

**METROPOLITAN BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION**

**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING**

**February 7, 2006**

A meeting of the Board of Parks and Recreation of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee was held on Tuesday, February 7, 2006 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, Mr. James Lawson, and Mr. Ed Kindall. Ms. Jenny Hannon was 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 JANUARY 10, 2006 APPROVED**

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Fossick, the Board approved the minutes of the board meeting held Tuesday, January 10, 2006.

**V. OLD BUSINESS:**

**01-06-03**

**BOARD APPROVES 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, requested the Park Board to officially name the park site located at Nolensville Road and Edmondson Pike the "Wentworth Caldwell Sr. Park".

Upon motion of Mr. Carter, seconded by Mr. Fossick, the Board approved this request based on recommendation of established committee.

**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, requests permission from the Board to enter into a partnership with Metro Parks for renovation and use of the E. S. Rose Park athletic facilities.

The Park Board Acquisition/Disposition Committee consisting of Mr. Lawson, Ms. Jones, and Mr. Carter reviewed this proposal as well as comments from area residents; however, because of staff concern regarding input from the public, the committee deferred this request until the April board meeting.

**01-06-05**

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Therefore, staff will host a public hearing on Thursday, March 16, 6:00 – 8:00 pm, at Easley Center in E.S. Rose Park to offer the community the opportunity to voice their opinion on the proposed partnership. Upon suggestion of Mr. Lawson, the sub-committee will meet again prior to the April board meeting to prepare recommendation to the full board. Also, Mr. Carter requested history of field use at E. S. Rose Park from staff.

**01-06-07**

**BOARD APPROVES THE PURCHASE, AS FUNDS BECOME AVAILABLE, AND INSTALLATION OF 16 SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS TO BE USED IN CERTAIN METRO PARKS WITH APPROPRIATE SAFEGUARDS**

Michael Craddock, District 4 Councilmember, previously requested 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.

A meeting to familiarize the board with surveillance cameras was held Tuesday, January 31<sup>st</sup>. David Himes, representing Public Works, presented different methods of surveillance camera use utilized by Public Works to discourage illegal dumping and stated that the use of these cameras have had a success rate of 40% less dumping within the last 6 months. 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. These cameras, if purchased, would only be utilized in certain Metro Parks in an effort to detour public indecency and prostitution.

Mr. Kindall asked if any additional costs would have to be approved at a later date:

- Mr. Himes stated that the cost of software to monitor the cameras through the computers is \$600 per computer.
- Mr. Wilson reported that the monitoring of cameras could be incorporated into a current employee's job description.

**01-06-07**

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At the request of the Board Mr. Tom Cross of the Metro Legal Department provided an opinion, in writing, regarding privacy issues which stated that “the use of surveillance cameras, at least in generally accessible and observable areas of public parks, does not violate the constitutional rights of park patrons whose images are recorded. Thus, given that no constitutional ban applies and in that there do not appear to be any federal or Tennessee statutes barring the practice, use of surveillance cameras in the parks is legally permissible before recommending the purchasing of surveillance equipment with Councilmember Craddock’s assistance in locating appropriate funding to the full board”.

Upon motion of Mr. Carter, seconded by Ms. Jones, the Board adopted recommendation of committee to use 16 cameras in Metro Parks with appropriate safeguards taken with regard to the manner in which cameras are used as per direction of the Metro Legal Department.

**VI. CONSENT AGENDA:**

**02-06-01**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF THE OASIS CENTER FOR AMPLIFICATION  
AND THE SERVING OF ALCOHOL IN A TENTED AREA OF CENTENNIAL PARK  
ON SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 2006 DURING DIVAS NASHVEGAS**

An application submitted by Mr. Hal Cato, Executive Director of the Oasis Center, requesting permission for amplification and alcohol to be served in a tented area during **Divas Nashvegas** (a ticketed event) on Saturday, April 8, 2006, 6:00 – 11:00 pm, on the front lawn of Centennial Park was presented to the Board.

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Mr. Lawson, the Board unanimously approved this request with the understanding that the sound not be disruptive to those in the surrounding area and subject to monitoring by park personnel. Permission was also granted request to serve alcohol with the following guidelines adopted by the Board in August 2002:

- 1) All consumption of alcohol must take place in an enclosed tent which must be located at least 100 feet from the general public with a temporary fence surrounding the designated area.
- 2) Substantial food must be served in the designated area and all beverages served including alcohol must be in unmarked containers.

**VI. CONSENT AGENDA:**

**02-06-02 (con't.)**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF THE OASIS CENTER FOR AMPLIFICATION AND THE SERVING OF ALCOHOL IN A TENTED AREA OF CENTENNIAL PARK ON SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 2006 DURING DIVAS NASHVEGAS**

- 3) An admission fee for food and drink, including alcohol, will be charged to enter the area.
- 4) No on-site signage advertising the consumption of alcoholic beverages is allowed.
- 5) A minimum of one off-duty Park Ranger and/or Metro Police Office must be hired to control and secure the area.
- 6) A specific site plan for the event delineating where the hospitality tent will be located is required and must be approved in advance by appropriate Parks' staff.
- 7) Additional insurance may be required by Metro's Risk Management Office for this privilege.

Parks reserves the right to close this hospitality area at any time if all of the above is not adhered to.

**02-06-03**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF MS. LIEN NGUYEN AND MR. PATRICK SMITH TO SERVE ALCOHOL DURING A PRIVATE WEDDING RECEPTION ON SATURDAY, JUNE 3, 2006, 5:00 - 11:00 PM, IN RIVERFRONT PARK**

An application submitted by Ms. Lien Nguyen and Mr. Patrick Smith requesting permission to serve alcohol during their private wedding reception on Saturday, June 3, 2006, 5:00 - 11:00 pm, in Riverfront Park at Ryman's Landing was presented to the Board.

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Mr. Lawson, the Board granted permission for the consumption of alcoholic beverages, as per Metro Ordinance, and contingent upon applicant acquiring all appropriate permits from the Metropolitan Beer Board and/or the Alcoholic Beverage.

**VI. CONSENT AGENDA:**

**02-06-04**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF MS. JAMIE CEDENO FOR AMPLIFICATION  
DURING A WEDDING CEREMONY IN SHELBY PARK (NAVAL HILL AREA)  
ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 19, 2006**

An application submitted by Ms. Jamie Cedeno requesting permission for amplification during a wedding ceremony on Saturday, August 19, 2006, 6:30 – 8:00 pm, in Shelby Park (Navel Hill area).

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

**02-06-04**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF THE SUSAN G. KOMEN BREAST CANCER  
FOUNDATION FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING A ONE MILE WALK AND 5K RUN  
IN HALL OF FAME PARK ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2006**

An application submitted by Ms. Tiffany Holland, representing the Nashville Affiliate of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, requesting permission for amplification during a one mile walk on Saturday, September 23, 2006, 5:00 am – 2:00 pm, in Hall of Fame Park was presented to the board.

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

**02-06-05**

**BOARD APPROVES APPLICATION BY THE RECREATION, CULTURE  
AND WELLNESS DIVISION  
AND ULTIMATE ACCEPTANCE OF THE FOLLOWING GRANTS**

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Mr. Lawson, Board approved application by the Recreation, Culture and Wellness Division and ultimate acceptance of the following grants:

**Outdoor Environmental Recreation Program/MDHA Summer Enrichment Grant**

Application for funding of \$20,000 for summer enrichment program at Coleman, Morgan, Napier and Looby Community Centers. The program provides additional staff, field trips, transportation, educational and recreational opportunities for low income youth between the ages of 6 and 18 years of age.

**VI. CONSENT AGENDA:**

**02-06-05 (con't.)**

**BOARD APPROVES APPLICATION BY THE RECREATION, CULTURE  
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Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Mr. Lawson, Board approved application by the Recreation, Culture and Wellness Division and ultimate acceptance of the following grants:

**"Get on the Ball" - Dancepalooza /MDHA Summer Enrichment Grant**

Application for funding of \$20,000 for summer enrichment dance program at 10 Community Centers (to be determined). The program provides an introduction to Ballroom dancing with a hip attitude for today's youth. The program will provide additional staff, dance instruction and recreational opportunities for low income youth.

**Predators Foundation - Indoor Hockey Program**

Application for funding of \$10,000 for purchase of roller skates, indoor hockey equipment (goals, protective gear, sticks, etc.) for enhancement of the current Indoor Hockey program in 21 Community Centers.

**General Mills Champions for Healthy Kids**

Application for funding of \$10,000 to implement a program for healthier youth. The program will focus on improving youth nutrition and fitness for ages 6 to 17 years. Metro Parks and Metro Public Health Department will implement a program at 2-4 Community Centers. The program will include the Healthy Eating Active Living Modules for which Metro Parks was selected as a field site through NRPA.

**VII. NEW BUSINESS:**

**02-06-06**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF WALDEN'S PUDDLE  
TO HOST AN EARTH DAY RUN/WALK AT THE SHELBY BOTTOMS GREENWAY  
ON SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2006 WITH WAIVER OF USAGE FEES**

An application submitted by Mr. Richard Presler, Executive Director of Walden's Puddle, requesting permission to host an Earth Day Run/Walk on Saturday, April 22, 2006 at the Shelby Bottoms Greenway with waiver of usage fees was presented to the Board.

Because of the assistance Walden's Puddle offers the Warner Park Nature Center throughout the year and upon motion of Mr. Carter, seconded by Mr. Lawson, the Board approved request for usage fee waiver during an Earth Day Run/Walk to be held on Saturday, April 22, 2006 at the Shelby Bottoms Greenway.

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

02-06-07

**BOARD ACCEPTS TRANSFER OF FORMER TURNER SCHOOL PROPERTY  
FROM METRO SCHOOLS**

Councilmember Amanda McClendon was present to request the board to accept transfer of the former Turner School property from Metro Schools to Parks.

This property, identified as surplus by Metro Schools, is ½ mile from Coleman Park and is located in Subarea 11 which is deficient 44.24 acres of park land. It is currently being utilized as a neighborhood playground and meets the criteria of a mini-park. The acquisition/disposition committee recommends acceptance of property to the full board; therefore upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Ms. Jones, the board accepted transfer of this property.

02-06-08

**BOARD GRANTS APPROVAL TO THE HILLSBORO HOUNDS  
TO HOST THE POINT TO POINT RACES  
IN WARNER PARK ON SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2006  
WITH PERMISSION TO SERVE ALCOHOL**

Ms. Jane Ann Whitson representing Mr. Henry W. Hooker, President of the Hillsboro Hounds, appeared before the Board to request permission to host the **Hillsboro Hounds Point to Point Races** in Percy Warner Park with appropriate usage fees and serve alcohol in a restricted area of the box seats on Sunday, March 19, 2006.

Upon motion of Mr. Carter, seconded by Mr. Lawson, the Board granted unanimous approval of this request contingent upon applicant acquiring all appropriate permits from the Metropolitan Beer Board and/or the Alcoholic Beverage Commission.

02-06-09

**BOARDS GRANTS PERMISSION TO THE FRIENDS OF WARNER PARKS TO HOST  
FIVE FULL MOON PICKIN' PARTIES; SUNDAY IN THE PARK; SPRING SPREE  
INCLUDING THE BIKE TOUR AND THE CHILDREN'S PICNIC/HOUND DOG  
PARTY; AND A GOLF SCRAMBLE IN WARNER PARK DURING 2006**

Ms. Eleanor Willis, Executive Director of the Friends of Warner Parks, was present to request permission from the board to host the following events in Warner Park with waiver of usage fees, alcohol consumption and to remain in park after 11:00 pm for evening events:

**Spring Spree**

Bike Tour

Children's Picnic/Hound Dog Party

Saturday, April 1, 2006

Saturday, April 22, 2006

**VII. NEW BUSINESS:**

**02-06-09 (con't.)**

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**Full Moon Pickin' Parties**

Friday, May 19, 2006  
Friday, June 9, 2006  
Friday, July 14, 2006  
Friday, August 11, 2006  
Friday, September 8, 2006

**FOWP Golf Scramble @ Harpeth Hills**

Friday, September 8, 2006

**Sunday in the Park**

undetermined date in October

**02-06-10**

**BOARD APPROVES AND ACCEPTS THE WARNER PARK MASTER PLAN FOR THE EQUESTRIAN CENTER AND SPORTS AND SPECIAL EVENTS AREA**

Upon motion of Ms. Jones, seconded by Mr. Fossick, the Board adopted and accepted the Warner Park Master Plan for the Equestrian Center and Sports and Special Events Area as presented.

**VIII. CITIZEN PRESENTATIONS**

**IX. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS**

Mr. Lawson reported on his discussion with Councilmember Summers regarding the proposed 24<sup>th</sup> Council District Overlay which includes McCabe Park and Richland Park. Mr. Lawson reminded the Board that park property is charged to their responsibility and there are many legal procedures available, if necessary, to remove park property from the umbrella of the Overlay.

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

**XI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS FROM STAFF**

**COMMUNITY GARDEN UPDATE**

The Community Garden Workshop and Gathering is scheduled for Saturday, February 11, 2006 at Scarritt Bennett Center.

Vera Vollbrecht reported that a community gardens website is being developed and progress of the initiative is moving at a smooth pace.

**XI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS FROM STAFF**

**HADLEY REGIONAL CENTER OPENING**

Jackie Jones reported on the tentative schedule surrounding the opening day's activities and distributed a copy of the guest list to the board members. Jackie asked the board for their input on the addition of others to the guest list. Justice Birch suggested that former residents of the community be invited. She stated that Mayor Purcell, Vice Mayor Gentry, Councilmember Whitmore, Justice Birch, Rev. James Thomas and one of the original architects will be included on the program to dedicate the building.

There will be activity in each specific area of the building, Hadley Park history will be highlighted in the lobby area as you enter the center.

**XII. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR**

Mr. Wilson informed the Board of the status of the pool at Pearl Cohn High School and the outdoor pool in Hadley Park. Therefore, upon motion of Mr. Carter, seconded by Mr. Fossick, the Board approved the demolition of the outdoor pool in Hadley Park and the transfer of the indoor pool at Pearl-Cohn to Metro Schools effective March 10. Upon demolition of the outdoor pool in Hadley Park, the summer hours of the indoor pool located at the new Hadley Regional Center will be adjusted to reflect the hours of the outdoor pool in previous summers.

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

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

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**Mr. Roy E. Wilson, Director**

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**Justice A. A. Birch, Jr., Chairman**