

**METROPOLITAN BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION**

**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING  
OCTOBER 3, 2006**

A meeting of the Board of Parks and Recreation of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee was held on Tuesday, October 3, 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, Mr. Stan Fossick, Justice A. A. Birch Jr., 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 Community Affairs; Mr. Bob Parrish, Resource Management and Sgt. Bryan Irvin, Park Police.

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 12, 2006 APPROVED**

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Mr. Carter, the Board approved the minutes of the board meeting held Tuesday, September 12, 2006.

**V. OLD BUSINESS:**

**06-06-21**

**BOARD DEFERS REQUEST OF COUNCILMEMBER RONNIE GREER  
TO RENAME THE SEVIER PARK COMMUNITY CENTER  
IN HONOR OF MR. EDWARD M. MULLINS, JR.**

Correspondence submitted by Councilmember Ronnie Greer requesting the Board to rename the Sevier Park Community Center located in Council District 17 in honor of former park employee, Mr. Edward M. Mullins, Jr., was presented to the Board

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Carter, the Board unanimously deferred this request to committee. Committee appointed by Ms. Susan Jones, chair of the Board is composed of Lamont Carter, chair; Ed Kindall; and Stan Fossick.

**06-06-22**

**BOARD DEFERS REQUEST OF COUNCILMEMBER MIKE JAMESON  
TO NAME THE NEW EAST PARK COMMUNITY CENTER  
OR ANOTHER APPROPRIATE BUILDING IN EAST PARK  
IN HONOR OF MR. CHARLIE WILLIAMS**

Correspondence from Councilmember Mike Jameson and Metropolitan Council Resolution No. RS2006-1326 was presented to the Board requesting them to name the new East Park Community Center, or another appropriate building in the park, in honor of Charlie Williams, a prominent East Nashvillian and attorney.

**V. OLD BUSINESS:**

**06-06-22 (con't.)**

**BOARD DEFERS REQUEST OF COUNCILMEMBER MIKE JAMESON  
TO NAME THE NEW EAST PARK COMMUNITY CENTER  
OR ANOTHER APPROPRIATE BUILDING IN EAST PARK  
IN HONOR OF MR. CHARLIE WILLIAMS**

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Carter, the Board unanimously referred this request to committee. Committee appointed by Ms. Susan Jones, chair of the Board is composed of Lamont Carter, chair; Ed Kindall; and Stan Fossick.

**VI. CONSENT AGENDA:**

**10-06-01**

**BOARD GRANTS PERMISSION FOR THE 2007 RUNNING  
OF THE IROQUOIS STEEPLECHASE AND SURROUNDING  
EVENTS TO BE HELD ON MAY 12, 2007 IN PERCY WARNER PARK**

A request submitted by Ms. Brenda Black, chair of the 2007 Iroquois Steeplechase requesting permission to host the May 12, 2007 running of the Iroquois Steeplechase and surrounding events to be held in Percy Warner Park was presented to the Board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Fossick, the Board unanimously accepted staff recommendation with regard to the following items:

- 1) permission to charge a general public admission fee of \$15.00 at the gate and children under 12 years of age will be at no charge.
- 2) permission to serve alcoholic beverages as in the past at the Turf Club, the Paddock Club, Corporate Hospitality Tents, the Iroquois Society, and in the Owner Trainer Rider Tent.
- 3) usage fee of \$12,000 payable to Metro Parks which includes all costs for cleanup of the general park area including all parking lots.

As per Board Policy a financial statement for this event should be made available to us within 30 days.

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

Proof of adequate liability insurance coverage must be obtained for the event by Vanderbilt Children's Hospital and/or Volunteer Horsemen's Association with a copy to be furnished Metro Parks prior to the Steeplechase and the Board should be named as co-insured on all policies.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA:

10-06-02

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING A 5K RUN/WALK SPONSORED BY PREVENT CHILD ABUSE TENNESSEE ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2006 IN CENTENNIAL PARK**

An application submitted by Ms. Carla Snodgrass, representing Prevent Child Abuse Tennessee, requesting permission for amplification during a 5K run/walk in Centennial Park on Saturday, December 9, 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.

10-06-03

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING A COMMUNITY PICNIC SPONSORED BY SAINT THOMAS JOBS IN HEALTHCARE ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2006 IN WATKINS PARK**

An application submitted by Ms. Vivian Mathis, representing Saint Thomas Jobs in Healthcare, requesting permission for amplification during a community picnic in Watkins Park on Saturday, October 14, 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.

10-06-04

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING A COMMUNITY OUTREACH SPONSORED BY DALY BREAD MINISTRIES ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2006 IN KIRKPATRICK PARK**

An application submitted by Ms. Karen Daly, representing Daly Bread Ministries, requesting permission for amplification during a community outreach in Kirkpatrick Park, 7:00 – 10:00 pm, on Friday, October 13, 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.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA:

10-06-05

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING  
THE ANNUAL PICNIC OF BLUEGRASS BASSET RESCUE  
ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2006 AT AREA #7 IN CEDAR HILL PARK**

An application submitted by Ms. Randee White, representing Bluegrass Basset Rescue, requesting permission for amplification during their annual picnic at Picnic Area #7 in Cedar Hill Park on Saturday, October 14, 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.

10-06-06

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING  
A FREE CHILI AND HOT DOG LUNCH SPONSORED BY SENATOR DOUG HENRY  
ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2006, 12:00 – 2:00 PM,  
AT PITTS AND COLEMAN PARKS**

An application submitted by Senator Doug Henry requesting permission for amplification during a free chili and hot dog lunch on Saturday, October 14, 2006, 12:00 – 2:00 pm at Pitts Park and Coleman Park (co-hosts of the lunch are County Clerk John Arriola and Representative Janis Sontany) 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.

10-06-07

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING  
THE UTTERMOST, A MARATHON AND SCHOOL FAMILY PICNIC  
SPONSORED BY THE FRANKLIN CLASSICAL SCHOOL, INC.,  
ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13 AND SATURDAY,  
OCTOBER 14, 2006 IN SHELBY PARK AND BOTTOMS**

An application submitted by Mr. Richard Shahan, representing Franklin Classical School, Inc., requesting permission for amplification during “*The Uttermost*”, a marathon and school family picnic on Thursday, October 12, Friday, October 13, and Saturday, October 14, 2006, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm, in Shelby Park and Bottoms was presented to the Board.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA:

10-06-08 (con't.)

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING  
THE UTTERMOST, A MARATHON AND SCHOOL FAMILY PICNIC  
SPONSORED BY THE FRANKLIN CLASSICAL SCHOOL, INC.,  
ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13 AND SATURDAY,  
OCTOBER 14, 2006 IN SHELBY PARK AND BOTTOMS**

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.

10-06-09

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING  
"TAKE BACK THE NIGHT" SPONSORED BY VANDERBILT WOMEN'S CENTER  
ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2006 AT THE PICNIC PAVILION IN CENTENNIAL  
PARK**

An application submitted by Ms. Stacy Nunnally, representing Vanderbilt Women's Center-Project Safe, requesting permission for amplification during **"Take Back the Night"** on Monday, October 23, 2006, 7:00 – 10:00 pm in Centennial Park at the picnic pavilion 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.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

10-06-09

**BOARD DEFERS REQUEST OF COUNCILMEMBER ERIK COLE  
TO DEDICATE A PARK BENCH OR OTHER APPROPRIATE MEMORIAL IN  
MEMORY OF DRAKE HOLLIDAY, A LONGTIME NASHVILLE LEGAL AID LAWYER  
AT PUBLIC SQUARE**

Correspondence representing Councilmember Erik Cole requesting permission to dedicate a park bench or other appropriate memorial in memory of Drake Holliday, a longtime Nashville legal aid lawyer, at Public Square was presented to the Board.

Upon motion of Mr. Carter, seconded by Justice Birch, the Board unanimously deferred this request until policy for Public Square is established and approved by the Board.

**VII. NEW BUSINESS:**

**10-06-10**

**BOARD APPROVES APPLICATION AND ULTIMATE ACCEPTANCE  
OF AN ENHANCEMENT GRANT FROM  
THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE  
OPRY MILLS CONNECTOR OF THE CUMBERLAND RIVER SYSTEM**

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Carter the Board unanimously approved application and ultimate acceptance of an Enhancement Grant from the Tennessee Department of Transportation for the Opry Mills Connector of the Cumberland River system.

**VIII. CITIZEN PRESENTATIONS**

**IX. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS**

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

**XI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS FROM STAFF**

**Celebration of Cultures Update**

Mr. Wilson reported that everything is set for Celebration of Cultures on Saturday, October 7, 10:00 am – 6:00 pm, in Centennial Park. This event is being coordinated in conjunction with Scarritt-Bennett and should all appeal to all citizens of Nashville.

**Community Garden Update**

Vera Vollbrecht distributed information on the proposed community garden at Watkins Park. She has also met with Curt Garrigan, Rotary Club members and the educator from MLK Magnet School who requested the garden to determine mission goals and objectives and what role everyone involved would play.

**Miracle League Update**

Dottie Hale read a letter from Memphis concerning their disillusionment with the Miracle League process. She then expressed her appreciation and thanks to Lamont Carter for proposing this recreational activity, to Mr. Wilson for his support, to the Board for their blessings and to Curt Garrigan for selecting Shelby as the field site. Target completion date of the project is Fall 2007.

**XI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS FROM STAFF**

**Volunteer Ranger Program**

Sgt. Brian Irvin reported that the Volunteer Ranger Program was having limited success at Hadley. Justice Birch asked if the Park Rangers had enlisted the support of other neighborhood groups and Sgt. Irvin reported that Lt. Mitchell has met with other groups. Mr. Kindall suggested that the residents of the high rise also be included. Sgt. Irvin stated that Madison and Cleveland Parks are slowly being incorporated into the program also.

**Park/School Wellness Program**

Paul Widman reported that he met with Dr. Tina Bozeman of Metro Schools on Monday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> and a great rapport was established between Metro Parks and Metro Schools. Communication between neighboring schools and centers will begin with the Physical Education teacher sharing lesson plans with the center staff.

**XII. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR**

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

Mr. Jim Lawson, board member, formally offered to provide leadership to the Park Police Division in an effort to correct pay grade disparities and all other inequities between the Park Police and Metro Police. Lamont Carter made recommendation that Mr. Lawson, along with Roy Wilson, Director of Parks, act as liaisons in this effort. Mr. Lawson indicated that a salary comparison between Metro Police and Park Police will be distributed at the next Parks Board meeting.

Justice Birch assigned Mr. Kindall to develop a policy for signage in Metro Parks.

Curt Garrigan, Mike Bays and Roy Wilson are currently evaluating parking in Centennial Park as well as what type and size of festivals will be allowed in the future and will bring recommendation back to the board.

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

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

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**Susan Short Jones, Chairperson**