

METROPOLITAN BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION

**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 12, 2006**

A meeting of the Board of Parks and Recreation of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee was held on Tuesday, September 12, 2006 at 1:30 pm in the Centennial Park Boardroom, 2565 Park Plaza, Nashville, TN. Board members present were: Ms. Susan Jones, Mr. Lamont Carter, Ms. Jenny Hannon, Mr. James Lawson, Mr. Stan Fossick and Mr. Ed Kindall. Justice A. A. Birch Jr., 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 Community Affairs; Mr. Bob Parrish, Resource Management and Sgt. George Mitchell, Park Police.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AUGUST 1, 2006 APPROVED

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Fossick, the Board approved the minutes of the board meeting held Tuesday, August 1, 2006.

V. OLD BUSINESS:

04-06-21

**BOARD DEFERS REQUEST OF COUNCILMEMBER TYGARD TO PLACE A
“WELCOME TO BELLEVUE” SIGN ON PARK PROPERTY PENDING
DEVELOPMENT OF A POLICY DEDICATED TO SIGNAGE**

Motion was made by Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Carter to accept sub-committee's recommendation to disapprove the placement of a "Welcome to Bellevue" sign on park property; however, the motion failed with Mr. Fossick, Ms. Hannon, and Mr. Kindall voting no.

Therefore, Board Chair, Ms. Susan Short Jones deferred Councilmember Charlie Tygard's request to place a "Welcome to Bellevue" sign on park property pending development of a policy dedicated to signage on Metro Park property.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA:

09-06-01

BOARD APPROVES REQUEST FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING A CLEAN UP EVENT SPONSORED BY THE URBAN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 AND SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2006 IN CHURCH STREET PARK

An application submitted by Ms. Michele Tryeba, representing Urban Residents Association, requesting permission for amplification during a clean-up event on Thursday, September 14, Friday, September 15, and Saturday, September 16, 2006, 11:00 am – 3:00 pm at Church Street 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.

09-06-02

BOARD APPROVES REQUEST FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING A WEDDING SERVICE ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2006 IN CENTENNIAL PARK

An application submitted by Ms. Shirley Rich requesting permission for amplification during a wedding service on Sunday, October 1, 2006, 6:30 – 11:00 pm, at the event shelter and garden 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.

09-06-03

BOARD APPROVES REQUEST FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING A WEDDING RECEPTION ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2006 IN CENTENNIAL PARK

An application submitted by Mr. Joshua Gordon requesting permission for amplification during a wedding reception on Sunday, October 22, 2006, 2:00 – 5:00 pm, at the large event shelter 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.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA:

09-06-04

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING AN
EMPLOYEE CELEBRATION PICNIC VUMC INFORMATICS CENTER
EMPLOYEES ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2006, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM
AT THE LARGE EVENT SHELTER IN CENTENNIAL PARK**

An application submitted by Ms. Donna Forsythe, representing the Informatics Center at VUMC, requesting permission for amplification during an employee celebration picnic for Informatics Center employees on Friday, September 15, 2006, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm, at the large event shelter 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.

09-06-05

**BOARD GRANTS PERMISSION TO MCPI
FOR AMPLIFICATION AND ALCOHOL SALES/CONSUMPTION
DURING A COOKING CONTEST FOR TAILGATERS
ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20 AND SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2006
IN HALL OF FAME PARK**

An application submitted by Mr. Everett Bills, representing MCPI, requests permission to host a cooking contest for tailgaters in Hall of Fame Park on Friday, October 20, 2006, 7:00 – 10:30 pm, and Saturday, October 21, 2006, 10:00 am – 8:00 pm with amplification and sales/consumption of alcohol 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.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA:

09-06-06

**BOARD GRANTS PERMISSION TO ORANGE COUNTY CHOPPERS
FOR ALCOHOL SALES/CONSUMPTION AND CHARGING OF ADMISSION
DURING A CELEBRATION OF MOTORCYCLES, ART AND MUSIC
ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6 AND SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2006
IN RIVERFRONT PARK**

An application submitted by Mr. Kerry Dunne, representing Orange County Choppers, requests permission to host a celebration of motorcycles, art and music in Riverfront Park on Friday, October 6, 2006, 6:00 – 11:00 pm; Saturday, October 7, 2006, 11:00 am – 11:00 pm; and Sunday, October 8, 2006, 12:00 – 10:00 pm with amplification, sales/consumption of alcohol and charging of admission 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.

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

09-06-07

**FRIENDS OF WARNER PARKS WITHDRAW REQUEST TO DONATE
A 31 ACRE PARCEL OF LAND TO METRO PARKS**

Ms. Eleanor Willis, representing Friends of Warner Parks, withdrew request to the Board to accept a 31 acre parcel of land as a donation to Metro Parks from the Friends of Warner Parks.

09-06-08

**JENNY HANNON, BOARD MEMBER, WITHDRAWS REQUEST
TO CHANGE THE STARTING TIME OF MONTHLY PARK BOARD MEETINGS
FROM 1:30 PM TO 1:00 PM**

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

09-06-09

BOARD APPROVES THE FOLLOWING PARK POLICIES:
AMENDMENT OF POLICY FOR NAMING OF PARKS
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Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Mr. Carter, the Board approved the following park policies:

3000.1 NAMING OF PARKS (amended September 12, 2006)

I. Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to establish a systematic and consistent approach for the official naming of parks, recreational areas and facilities.

II. Objectives:

- Ensure that parks, recreational areas and facilities are easily identified and located.
- Ensure that names given to parks, recreational areas and facilities are consistent with the values and character of the area or neighborhood served.
- Encourage public participation in the naming of parks, recreation areas and facilities.

III. Definition:

Parks, recreational areas and facilities – includes all property assets under the City’s ownership and under the control of the Parks Department including buildings, structures, open spaces, public parks, natural areas, wetlands, environmental habitats and land.

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IV. Criteria:

The policy of the Parks Department is to name parks, recreation areas and facilities through an adopted process utilizing established criteria emphasizing community values and character, local history, geography, environmental, civics and service unique to the City of Nashville.

- A. The following criteria shall be used in determining the appropriateness of the naming designation:
 - 1. Geographic location (neighborhood, significant areas, etc.)
 - 2. Natural features
 - 3. A person (non-living) or place of historical or cultural significance
 - 4. A person (non-living), group, or feature particularly identified with the land or facility
- B. The process to name parks, recreation areas and/or facilities should begin within 12 months after the City has acquired title to the land and/or formally accepted the gift.
- C. Conditions of property donation as agreed upon by the donor and the City shall be honored regarding the naming of the parks, recreation areas and facilities subject to these adopted policies.
- D. Names that are similar to existing parks, properties or facilities in the City system (or other systems in the Metro area) should not be considered in order to minimize confusion.

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IV. Criteria:

- E. In the case of parks where only geographic, conceptual or other generic names exist or have been proposed, and when such names are not of special historical or geographical significance to the neighborhood; nominations may be made to name a park or park facility for a local or community leader (non-living).
- F. When park property is named for an individual, this action in no way gives the family members naming rights over other features on the property. Features within the facility or on the property will remain eligible for naming without the consent of the individual or family members for which the property is currently named. This matter will be clearly outlined in the written agreement at the time of the naming.
- G. Nominations will be accepted and considered only when received from community-based organizations which have been in existence a minimum of three years, e.g. advisory councils, neighborhood associations, youth service agencies, churches, elected and/or appointed bodies, etc. The nominating organization will be required to provide information about its history. A formal vote of the organization's executive board must be taken, and the family of the honoree must agree with the proposed recognition.
- H. Nominations will not be accepted from any individual person including elected officials. The only exception to this policy is when a significant financial contribution is made and the naming is a condition of the gift.

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IV. Criteria:

- I. The Department will not consider a naming request if any of the following conditions are present:
 1. Duplicates the name of another park or park feature;
 2. Endorses or advocates religion or a specific religious belief;
 3. Has obscene connotations; or
 4. Demeans, intimidates or maliciously portrays any racial and ethnic group.
- J. Requests will not be considered when submitted by an individual or a group for self-nomination. The only exception to this policy is when a significant financial contribution is made and the naming is a condition of the gift.
- K. When new park property is proposed, acquired or constructed, the property may be given a temporary, unofficial name until a formal petition is submitted by a community based group on the basis of the criteria and procedures outlined in this policy. The temporary name will be designated by the Parks Department for the purpose of administration and accounting.
- L. No park once named may ever be changed.

V. Procedure:

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V. Procedure:

A. Naming of Parks, Recreation Areas and Facilities

1. A request for naming of a park, recreational area or facility shall be submitted in writing to the Parks Board through the Parks and Recreation Department.
2. Those submitting a naming request should show how the proposed name is consistent with the criteria stated in this policy. When naming after a person or persons, the application will describe the contributions to the City. Written documentation of approval by next of kin to be honored (if available/possible) is required as part of the proposal.

Staff will review the proposal for adherence to the stated criteria and authentication of statements relative to contributions in the case of an individual before forwarding to the Parks Board. If the request is incomplete, staff will contact the applicant, in writing, and provide them with the opportunity to resubmit a revised request.

3. The Parks Board will offer the opportunity for public input on the proposed naming.
4. The Parks Board can initiate the naming process whenever deemed necessary and/or in the best interest of the City.
5. In the absence of any naming requests, the Parks Board shall adhere to criteria stated in this policy in recommendation of name.

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3000.33 COMMUNITY GARDENS (interim policy approved September 12, 2006)

- I. The Metropolitan Nashville Board of Parks and Recreation adopts this Community Garden Program as a framework for the Parks' staff to further develop and implement this new initiative.

The Community Garden Program provides an entry point for individuals and households to get involved in an endearing partnership project. Community gardeners use Metropolitan Park land to grow their own food, which has a positive impact on their household food security, and provide recreational outdoor activity as well as a fun and friendly environment for people of all ages, incomes, and cultures to work the land together and share their gardening knowledge and ideas.

Park Staff shall identify unused park property for implementation of this program.

II. Program Parameters

- A. Community gardeners shall obtain a permit for a plot each spring, paying a minimal fee to help defray the costs of site maintenance and management (tilling, mowing, plot layout, and provision of water, and compost). Gardeners also assist in site maintenance and management through volunteer commitments.
- B. Educational workshops will be held throughout the season to provide instruction in gardening skills such as organic gardening, pest control, starting seeds indoors, seed saving, fall planting, food preservation, and cooking.

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I. Program Parameters

- C. There are many people who would love to garden but have difficulty gardening on the ground. Some may be in a wheelchair or just unable to bend over for a long period of time. Park and Recreation Community Gardens will build raised beds, which make it possible for people with disabilities to enjoy the pleasures of gardening.
- D. Garden plots should measure 20' x 20' (400 sq. ft.) There is a one plot limit for new gardeners, but if an individual maintains their plot well the first year, more plots may be applied for in the following.
- E. This policy discourages the use of non-organic pest control by organizing garden-wide organic pest control.
- F. Plot rental for the season shall be annually established by the department with approval of the board. A gardening season will be established.
- G. Water is provided on site throughout the season.
- H. Tilled plots are plowed at the beginning of the season, making it possible to plant directly in the ground. Donated seeds and plants are given away to gardeners free every year at the beginning of the season.
- I. Compost, manure, and mulch should also be available at the gardens to help gardeners build their soil.

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3000.32 DOG MANAGEMENT ON PARK PROPERTY
(policy approved September 12, 2006)

The Metropolitan Board of Parks and Recreation has established goals and policies to accommodate recreational opportunities for dog owners and their pets on municipal park property within the framework of the Board's Mission Statement.

All Metro Parks will be "dog friendly" subject to Park Board rules, regulations, and policies. It is the responsibility of dog owners and custodians of dogs to ensure that they are in compliance with these conditions when they visit and enjoy Metro Parks and Greenways with their pets.

I. The use of Metro Park property and facilities by dog owners, custodians of dogs, and their pets will be subject to the Department's "core service" conditions that promote safety and quality of recreational experiences for all Nashville residents and visitors who share park resources. The intent of related Park Board policies is to make safety the highest priority in providing dog management on park property. The primary goals of dog management on park property are:

- A. Strict compliance with the leash law
- B. Strict compliance with regulation regarding removal of dog waste

II. RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR METRO DOG PARKS

- A. "VISITOR RESPONSIBILITIES" will be posted at all Metro Dog Parks:
 - 1. Shelby Dog Park is open from dawn to 8:00 PM
 - 2. Warner Dog Park is open from dawn to dusk.
 - 3. Centennial Dog Park is open from dawn to 8:00 PM

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- B. Use of the dog park will be at the user's risk.
- C. Disposal of dog waste, in the provided trash receptacles, is required.
- D. Dogs must be wearing current rabies and identification tags at all times.
- E. Dogs must be leashed before entering and leaving the fenced area.
- F. Dogs that become aggressive must be leashed and removed from the park immediately. Users are legally responsible for injuries inflicted by their dog. Metro Parks reserves the right to impose limitations, including restricting access to the Metro Parks, for any aggressive dog and its handler.
- G. Park users must have a leash on hand for each dog at all times.
- H. For safety reasons, children under the age of 10 years are prohibited from entering the fenced area of the dog park. All minors must be supervised by an adult.
- I. The following are not permitted in Metro Dog Parks:
 - 1. Pit bulls or dogs having the physical characteristics of the pit bull breed
 - 2. Female dogs in heat

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- I. The following are not permitted in Metro Dog Parks:
 3. Puppies under four months of age
 4. Dogs without handler supervision
 5. Dog food, human food or glass containers
 6. Spiked collars
 7. More than two dogs per handler
 8. Dog grooming

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I. Purpose

Whereas Board Members consider the work of the Metropolitan Nashville Board of Parks and Recreation to be of the highest importance, it is critical that all members of the Board participate fully in carrying out the Board's responsibilities. Members must be available and willing to attend meetings of the full Board and to serve on panels reviewing specific issues.

As a result, it is deemed appropriate to adopt a policy regarding attendance of Board members. It is intended to support full contribution of all members of the Metropolitan Nashville Board of Parks and Recreation.

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II. Definition of a Board Attendance Problem

A board attendance problem occurs if any of the following conditions exist in regard to a board member's attendance at board meetings:

1. The member has two un-notified absences in a row ("un-notified" means the member did not call ahead to a reasonable contact as defined by the Board to be the Secretary of the Board, or the Chairperson, before the upcoming meeting to indicate they would not be in attendance) or;
2. The members has three notified absences in a row or;
3. The member misses one third of the total number of board meetings in a twelve month period whether notifications are made or not.

II. Suggested Response to a Board Attendance Problem

If a board attendance problem exists regarding a member, the Board Chair will promptly contact the member to discuss the problem. The member's response will promptly be shared by the Chair with the entire board at the next board meeting. In that meeting, the board will decide what actions to take regarding the board member's future membership on the board. Should provision #3 above exist, the Chair shall request the member render a letter of resignation within the next two weeks. The board will vote acceptance of the member's resignation letter in the next board meeting. A simple majority vote is required.

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III. Suggested Response to a Board Attendance Problem

It is the responsibility of the Chair to report any such violations to the Mayor along with a recommendation from the Board that the Mayor accept the letter of resignation and/or remove that member from the Board. In the case of appointed members from the School Board or Planning Commission, the respective Board Chairs will be notified of the attendance problems and request for a replacement shall be made should the member miss more than one third of the board meetings in any calendar year of their appointment.

4000.13 GENERAL PARK FEES:

IV. Photography and Video Permit: (amended September 12, 2006)

A permit must be obtained and a fee paid at least five working days in advance of photographing or filming any place, structure, exhibit or activity in any Metro Park or Metro Park facility, where the photographs or films are intended to be published or used for production or any commercial purposes other than current news reporting. In addition, the permit holder must obtain the written consent of every individual appearing in a film or photograph and provide a copy of the consent form to the Parks Department upon request. All films and photographs utilized for commercial or production purposes, including any web site posting, must indicate in the credits the Metro Park facility depicted. Certain Metro Park facilities are subject to additional restrictions and requirements relating to photography and filming. Photography and filming are subject to all requirements posted at those facilities. This policy does not apply to non-commercial photography or

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filming by members of a group or organization with a permit to use a Metro Park facility or other members of the same group or organization.

Daily fees:

Resident

\$125.00

Non-Resident

\$137.50

A monthly permit fee is available as a corporate fee to those using the park on a frequent basis for only a brief period of time in a manner not disruptive to the park and/or its users.

Resident

\$ 75.00

Non-Resident

\$ 82.50

VIII. CITIZEN PRESENTATIONS

THE NASHVILLE SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL

APPEARS BEFORE THE BOARD

Ms. Denise Hicks representing The Nashville Shakespeare Festival was present to thank the Board for their 19 years of support in the production of ***Shakespeare in the Park***. She reported that they have just closed a successful season with 12,000 in attendance and special plans are already in the works to celebrate the 20th year of ***Shakespeare in the Park*** in 2007

IX. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

Thomas Floyd and Dottie Hale presented Lorenzo Williams to the Board. Lorenzo, a student at Antioch Middle School, was the winner of the National Track and Field Junior Olympics in the 50 yard dash, shot put, and long jump held recently in Denver, Colorado. There were 1.5 million participants and we are extremely proud to have Lorenzo as a participant in our community center programs.

Shain Dennison was present to notify the Board of a \$400,000 grant received from the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation and will be used to acquire Stone Hall (11.37 acres) on the Stones River Greenway. If Stone Hall is acquired it could be utilized as a small nature center for the Donelson Hermitage area.

X. INTRODUCTION OF STAFF, NEW EMPLOYEES, VOLUNTEERS

Sylvia Feldman was introduced as Director of the Friends of Centennial Park and the Parthenon. She is replacing Kimberlie Bloodworth who is leaving at the end of the year to pursue other interests.

XI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS FROM STAFF

Capital Budget Update – Curt Garrigan

Curt Garrigan presented an update of the current Capital Budget and requested a reallocation of funds for the Cumberland River Pedestrian Bridge. Upon motion of Mr. Carter, seconded by Mr. Lawson, the Board approved the reallocation of funds as requested by Mr. Garrigan.

Cumberland River Pedestrian Bridge Funding Plan

- * \$2.3 million currently available through Federal Grant
- * \$1.35 million construction contingency set aside in FY06 Capital Plan
- * \$2.0 million unallocated in FY06 Capital Plan (\$27.0 appropriated; allocated projects \$25.0)
- * \$500,000 Stones River Greenway Grant funds available for this segment at the Cumberland River
- * Re-allocate \$1.35 million Downtown Greenway funds (from FY05-FY06) to bridge project
- * Pending \$1.3 million Federal Greenway Grant will replace proposed re-allocation of Downtown Greenway funds

- * **TOTAL PROPOSED FUNDING - \$7.5 MILLION**

XI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS FROM STAFF

Capital Budget Update – Curt Garrigan

Highlights of 2006-2007 Capital Plan

McCabe Community Center - \$5,000,000
Renovate Morgan Center- \$402,347
New Clubhouse/Cart Paths at Warner Golf Course- \$825,000
Hamilton Creek Marina Expansion- \$500,000
Wave Country- \$1,250,000
Centennial Fitness Center- \$1,000,000
Park and School Playgrounds- \$1,500,000
3 Spray Grounds- \$750,000
Peeler Park- \$750,000
Harpeth Greenway- \$500,000
Richland Creek Greenway- \$1,200,000
Shelby Bottoms to East Bank- \$1,000,000
Stones River Expansion- \$500,000
Whites Creek Expansion- \$300,000
Bells Bend- \$750,000
Centennial Park- \$1,000,000
Fort Negley- \$500,000
New Parkland- \$4,000,000
Deferred Maintenance (Buildings) - \$2,560,000
General Park Improvements (Courts, Fields, etc.) - \$3,000,000
Circulation/Access- (including Miracle Field) \$4,000,000

XI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS FROM STAFF

CELEBRATION OF CULTURES UPDATE

Mr. Wilson introduced Jose Ochoa representing Metro Parks and Kim Roberts Johnson representing Scarritt Bennett to the Board. They reported that the website for Celebration of Cultures launched last week and Channel 3 will begin airing promos for the event the week of September 25th. They provided the Board with brochures and posters. Celebration of Cultures will be held in Centennial Park on Saturday, October 7, 2006.

COMMUNITY GARDENS UPDATE

Vera Vollbrecht reported that Randall Lantz has returned from a national conference on community gardens and based on information received at the conference it was determined that Metro Parks will utilize the handbook used in Portland, Oregon as our guide. This handbook is used by their city based Parks and Recreation community gardens program. She also reported that a new garden is being developed at Watkins Community Center by the center employees and a teacher from MLK Magnet School.

Website for Community Gardens has been launched, but areas are still under construction.

A meeting will be scheduled with Senator Henry regarding state legislation on community gardens.

MIRACLE LEAGUE UPDATE

Dottie Hale, Superintendent of Sports, stated that design RFP should be in Purchasing by Fall 2007 and construction should begin in Spring 2008.

VOLUNTEER RANGER PROGRAM – no report

SCHOOL WELLNESS PROGRAM

Paul Widman, Assistant Director of Parks, reported that a meeting has been scheduled in October with Barbara Manual of Metro Parks and Dr. Tina Bozeman of Metro Schools.

XII. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Wilson presented an overview of Celebrate Nashville to the Board and reminded them of the Celebrate Nashville kick-off and opening of the Public Square on Sunday, October 1st.

XIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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

Mr. Roy E. Wilson, Director

Susan Short Jones, Chairperson