

METROPOLITAN BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

January 10, 2006

A meeting of the Board of Parks and Recreation of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee was held on Tuesday, January 10, 2005 at 1:30 pm at the Metro Parks Boardroom, Nashville, TN. Board members present were: Justice A. A. Birch, Jr., Ms. Susan Jones, Mr. Stan Fossick, Mr. Lamont Carter and Mr. James Lawson. Ms. Jenny Hannon and Mr. Ed Kindall were not in attendance.

Staff present were: Assistant Directors: Mr. James Gray/Finance and Administration; Mr. Mike Bays/Consolidated Maintenance; Mr. Tommy Lynch/Special Services; Mr. Curt Garrigan/Facilities Development; Mr. Paul Widman/Recreation; Ms. Jackie Jones, Superintendent of Special Events; Sgt. George Mitchell, Park Police; and Mr. Bob Parrish, Superintendent of Warner Park.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD DECEMBER 6, 2005 APPROVED

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Jones, the Board approved the minutes of the board meeting held Tuesday, December 6, 2005.

V. CONSENT AGENDA:

01-06-01

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF THE INTERFAITH ALLIANCE OF MIDDLE
TENNESSEE FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING
“REMEMBERING AND CELEBRATING THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT”
ON FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 2006 IN CHURCH STREET PARK**

An application submitted by Rev. Dan Rosemergy, representing The Interfaith Alliance of Middle Tennessee, requesting permission for amplification during “Remembering and Celebrating the Civil Rights Movement” vigil in Church Street Park, 4:00 – 5:00 pm on Friday, March 3, 2006 was presented to the board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Fossick, the Board unanimously approved this request with the understanding that the sound not be disruptive to those in the surrounding area and is subject to monitoring by park personnel.

01-06-02

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF ABBOTT PHARMACEUTICALS TO LEAVE A TRUCK
IN CENTENNIAL PARK OVERNIGHT JANUARY 23 – 26, 2006**

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Fossick, the Board unanimously approved request of Mr. Ty Jewell, representing Abbott Pharmaceuticals, to leave a company truck in Centennial Park overnight, January 23 – 26, 2006, so that demonstrations of hospital lab equipment may be presented to area hospitals (by invitation only).

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

01-06-03

BOARD DEFERS REQUEST OF THE H.G. HILL REALTY COMPANY TO NAME A PROPOSED PARK SITE THE WENTWORTH CALDWELL SR. PARK

Mr. Jimmy Granbery, representing H. G. Hill Realty Company, was present to request the Park Board to officially name the park site located at Nolensville Road and Edmondson Pike the "Wentworth Caldwell Sr. Park".

Park Board Chair, Justice A. A. Birch, Jr., referred this request to committee review thereby deferring it to the meeting of February 7th. Appointed to this committee by Chairman Birch were Stan Fossick, chair, Ed Kindall and Lamont Carter.

01-06-04

BOARD DENIES REQUEST OF THE HARPETH YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION TO HOLD REFEREE CLASSES AT BELLEVUE COMMUNITY CENTER WITH WAIVER OF USAGE FEES

Mr. Cannon Mayes, Executive Director of the Harpeth Youth Soccer Association, was present to request the Board to waive usage fees for use of Bellevue Community Center to hold referee classes on two Saturdays in 2006 (one in July and one in December).

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Carter, the board denied request since it does not benefit Metro Parks nor does it meet policy established with regard to fee waivers.

01-06-05

BOARD DEFERS REQUEST OF BELMONT UNIVERSITY TO ENTER INTO A PARTNERSHIP WITH METRO PARKS FOR RENOVATION AND USE OF THE E.S. ROSE PARK ATHLETIC FACILITIES

Dr. Robert Fisher, President of Belmont University, was present to request permission from the Board to enter into a partnership with Metro Parks for renovation and use of the E. S. Rose Park athletic facilities.

Justice A. A. Birch, Jr., Board Chair, referred this request to the Park Board Acquisition/Disposition Committee for review. Members of this committee are Mr. Lawson, Ms. Jones, and Mr. Carter. Director Roy Wilson will contact Dr. Fisher to follow up on committee activity as this request was deferred to the February Park Board meeting.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

01-06-06

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF THE MIDDLE TENNESSEE PONY CLUB
FOR USAGE FEE WAIVER FOR THE
54th RUNNING OF THE 2006 MTPC HORSE TRIALS**

Mr. Thomas Moore, District Commissioner of the Middle Tennessee Pony Club, was present to request waiver of fees for the 54th running of the 2006 MTPC Horse Trials held at the Equestrian Center of Percy Warner Park and for a one day mini-event for USPC members.

Upon motion of Mr. Carter, seconded by Ms. Jones, and accordance with park policy **3000. 28 Fee Waivers and Reductions**, the Board approved this request because of the improvements and ongoing maintenance provided the Warner Park Equestrian Area by the Middle Tennessee Pony Club.

01-06-07

**BOARD DEFERS REQUEST OF COUNCILMEMBER CRADDOCK
TO CONSIDER RESOLUTION 2005-1076 REGARDING THE
INSTALLATION OF SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS IN CERTAIN METRO PARKS**

Michael Craddock, Councilmember of District 4, was present to request from the Board consideration of Resolution 2005-1076 with regard to installation of surveillance cameras in Metro Parks as well as assistance in securing 4% funding of the proposed project. Justice A. A. Birch, Jr. deferred this request until the Park Board members could observe the surveillance cameras that have been acquired by Public Works for detecting illegal dumping. These portable units cost approximately \$1,000 each and can be monitored with a lap top computer with evidence stored to the hard drive and later reported to Metro Police. It was determined that a field trip will be scheduled for Park Board members and others to observe the operation. Metro Attorney Tom Cross will research and make recommendation related to privacy issues as this type of surveillance can be utilized to combat indecent exposure and lewd acts on park property.

01-06-08

**BOARD APPROVES PACKAGE OF GRANTS TOTALING \$140,364.00
FROM THE FRIENDS OF WARNER PARKS**

Ms. Eleanor Willis, Executive Director of Friends of Warner Parks, appeared before the Board requesting acceptance of a package of grants totaling \$140,364.00 to continue funding staff positions in the Warner Parks.

Upon motion of Mr. Carter, seconded by Mr. Fossick, the Board unanimously approved this request effective calendar year January 1 through December 31, 2006.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

01-06-09

**BOARD APPROVES APPLICATION AND ULTIMATE ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT
FROM THE TENNESSEE ARTS COMMISSION
TO EXTEND THE BIG BAND DANCE SERIES IN 2006**

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Fossick, the board approved application and ultimate acceptance of a grant submitted by the Recreation, Cultural and Wellness Division from the Tennessee Arts Commission to extend the Big Band Dance Series to 18 weeks in 2006.

01-06-10

**MS. WESLEY PAINE PRESENTED CURRENT BUDGET AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT
OF THE FRIENDS OF CENTENNIAL PARK AND THE PARTHENON
AS REQUIRED BY PARK POLICY 3000.31**

VII. CITIZEN PRESENTATIONS

VIII. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

After a discussion led by Mr. Lawson regarding approval of an Overlay in Councilmember Summers' district (24th district) by the Metro Council; a motion was made by Mr. Carter, seconded by Mr. Fossick, and the board agreed to request that the Metro Council adopt an amendment to exclude McCabe Park and Richland Park from the Overlay. Councilmember Summers' district includes McCabe Park and Richland Park and Mr. Lawson pointed out that authority for park property is the responsibility of the Park Board (Metro Attorney Tom Cross will be consulted on this matter).

IX. INTRODUCTION OF STAFF, NEW EMPLOYEES, VOLUNTEERS

Mr. Wilson announced that Sergeant George Mitchell has been promoted to Lieutenant of the Metro Park Police. The Park Board and others in attendance congratulated Lt. Mitchell for his promotion, and offered best wishes for success in his new leadership position.

X. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS FROM STAFF

TIERESIAS PROJECT AT THE PARTHENON

Wesley Paine of the Parthenon staff presented a report on the Tieresias Project, which will be a permanent free-standing installation at the Parthenon. The project is a "sighted and sight-impaired" exhibit, and is a duplicate of the freeze on the original Parthenon. Friends of Centennial Park and the Parthenon have committed to raise the majority of the funding for the project. A consultant will be hired, and an audio guide is under consideration.

COMMUNITY GARDEN UPDATE

Vera Vollbrecht of the Nature Center staff presented a report and distributed handouts concerning the Community Garden initiative. The Steering Committee has held 3 meetings and a Community Garden Workshop and Gathering is scheduled for Saturday, February 11, 2006. Metro Parks is serving as the cohesive force for the network of involved agencies. A subcommittee is working on development of volunteer registration. Consideration is being given to send staff to an upcoming national conference on Community Gardening later this year.

XI. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Wilson reported that Hadley Regional Community Center is nearing completion and the Grand Opening is scheduled for Saturday, March 11, 2006, at 10:00 AM. An effort has been launched to collect old historic black & white photographs of Hadley Park that will be displayed.

Mr. Wilson introduced and acknowledged Jose Ochoa, Superintendent of the Cultural Arts Section, for revamping and improving the Cultural Arts Programs. Mr. Ochoa distributed copies of the current Cultural Arts Schedule that contains detailed information about offerings, fees, and registration.

XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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

Mr. Roy E. Wilson, Director

Justice A. A. Birch, Jr., Chairman