Best Concert Series (2nd Place)
Best Free Fun (3rd Place)
- Conservancy Gala was recognized as one of Nashville's Best Parties by Nfocus and is scheduled for November 2, 2019.

2018 FINANCIALS

REVENUE	1.16 million	EXPENSE	1.28 million
programs	429k	staffing	503k
fundraisers	415k	programs	424k
memberships	106k	fundraising	202k
grants	80k	marketing	25k
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2019 PREVIEW

APRIL 13 Kidsville Honey Bunny Festival – this event is to educate the public about the Centennial Park bees and the importance of pollinators and sustainability.

Working with Bonnaroo to manage their children's area in 2019 and currently in discussion with Live on the Green concerning a partnership.

APRIL 4 Chef's Odyssey "Bee My Honey Dinner" at Lockeland Table to create awareness for the Centennial Park Bees. (this will be an ongoing series)

MARCH Chamber Music Series ECHO, with the next event in June.

MAY 11 Musician's Corner Kick-off for 2019

IX. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

MS. LORA FOX AND MR. PATRICK BRADLEY, REPRESENTING THE FRIENDS OF GREEN HILLS PARK, PRESENT ANNUAL UPDATE TO THE BOARD

Ms. Fox reported that on September 15, 2018 the Friends of Green Hills Park held the third annual Green Hills Park Festival. The event was designed to educate neighbors about the work of the Friends Group and increase community participation in improving park facilities. The festival featured local Green Hills merchants, activities for children, live music, and a movie.

The Friends of Green Hills Park spent \$10,209 on the event. This amount was covered by sponsorships from local partners. This event raised a total of \$25,673 mainly through sponsorships, and therefore the Friends of Green Hills Park raised \$15,464 for park improvements. Additionally, individuals contributed directly to the group in the form of direct contributions throughout the year. In total, our group raised \$28,808 while our total expenses totaled \$14,339. The proceeds will go directly to improving the park. This year's festival will be held on Saturday, September 14, 2019.

The major physical improvement to the park this year was the addition of a \$500,000 sidewalk in and alongside the park on Belmont Park Terrace. The sidewalk was funded by Metro Public Works and continued a short distance outside northwest corner of the park, to safely connect the Arden Place townhouses to the park. In the southwest corner, a new entrance and path were created. It has opened up a corner that was previously closed off by invasive plants with a lovely curved path.

X. CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE – Tim Netsch

Bellevue Red Caboose Playground Replacement – Construction is currently underway on foundation and footings. Community build days are set for May 4, 5 and 6 with construction complete summer 2019. The caboose has been moved to the front of the park.

Jefferson Street – Construction bidding underway. Construction by MDHA should be complete fall 2019.

XI. UPCOMING SPECIAL ACTIVITIES/EVENTS – Jackie Jones

April 6	10:00 am	Bells Bend 9 th Annual Outdoor Festival
April 12	5:00 pm	Four Voices Opening Artist Reception at the Centennial Art Center
April 13	1:30 pm	Reopening of Oakwood Park
April 20	11:00 am	Earth Day – Centennial Park
April 20	8:05 am	Richland Creek Run

XII. DEPARTMENT UPDATES

XIII. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

Ms. Odom thanked all who attended Metro Parks' budget hearing with Mayor Briley on Wednesday, March 27th and expressed her appreciation for their support. She also announced that Metro Parks' budget hearing before the Metro Council has been scheduled for Wednesday, May 22nd at 4:00 pm in the David Scobey Council Chambers.

Ms. Odom reviewed FY20 Parks and Recreation Budget Modification Summary.

The FY20 Budget Improvement Summary is as follows (**statements in red were made by Ms. Odom during presentation**):

1. Bellevue Community Center \$761,800 Staffing and operational costs for the new Bellevue Regional Community Center which includes \$80,000 of additional revenue for FY20. **Regional Centers are revenue based.**

2. Music Repository \$5,500 Funding needed for license agreement with music repository to allow public performance at Metro facilities of certain musical compositions.

3. Warming Shelter \$72,100 Funding needed for operating cold weather shelters for approximately 40 days. **Shelby Center was used this year, staffed by Parks employees and was not funded in Parks' FY19 budget.**

4. Tennessee Recreation and Parks \$50,000 Parks is the host agency for the 2020 Tennessee Recreation Parks Association Conference. The annual TRPA Conference is attended by 450 parks & rec professionals from TN. Funding will also aid in preparation for Metro Parks hosting the National Recreation & Parks Association Conference (NRPA in 2021 with 9,000 attendees.

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

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| 5. Grass Mowing | \$470,000 | Increase for Grounds Maintenance Mowing. Outsourcing 90 miles greenways mowing. This funding will allow Parks to assign staff to maintain Soccer/Athletic Fields at Fair Park, Orchard Bend, West Park, Madison, South East property. |
| 6. Staffing/ept Enhancements | \$1,100,100 | Due to the expansion of the Park system and the size of the department, additional staffing and supplies are needed to carry out the day to day operations. |

Total Requests **\$2,459,500 or 6% of current budget**

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

Board member Tari Hughes announced that the Nashville Parks Foundation is sponsoring Earth Day and invited everyone to attend on Saturday, April 20th, 11:00 am – 6:00 pm, in Centennial Park.

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

Monique N. Odom, Director

George Anderson, Chairperson