

METROPOLITAN BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION

**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
MAY 9, 2006**

A meeting of the Board of Parks and Recreation of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee was held on Tuesday, May 9, 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. Lamont Carter, Mr. James Lawson, and Mr. Stan Fossick. 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 APRIL 4, 2006 APPROVED

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Carter, the Board approved the minutes of the board meeting held Tuesday, April 4, 2006.

V. OLD BUSINESS:

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

Upon motion of Mr. Carter, seconded by Justice Birch, the Board unanimously deferred request of Dr. Robert Fisher, President of Belmont University, to enter into a partnership with Metro Parks for renovation and use of the E. S. Rose Park athletic facilities. Board has referred this request back to the acquisition disposition committee for review based on information requested regarding use of the athletic facilities from park staff. Recommendation will be brought back to the Board in June.

04-06-21

BOARD DENIES REQUEST OF COUNCILMEMBER TYGARD TO PLACE A "WELCOME TO BELLEVUE" SIGN ON PARK PROPERTY

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson and based upon recommendation of sub committee, seconded by Mr. Carter, the Board denied request of Councilman Tygard to place a "Welcome to Bellevue" sign on Warner Park property.

The Board determined that acceptance of this proposal to allow the placement of non-park signage complete with aesthetics (flowers, etc.) on park property and then, in turn, request that Metro Parks maintain the designated area is not the direction Metro Parks should go at this time.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA:

05-06-01

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF WORD OF FAITH CHRISTIAN CENTER
FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING A COMMUNITY OUTREACH
ON SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 2006 IN COLEMAN PARK**

An application submitted by Rev. Henry Cole, representing the Word of Faith Christian Center, requesting permission for amplification during a community outreach in Coleman Park, 3:00 – 6:00 pm, on Saturday, June 24, 2006 was presented to the Board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Fossick, 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.

05-06-02

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF EASTLAND COMMUNITY CHURCH FOR
AMPLIFICATION DURING A COMMUNITY OUTREACH
ON TUESDAY, JULY 4, 2006 IN EAST PARK**

An application submitted by Ms. Heidi Higgins, representing Eastland Community Church, requesting permission for amplification during a community outreach in East Park, 6:30 – 10:30 pm, on Tuesday, July 4, 2006 was presented to the Board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Fossick, 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.

05-06-03

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING A FAMILY
OOREUNION ON SATURDAY, JULY 29, 2006, 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
IN HADLEY PARK**

An application submitted by Ms. Delicia Stephens requesting permission for amplification during a family reunion picnic on Saturday, July 29, 2006, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm, in Hadley Park was presented to the Board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Fossick, 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.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA:

05-06-04

BOARD APPROVES REQUEST FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING A FAMILY REUNION ON SUNDAY, MAY 28, 2006, ALL DAY, IN HADLEY PARK

An application submitted by Mr. Glen Townsend requests permission for amplification during a family reunion picnic on Sunday, May 28, 2006, all day, in Cedar Hill Park at picnic area 2 was presented to the Board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Fossick, 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.

05-06-05

BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF BIG BROTHERS OF NASHVILLE, INC. FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING A 5-MILE RACE ON SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 2006, 6:00 AM – 3:00 PM, IN OWEN BRADLEY PARK

An application submitted by Mr. Charlie Harvison, representing Big Brothers of Nashville Inc. requests permission for amplification during a 5 mile race on Saturday, June 10, 2006, 6:00 am – 3:00 pm, in Owen Bradley Park was presented to the Board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Fossick, 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.

05-06-06

BOARD GRANTS PERMISSION TO THE NASHVILLE BAR ASSOCIATION FOR AMPLIFICATION AND TO SELL SERVE ALCOHOL DURING THEIR ANNUAL PICNIC ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2006 IN CENTENNIAL PARK

An application submitted by Ms. Traci Hollandsworth, representing the Nashville Bar Association, requesting permission for amplification and the serving of alcohol during their annual picnic on Thursday, September 21, 2006, 5:30 – 8:30 pm, in Centennial Park Center Lawn Area was presented to the Board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Fossick, the board unanimously approved request for amplification and the consumption of alcohol during the Nashville Bar Association's Annual Picnic to be held on Thursday, September 21, 2006, 5:30 – 8:30 pm, in Centennial Park subject to compliance of the following board policy in this regard:

VI. CONSENT AGENDA:

05-06-06 (con't.)

**BOARD GRANTS PERMISSION TO THE NASHVILLE BAR ASSOCIATION
FOR AMPLIFICATION AND TO SELL SERVE ALCOHOL DURING
THEIR ANNUAL PICNIC
ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2006 IN CENTENNIAL PARK**

- 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.

"It is to be understood that the Metropolitan Government assumes no liability for the actions of individuals as a result of issuance of a permit to allow consumption of alcoholic beverages on park property. The holder of the permit will be responsible for monitoring the behavior of individuals attending the event for which the permit covers."

Further, this approval is contingent upon applicant acquiring all appropriate permits from the Metropolitan Beer Board and/or the Alcoholic Beverage Commission.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA:

05-06-07

**BOARD GRANTS PERMISSION TO CLEAR CHANNEL NASHVILLE
FOR AMPLIFICATION AND ALCOHOL SALES/CONSUMPTION DURING
THE MUSIC CITY BREWER'S FESTIVAL
ON SATURDAY, JULY 29, 2006, 2:00 – 8:00 PM IN HALL OF FAME PARK**

An application submitted by Ms. Candace Price, representing Clear Channel Radio, requesting permission for amplification and alcohol sales/consumption during the *Music City Brewer's Festival* on Saturday, July 29, 2006, 2:00 – 8:00 pm in Hall of Fame Park was presented to the Board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Fossick, unanimous approval was granted Clear Channel Nashville and Second Harvest Food Bank to sell beer as per Metro Ordinance, during the fifth annual Music City Brewer's Festival on Saturday, July 29, 2006 in Hall of Fame Park.

"It is to be understood further that the Metropolitan Government will assume no liability for the actions of individuals as result of issuance of a permit to allow consumption of alcoholic beverages on park property. The holder of the permit must be responsible for monitoring the behavior of individuals attending the event for which the permit covers."

Further, this approval is contingent upon applicant acquiring all appropriate permits from the Metropolitan Beer Board and/or the Alcoholic Beverage Commission.

Amplification is subject to monitoring by park personnel.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

05-06-08

**JUSTICE A.A. BIRCH, JR. REAPPOINTED
AS MEMBER OF THE PARK BOARD**

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Fossick, the Board affirmed the reappointment of Justice A. A. Birch, Jr., as member of the Park Board, effective April 4, 2006. (Justice Birch's term will expire March 30, 2011).

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

05-06-09

**BOARD GRANTS PERMISSION TO THE CENTER FOR JEWISH AWARENESS
TO PLACE A NINE-FOOT MENORAH IN RIVERFRONT PARK
ADJACENT TO THE HOLIDAY TREE, DECEMBER 1 - 28
CONTINGENT UPON STAFF APPROVAL OF AESTHETICS, SPACE
AVAILABILITY AND ACCESS**

Rabbi Yitzchok Tiechtel, Executive Director of The Center for Jewish Awareness, was present to request permission to place a nine-foot Menorah in Riverfront Park alongside the Holiday Tree December 1 - 28, 2006 from the board.

Therefore, upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Justice Birch, and upon recommendation of the Metro Legal Department, the Board approved the concept of the request to place a nine-foot Menorah adjacent to the Holiday Tree in Riverfront Park, December 1 - 28, 2006. The Board's approval is contingent upon staff examining how other requests are considered at that site; specifically, aesthetics, space availability and access.

Recommendation, furnished by Mr. Tom Cross of the Metro Legal Department, stated the following:

“Riverfront Park has historically been treated by the Department as a forum for various types of First Amendment activities, including live musical performances and the temporary placement of at least some expressive structures. Religious symbols must be treated for most purposes in the same way as other expressive structures.”

“Placement of the Menorah should be subject to the same rules as any other structure that the Board and Department would allow. All typical insurance requirements should apply, and the Board can consider imposing reasonable safety-related limitations on the size and weight of the structure and requiring the approval of a licensed engineer for support and placement. Finally, the Board can reasonably require that expressive structures be accompanied by a sign to the effect that this display has been erected by a private organization. Its presence does not constitute an endorsement by the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County of the organization or the display.”

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

05-06-10

**BOARD DEFERS REQUEST OF MR. STUART MCWHORTER TO HOST A
TWO DAY CHRISTIAN OUTREACH FESTIVAL WITH DR. LUIS PALAU
IN RIVERFRONT PARK**

Mr. Stuart McWhorter, Co-Chair of the Music City Festival, was present to request permission to host a two day Christian Outreach Festival with Dr. Luis Palau in Riverfront Park in Spring 2007 from the Board.

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Mr. Lawson, and upon staff recommendation, the Board deferred request to host a two day Christian Outreach Festival with Dr. Luis Palau in Riverfront Park, Spring of 2007, to the events coordination sub-committee of the Board. This committee (Jim Lawson, chair, Lamont Carter, and Stan Fossick) has been charged with evaluating this request and will bring recommendation back to the full board at the June 6th meeting.

05-06-11

**BOARD ACCEPTS EASEMENT FROM TARGET CORPORATION FOR USE AS
A SEGMENT OF THE RICHLAND CREEK GREENWAY**

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Carter, the Board approved acceptance of a right of way easement agreement from Target Corporation for the Richland Creek Greenway connection to the Target property; 0.05 acres or 2,291 sq. ft., Tax Map 103-14, Parcel 115.

Because this easement request is contingent upon adoption by the Metropolitan Council, Mr. Tom Cross, Parks' legal liaison will proceed with the necessary documentation required for Council approval.

05-06-12

**BOARD DEFERS REQUEST TO CONSIDER POTENTIAL DONATION OF
A 20 ACRE PARCEL OF PROPERTY LOCATED
AT HAMILTON CHURCH AND MT. VIEW ROADS**

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Carter, the Board deferred this request to the acquisition/disposition committee for review and to bring recommendation to the full board at their June meeting.

VIII. CITIZEN PRESENTATIONS

IX. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

X. INTRODUCTION OF STAFF, NEW EMPLOYEES, VOLUNTEERS

Bryan Irvin, recently promoted Park Police Sergeant, was unable to attend and will be introduced to the Board at their June meeting.

XI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS FROM STAFF

2007 Budget Overview

On Tuesday, May 2nd the 2007 budget for Metro Parks was presented to Mayor Purcell. James Gray provided the Board with an overview of the 2007 budget, after which Mr. Wilson distributed video copies of the budget presentation to each board member.

Community Garden Update

Vera Vollbrecht distributed listing of current community gardens in Nashville. She also reported that website development is progressing nicely. Tennessee State University student, Jordan Robinson, has been hired as a seasonal garden coordinator.

Miracle League Update

Dottie Hale introduced Diane and Stephanie, representatives from the Miracle League Headquarters based in Conyers, Georgia and distributed informative notebooks to all board members. Diane presented a touching powerpoint presentation regarding the program and announced that the 41st rubberized field in the United States opened this past summer.

Volunteer Ranger Program

Lt. George Mitchell distributes a draft handout of proposed program and reported that Sergeant Irwin is heading this program.

XII. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Wilson distributed his monthly report to the Board.

Mr. Wilson introduced 3 Metro Parks Seniors who were winners in the 2006 Senior Olympics – Ruby for Shuffleboard, Dorothy and Ruth for bowling.

XIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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

