

METROPOLITAN BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

April 5, 2016

A meeting of the Board of Parks and Recreation of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee was held on Tuesday, April 5, 2016 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. Christy Smith, Mr. Greg Adkins, Ms. Jenn Garcia and Dr. Jo Ann Brannon. Mr. Charles Sueing was not in attendance. Metro Councilmembers in attendance were: Mr. John Cooper, Councilmember at Large; Ms. Angie Henderson representing the 34th district and Mr. Colby Sledge representing the 17th district.

Staff present were: Assistant Directors: Ms. Monique Odom, Administration and Finance; Mr. Rick Taylor, Consolidated Maintenance; Ms. Sally Davis, Community Recreation; Mr. Tim Netsch, Planning and Facilities; Mr. John Holmes, Revenue Producing Facilities; Mr. Jim Hester, Special Events; Ms. Shain Dennison, Greenways; Lt. Houston Taylor, representing Capt. Chris Taylor/Park Police and **Ms. Katie Downey, representing the Metro Legal Department.** Ms. Jackie Jones, Superintendent/Public Information was not in attendance.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD MARCH 1, 2016 APPROVED

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

VI. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

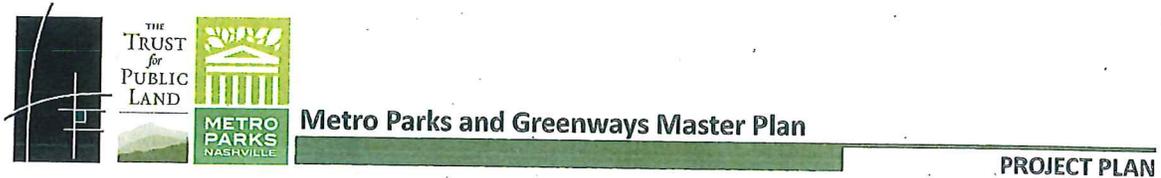
Mr. Gary Hawkins, representing Hawkins Partners, Inc. was in attendance and presented an overview of the 2016 Parks and Greenways Master Plan.

Mr. Hawkins wanted national expertise in development of Master Plan resulting in a sustainable model at the end of the process. Mr. Netsch referenced the 2002 Parks and Greenways Master Plan and stated that it had been implemented and now obsolete which is why Metro Parks is undertaking this 2016 plan comprehensively.

Mr. Adkins, board representative from the Planning Commission, asked that the Planning Commission be included in this process. Mr. Lynch responded that Metro Parks is striving to break down silos and will include all other relevant Metro Departments in this process. Mr. Adkins then asked if State Agencies are involved in this collaboration. Mr. Hawkins stated that different divisions of State Government will attend in power block sessions in order to obtain specific information.

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

Below is the Project Plan and Organizational Chart that Mr. Hawkins distributed to the board.



PART 1

INVENTORY & ANALYSIS

Facilities and Programs Overview
 Inventory of Past and Current Metro Plans and Documents
 Partner Agency, Department & Organization Meetings

- Local, State & Federal Agency Meetings / Private & Non-Profit Organizations

Public Statistical Surveys

- Phone Survey, Online Survey & Facility User Survey

Current Level of Service Analysis / Peer City Benchmarking

Public Relations:

- Email Marketing, Social Media & Media Relations

PUBLIC MEETING #1: Issues Identification with Inventory Review June 2016

PART 2

POLICY FRAMEWORK

Policy Analysis & Comparables
 Guiding Principles & Values
 Goals & Objectives

Public Relations:

- Email Marketing, Social Media & Media Relations

Public Workshop Open House TBD

PART 3

STRATEGIC & PRELIMINARY PLAN OPTIONS

Issue Identification & Goal Confirmation
 Level of Service Recommendations
 Identification of Service Gaps
 Land Acquisition & Key Facility Development

Public Relations:

- Email Marketing, Social Media & Media Relations

PUBLIC MEETING #2: Draft Recommendations and Comments October 2016

PART 4

PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS & STRATEGIC IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM

Capital & Program Improvement Recommendations
 Operating Budget Recommendations
 Phasing & Priorities
 Funding Strategy(ies)

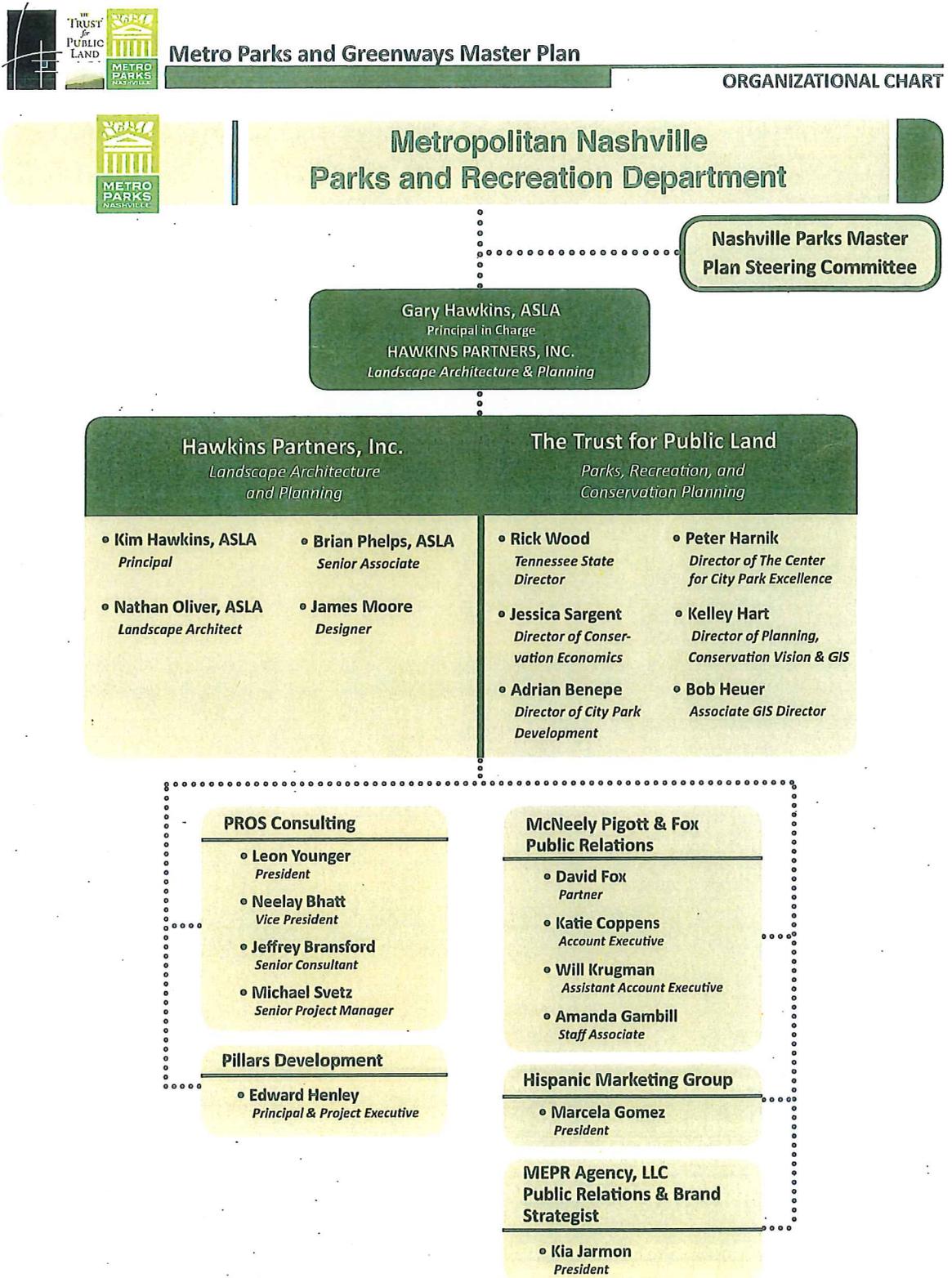
Public Relations:

- Email Marketing, Social Media & Media Relations

PUBLIC MEETING #3: Master Plan Final Presentation January 2017

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

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VII. INTRODUCTION OF STAFF, NEW EMPLOYEES, VOLUNTEERS

Mr. Jeff Chatman, Superintendent of Community Recreation, introduced Mr. Randy Crawley, Program Coordinator at Shelby Park Recreation Center, to the board. Mr. Crawley was recognized by Mayor Barry after she received an email from a constituent regarding his outstanding work and leadership at Shelby. Mr. Crawley stated that he learns from his supervisors and credits them for much of his success. Mr. Crawley also told the board that even though he doesn't have a \$100,000 salary, the rewards are worth much more. The board thanked Mr. Crawley for his dedication to the patrons who frequent the Shelby Recreation Center and as an outstanding Metro Parks employee

VIII. METRO COUNCIL REFERRALS

Councilmember Colby Sledge, representing the 17th District, appeared before the board with regard to a future agenda item. Councilmember Sledge told the board he would like to reopen conversation with regard to Greer Stadium and what it could become. He stated that since it is no longer in use it is not accessible to area constituents and the surrounding community would like the area to become accessible space again. Councilmember Sledge asked the board to take into account the many different ideas for use of the property in a public transparent manner and begin the conversation.

Mr. Lynch stated he has received many phone calls from the public regarding proposed plans and thoughts for the future of the area. With that Mr. Lynch asked that a board member be appointed to assist staff in fielding questions and communicating with the public as we move forward.

IX. OLD BUSINESS - none

X. CONSENT AGENDA

04-16-01

BOARD APPROVES APRIL CONSENT AGENDA

Upon motion of Ms. Smith, seconded by Dr. Brannon, the board approved the following consent agenda as submitted.

AMPLIFICATION APPROVAL

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| • Sherricka Darvin-picnic | McFerrin Park | Sat., April 9, 2016 |
| • YWCA Stand Against Racism 2016 | Public Square Park-Rally | Sat., March 26, 2016 |
| • Leigh Schleper-picnic | Warner Picnic Shelter 11 | Sat., May 7, 2016 |
| • Nashville Grizzlies-soccer tourney | Rhodes Soccer Complex | May 26 - 29, 2016 |
| • Ford Ice Center-Movies in the Park | Southeast Park | June 3,17, July 1,15 |
| • TN Car Club Association | Hartman Park-Out of School Bash | Sat., June 4, 2016 |
| • Qiufang Cheng-picnic | Centennial Picnic Pavilion | Sat., June 4, 2016 |

X. CONSENT AGENDA

04-16-01(con't)

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| • Zumiez Best Foot Forward 2016 | Two Rivers Park-skateboard event | Sat., June 11, 2016 |
| • Davidson County DAR | Nashville City Cemetery-Flag Day | Tues., June 14, 2016 |
| • St. Luke Primitive Baptist Church | Hadley Park-church service/picnic | Sun., June 26, 2016 |
| • Husted Dance-free dance concert | Centennial Event Shelter | Fri., July 22, 2016 |
| • Victory International Church | Madison Park Shelter 2-picnic | Sat., July 2, 2016 |
| • Bordeaux Hills Reunion | Bordeaux Gardens Park-picnic | Sat., July 23, 2016 |
| • Sports Profiles/Celebrity Sweat | Parthenon Lawn-fitness expo | Sat., July 30, 2016 |
| • African American Cultural Alliance | Hadley Park – festival | Sept. 16 - 18, 2016 |
| • RecoveryFest Nashville | East Park-festival | Sat., Sept. 24, 2016 |

FUNDRAISING APPROVAL

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| • Friends of Sevier Park | Sevier Center-children’s concert | Sat., April 16, 2016 |
| • American Legion Post 5 | Elmington Park-shredding event | Sat., April 30, 2016 |
| • Hopehouse International-tournament | Centennial Volleyball courts | Sat., May 14, 2016 |
| • Leadership Academy Day Camps | Bells Bend and Beaman Parks | June 13-July 22, 2016 |

FUNDRAISING AND AMPLIFICATION

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| • Randall Bowman-bbq cookoff | East Bank Landing | May 27 – 29, 2016 |
| • ANCOP Foundation USA, Inc. | Cane Ridge Park – walk | Sat., June 18, 2016 |
| • Small World Yoga-day of yoga event | East Bank Landing | Tues., June 21, 2016 |
| • Brain Tumor Alliance, Inc. – 5K | Shelby Park/Riverview Shelter | Sat., July 9, 2016 |
| • Nashville Open Water Swimmers | Hamilton Creek Beach-swim race | Sun., Aug. 28, 2016 |
| • HIP Donelson, Inc- run/walk/push | Two Rivers Park | Sat., Sept. 24, 2016 |
| • American Liver Foundation Walk | Warner Steeplechase | Sat., Oct. 1, 2016 |
| • Community Options, Inc.-5K | Shelby Park/Riverview Shelter | Sat., Feb. 11, 2017 |

AMPLIFICATION AND ALCOHOL

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| • Recording Academy-Grammy Block Party | Cumberland Park | Tues., May 10, 2016 |
| • Midwest Entertainment | Riverfront Park-Food & Funk Festival | Sat., June 18, 2016 |
| • What Do You Run For? | Public Square Park-5K/10K | Mon., July 4, 2016 |
| • Marriott-Wildhorse Saloon | Riverfront Park-corporate event | Wed., Aug. 24, 2016 |
| • Nashville Bar Association | Walk of Fame Park –private picnic | Thurs., Sept. 22, 2016 |
| • JD Events and Festivals | Parthenon Lawn-WinterFest | Sat., Dec. 10, 2016 |

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04-16-01(con't)

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Upon motion of Ms. Smith, seconded by Dr. Brannon, the board approved the following consent agenda as submitted.

AMPLIFICATION, ALCOHOL AND FUNDRAISING

- Community Foundation of Mid-TN Sevier Park-Red, White & Brew festival Sat., July 9, 2016
- 12South Patrons at Play Sevier Park-12South Concert Series Sat., Aug. 27; Sept. 10; Sept. 24, 2016
- Urban League Young Professionals Public Square Park – concert Sat., Sept. 24, 2016
- Athens of the South-music festival East Park Sat., Oct. 22, 2016

04-16-02

BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF SOUTHEAST NASHVILLE FARMERS MARKET TO HOST A MARKET AT SOUTHEAST PARK

Correspondence submitted by Ms. Molly Martin, representing the Southeast Nashville Farmers Market, requesting permission to host a farmers market in Southeast Park on Mondays, 4:00 – 7:00 pm, June 6 – September 26, 2016 (excluding July 4) was approved by the board as part of the consent agenda.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

04-16-03

BOARD DEFERS APPROVAL OF ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FRIENDS OF GREEN HILLS PARK AS AN OFFICIAL VOLUNTEER SUPPORT GROUP TO METRO PARKS UNTIL THE MAY PARKS BOARD MEETING

Correspondence submitted by Ms. Lora Barkenbus Fox, representing Friends of Green Hills Park, requesting consideration of the board to establish Friends of Green Hills Park as an official volunteer support group to Metro Parks was presented to the board for approval.

Upon motion of Ms. Garcia, seconded by Ms. Smith, the board deferred this request to officially recognize Friends of Green Hills Park as a support group to Metro Parks until the May Parks Board Meeting.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

04-16-04

**REQUEST OF PROFESSIONAL SOCCER ORGANIZATION
REGARDING CONSTRUCTION OF A STADIUM DEFERRED
TO THE MAY PARKS BOARD MEETING**

Professional soccer team requesting permission to discuss construction of stadium to be located at Rhodes Sports Fields asks for deferral from the board.

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Mr. Adkins, the board, at the petitioning Group's request, deferred agenda item 04-16-04 until the May Parks Board Meeting.

04-16-05

**REQUEST OF THE NASHVILLE PREDATORS
REGARDING A SPONSORSHIP AGREEMENT WITH METRO PARKS
DEFERRED TO THE MAY PARKS BOARD MEETING**

The Nashville Predators professional soccer team requesting permission to discuss entering into a sponsorship agreement with Metro Parks asks for deferral from the board.

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Mr. Adkins, the board, at the petitioning group's request, deferred agenda item 04-16-05 until the May Parks Board Meeting.

04-16-06

**BOARD APPROVES APPLICATION AND ULTIMATE ACCEPTANCE
OF 2016 TIGER VIII GRANT FUNDING**

Upon motion of Mr. Adkins, seconded by Mr. Fossick, the board approved application and ultimate acceptance of 2016 grant application for Tiger VIII Funds with Metro Parks as applicant and/or partner agency. As noted in board meeting a 20% match is required which will be drawn from 2017-2020 greenway capital funds if the grant is awarded with awards ranging from \$1 million to \$20 million and can be used over three years.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

04-16-07

**BOARD APPROVES APPLICATION AND ULTIMATE ACCEPTANCE
OF OUTDOOR LEGACY GRANT PROGRAM**

Upon motion of Mr. Adkins, seconded by Dr. Brannon, the board approved application and ultimate acceptance of acceptance of Outdoor Legacy Grant Program funding in an amount up to \$750,000 for a project to be determined. (Deadline to apply for this grant is May 20, 2016 with awarding of grant in 2017.)

The program requires a 50% match and is a National Park Service LWCF initiative with the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation as the state pass-thru agency and is aimed toward benefitting disadvantaged/underserved urbanized areas and developing new partnerships. This grant, if awarded, will be used for development of a first phase of the SE park land acquired in 2015 either using land acquisition costs (retroactively as match) or 2017 capital bond funds. A first phase development may likely include parking, trailheads, a fitness trail, a multi-purpose play field, community garden area and picnic pavilion.

04-16-08

**ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS
EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 2016 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2017**

Upon motion of Mr. Stan Fossick, seconded by Dr. Brannon, the Board elected:

Ms. Christy Smith as Chairperson for one year

Upon motion of Ms. Christy Smith, seconded by Mr. Adkins, the Board elected:

Mr. Stan Fossick as Vice-chairperson for one year

Upon motion of Ms. Christy Smith, seconded by Ms. Garcia, the Board elected:

Mr. Tommy Lynch as Secretary for one year

Parks Board Officers to assume office May 1, 2016, as per section 1000.4 of the Metro Parks Policy Manual.

XII. CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE

Tim Netsch submitted the following updates to the board in addition to current ongoing projects:

- Ackerman Soccer Complex design is underway with construction bidding out Summer 2017
- Hadley Tennis Facility design underway with construction bidding out this month
- Kellytown master plan is underway in cooperation with the Friends of Kellytown with completion Fall 2016
- Una Sportsfield Upgrades underway with construction bidding out this month
- Percy Warner 5.8 mile loop is set to go live in May, with new parking areas to be promoted

XIII. UPCOMING SPECIAL ACTIVITIES/EVENTS – Public Information Staff

In Ms. Jackie Jones absence, Ms. Monique Odom presented the following upcoming events sponsored or co-sponsored by Metro Parks to the board:

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| • Friday, April 8 | Art gallery Opening | Centennial Art Center |
| | “A World of Songs, Storytelling & Poetry” | |
| • Saturday, April 9 | Cherry Blossom Festival | Public Square Park |
| • Saturday, April 9 | Family Literacy Day | E. S. Rose Center/Park |
| • April 15 - 17 | Centennial Youth Ballet | Looby Theater |
| • Monday, April 18 | Songs Through Sign Gala | Chaffin’s Barn |
| • Saturday, April 23 | Earth Day Festival | Centennial Park |
| • Saturday, April 30 | St. Jude Rockn’Roll Marathon | various parks |
| • Tuesday, May 3 | 12South Farmer’s Market | Sevier Park |

XIV. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Lynch Reported:

- Richland Creek Run was held on Saturday, April 2nd with a larger number of participants than in the past.
- Bells Bend Nature Center Vendor’s Fair was held on Saturday, April 2nd and very successful. This 800+ acre site was originally a dumpsite, but now has mountain bike trails, primitive camping, nature center and a climbing wall to be constructed inside the silo is upcoming.
- Golf revenue is up through the end of March.
- Dr. Michelle Steele will be confirmed at the Metro Council Meeting tonight as our new board member replacing Mr. Charles Sueing.

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

Mr. Lynch Reported:

- Ms. Sally Davis, Assistant Director of Parks, will be attending a meeting with Dr. Glover of Tennessee State University (TSU) on Friday, April 8 regarding TSU becoming a partnering agency with Metro Parks at the Hadley Community and Tennis Facility.
- April 15th is the date that the homeless encampment at Fort Negley will be closed. Other Metro Agencies and outside groups, along with Metro Parks, are working with the campers who have occupied this space to find housing. Metro Parks' maintenance employees have started clearing the view of downtown Nashville from the Fort to begin construction of an outdoor classroom for use by Metro Parks and the Adventure Science Center.

Dr. Brannon asked if park property runs all the way to the railroad tracks and Mr. Lynch responded that the property runs just to the access road between Greer and the railroad tracks.

XV. ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Fossick asked that the board meet quarterly at a different parks' facility so that the board could meet employees and tour the location.

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

Thomas M. Lynch, Director

George Anderson, Chairperson