

METROPOLITAN BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

March 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, March 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 and Mr. James Lawson. Mr. Ed Kindall and Ms. Jenny Hannon 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 Community Affairs; Sgt. George Mitchell, Park Police; and Mr. Bob Parrish, Superintendent of Warner Park.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 7, 2006 APPROVED

Upon motion of Mr. Carter, seconded by Mr. Lawson, the Board approved the minutes of the board meeting held Tuesday, February 7, 2006.

V. OLD BUSINESS: NONE

VI. CONSENT AGENDA:

03-06-01

**BOARD GRANTS PERMISSION TO THE DONELSON FELLOWSHIP
FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING AN EGG HUNT
IN TWO RIVERS PARK ON SATURDAY, APRIL 19, 2003**

An application submitted by Mr. Steve Greenwoods, representing The Donelson Fellowship, requesting permission for amplification during a children's egg hunt in Two Rivers Park on Friday, April 14 and Saturday, April 15, 2006 was presented to the Board.

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

03-06-02

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF THE DAVIDSON COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY
FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING THEIR 2006 MEMBERSHIP PICNIC
ON SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 2006 IN SEVIER PARK**

An application submitted by Mr. Jonathan Crisp, Chairman of the Davidson County Republican Party, requesting permission for amplification during their 2005 annual membership picnic on Saturday, June 10, 2006 at the Pavilion in Sevier Park was presented to the Board.

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

03-06-03

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF MS. RACHEL TAYLOR FOR AMPLIFICATION
DURING A WEDDING CEREMONY IN HALL OF FAME PARK
ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2006**

An application submitted by Ms. Rachel Taylor requesting permission for amplification during a wedding ceremony on Sunday, September 3, 2006, 3:00 – 8:00 pm, in Hall of Fame Park adjacent to 3rd Avenue South and Demonbreun Street. was presented to the Board.

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

03-06-04

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF MR. CECIL NEWLL FOR AMPLIFICATION
DURING A FAMILY REUNION IN CENTENNIAL PARK (PICNIC PAVILION)
ON FRIDAY, JULY 28, 2006**

An application submitted by Mr. Cecil Newell requesting permission for amplification during a family reunion on Friday, July 28, 2006, all day, at the Picnic Pavilion in Centennial Park was presented to the Board.

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

03-06-05

BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF MS. JACQUELYN KELLY FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING A FAMILY BIRTHDAY PARTY IN SHELBY PARK (RIVERVIEW SHELTER) ON SATURDAY, MAY 27, 2006

An application submitted by Ms. Jacquelyn Kelly requesting permission for amplification during a family birthday party on Saturday, May 27, 2006, 3:00 – 11:00 pm, in Shelby Park (Riverview Shelter) was presented to the Board.

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

03-06-06

BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF THE NASHVILLE PEACE AND JUSTICE CENTER FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING A PEACE RALLY IN OWEN BRADLEY PARK ON SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 2006

An application submitted by Mr. Bill Harkey, representing the Nashville Peace and Justice Center, requesting permission for amplification during a Peace Rally to commemorate 3 years in Iraq on Saturday, March 18, 2006, 12:00 – 2:00 pm, in Owen Bradley Park was presented to the Board.

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

03-06-07

BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF SPRINGS OF LIFE MINISTRIES FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING A PRAYER RALLY/CONCERT AT THE CENTENNIAL PARK BANDSHELL ON SATURDAY, MAY 13, 2006

An application submitted by Mr. Robert R. Thomas, representing Springs of Life Ministries, requests permission for amplification during a prayer rally/concert on Saturday, May 13, 2006, 12:00 – 7:00 pm, at the Centennial Park Bandshell was presented to the Board.

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

03-06-08

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF THE NASHVILLE CANCER SOCIETY
TO REMAIN IN CENTENNIAL PARK OVERNIGHT WITH
PERMISSION FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING A RELAY FOR LIFE EVENT
SATURDAY, MAY 21, 5:00 PM UNTIL SUNDAY, MAY 22, 5:00 AM, 2005**

An application submitted by Ms. Lee Hederman, representing the American Cancer Society, requesting permission for amplification and to remain in Centennial Park overnight during a **Relay for Life** event Saturday, May 20, 5:00 pm until 5:00 am on Sunday, May 21, 2006 was presented to the Board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Carter, the board unanimously approved your request to remain in Centennial Park overnight during a **Relay for Life** event in accordance with park policies and/or guidelines and with the understanding that the sound not be disruptive to those in the surrounding area and subject to monitoring by park personnel.

03-06-09

**BOARD GRANTS PERMISSION TO THE BELLEVUE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
TO HOST THE 29th ANNUAL BELLEVUE COMMUNITY PICNIC ON SATURDAY,
MAY 20, 2006 WITH WAIVER OF USAGE FEE**

An application submitted by Ms. Gayla Pugh, Executive Director of the Bellevue Chamber of Commerce, requests permission for usage fee waiver of Bellevue Park and amplification during the 29th Annual Bellevue Community Picnic on Saturday, May 20, 2006. (Group pays for use of the Showmobile).

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Carter, the Board unanimously approved request for amplification and waiver of park usage fee as organization meets criteria established by the board in May 2003 with regard to fee waivers.

03-06-10

**BOARD GRANTS PERMISSION TO THE NASHVILLE PRIDE INC. TO HOST
PRIDEFEST 2006 IN CENTENNIAL PARK ON FRIDAY, JUNE 2 FOR A VIP PARTY
AND ON SATURDAY, JUNE 3, 2006 (HOSPITALITY AREA) WITH AMPLIFICATION
AND PERMISSION TO CONSUME ALCOHOL**

An application submitted by Mr. Todd Grantham, President of Nashville Pride, Inc., requests permission for sound amplification and to serve alcohol during PrideFest in Centennial Park (front lawn area) on Friday, June 2 for a VIP Party and on Saturday, June 3, 2006 in the hospitality area was presented to the board.

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Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Carter, the Board unanimously approved this request for amplification and to consume alcohol contingent upon applicant acquiring all appropriate permits from the Metropolitan Beer board and/or the Alcoholic Beverage Commission and subject to compliance of the following board policy in this regard:

- 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.
- 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 Officer 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.

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

03-06-11

**BOARD GRANTS PERMISSION TO THE OLD TIMERS BASEBALL ASSOCIATION
TO HOST A GOLF TOURNAMENT AT TED RHODES GOLF COURSE ON
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2006 WITH ONE-HALF GREEN FEE WAIVER AND
WAIVER OF ANY CONCESSION CHARGES**

A letter submitted by Mr. Rip Ryman, chairman of the scholarship committee of The Old Timers Baseball Association, requesting permission to host a golf tournament at Ted Rhodes Golf Course on Thursday, September 21, 2006 with one-half green fee waiver and waiver of any concession charges was presented to the Board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Carter, the Board unanimously approved this request on behalf of the Old Timers Baseball Organization for one half green fee and concession waivers as organization meets criteria established by the board in May 2003 with regard to fee waivers.

03-06-12

**BOARD GRANTS PERMISSION TO THE PERCY PRIEST YACHT CLUB
TO BASE ITS REGATTA/SAILING ACTIVITIES
AT HAMILTON CREEK SAILBOAT MARINA DURING THE 2006 SEASON**

A letter submitted by The Percy Priest Yacht Club requests permission to base its regatta and other sailing activities at Hamilton Creek Sailboat Marina and to serve beer for three hours after each event and to isolate one parking lot and launch ramp at Hamilton Creek from 6:00 am - 12:00 noon for regatta dates April 1-2, May 6-7, May 13, June 10, September 30 - October 1, October 21 - 22, November 11, and December 3, 2006 was presented to the Board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Carter, the board granted unanimous approval to the Percy Priest Yacht Club for the 2006 season

03-06-13

**BOARD APPROVES APPLICATION AND ULTIMATE ACCEPTANCE
OF \$500,000 FOR POTENTIAL LAND ACQUISITION
FROM THE LOCAL PARK AND RECREATION FUND**

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Carter, the Board approved application and ultimate acceptance of \$500,000 for potential land acquisition along Stones River from the Local Park and Recreation Fund, administered by the State of Tennessee as presented.

VII. NEW BUSINESS: NONE

VIII. CITIZEN PRESENTATIONS

IX. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

X. INTRODUCTION OF STAFF, NEW EMPLOYEES, VOLUNTEERS

Mr. Wilson introduced the following employees:

Pamela Fitzpatrick-King - Safety Coordinator

Tim Netsch - Superintendent of Planning and Facility Development

Hadley Management Staff: Jeff Chatman, Interim Manager
 Ricky Biggs, Aquatic Manager
 Parvin Neloms, Program Coordinator/Recreation
 Lisa King, Program Coordinator/Fitness
 Melissa Rucker, Senior Programming

Hartman Management Staff: Alonzo Rhodes, Program Coordinator/Recreation
 Stephon Neloms, Program Coordinator/Fitness

XI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS FROM STAFF

Community Garden Update

Vera Vollbrecht reported that the February 11th Community Gardening Workshop and Gathering held at the Scarritt Bennett Center was successful with a very diverse group in attendance. Vera also expressed her appreciation to Randall Lantz, Superintendent of Landscaping, for providing lunch for the participants. Since the workshop the number of daily inquiries has increased; therefore, a home page on the Parks website dedicated to community gardening is currently under development.

Annual Permits

Tommy Lynch reported that all permit holders who wanted to continue have met all requirements, paid fees and are in compliance. He also reported that the Parkwood and Bordeaux groups have resolved their issue regarding the concession building. The building will be renovated with the Bordeaux group financing the project and upon completion each group will have a concession window and storage room.

Miracle League

Board Member Lamont Carter brought this league to the attention of Mr. Wilson and made recommendation that Metro Parks should make every effort to participate. This is a league where all children regardless of their ability are allowed to play. Field is paved for walkers and/or wheelchair use. Mr. Wilson charged Tommy Lynch with the project and Tommy will report monthly to the board on Metro Parks' progress.

XII. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Wilson reported to the Board of Metro Parks \$42,507.12 contribution to the Metro Employees Consolidated Charities Campaign with 100% participation. All 2005 MECCC awards won by Metro Parks were on display. Mr. Wilson has been selected by Mayor Purcell to chair the overall campaign for the Metropolitan Government in 2006.

All Employee Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 8 at Looby Theatre with 25 employees being recognized as graduates of the Metropolitan Management Institute, as well as recipients of service awards and members of the 1% Club.

Mayor Purcell's Annual Youth Summit is being held today at Tennessee State University with Metro Parks' representatives presenting their report. Our representatives are students from Martin Luther King and Hume Fogg Magnet Schools.

Community Meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 16th, 6:00 – 8:00 pm, at Easley Center in E. S. Rose Park with regard to Belmont University's proposal for renovation and use of athletic facilities in E. S. Rose Park.

XIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Acquisition and Disposition Committee will convene to consider Councilmember Tygard's request for "Welcome to Bellevue" signage to be placed on Warner Park property.

Justice Birch asked for a board committee to be established at the April 2006 board meeting to study use of cameras in parks, signs, when cameras are on or off, etc. and to create a set of guidelines for camera usage.

XIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (con't.)

Board Officers

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Carter, the Board approved the following with regard to the selection of officers of the Metro Park Board:

- Reconsideration of the slate of officers to be approved at the April 2006 Board Meeting with the progression modified to elect Susan Jones as Chairperson and Lamont Carter as Vice-chairperson.
- Re-examination of how the Board chooses their leadership relevant to the progression policy in regard to board absences.

It was also suggested that a sub-committee be selected at the April meeting to determine new guidelines for board selection.

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

Mr. Roy E. Wilson, Director

Justice A. A. Birch, Jr., Chairman