

METROPOLITAN BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION

**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 5, 2006**

A meeting of the Board of Parks and Recreation of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee was held on Tuesday, December 5, 2006 at 1:30 pm in the Centennial Park Boardroom, 2565 Park Plaza, Nashville, TN. Board members present were: Mr. Lamont Carter, Mr. Stan Fossick, Justice A. A. Birch Jr., Ms. Jenny Hannon, Mr. James Lawson, and Ms. Karen Johnson. Ms. Susan Jones 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. Paul Widman/Recreation; Ms. Jackie Jones, Superintendent of Community Affairs; Mr. Bob Parrish, Resource Management and Lt. George Mitchell, Park Police. Mr. Curt Garrigan, Assistant Director of Planning and Facilities Development was not in attendance.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD OCTOBER 3, 2006 APPROVED

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Fossick, the Board approved the minutes of the board meeting held Tuesday, October 3, 2006.

V. OLD BUSINESS:

11-05-04

**BOARD APPROVES FINAL EASEMENT DOCUMENTS OF THE
H.G. HILL PARK-NASHVILLE WEST SHOPPING CENTER, LLC DEVELOPMENT**

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Fossick, and based on the recommendation of the acquisition committee; the Board approved final easement documents of the H.G. Hill Park – Nashville West Shopping Center, LLC development as per initial request of Newton Oldacre McDonald.

01-06-02

BOARD APPROVES ACCEPTANCE OF THE WENTWORTH CALDWELL SR. PARK

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Hannon, and based on the recommendation of the acquisition committee; the Board approved acceptance of the property now identified as the “Wentworth Caldwell Sr. Park” located at Nolensville Road and Edmondson Pike.

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

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.

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.

07-06-16

**BOARD ACCEPTS SURVEILLANCE CAMERA SYSTEM
TO MONITOR LOG CABIN IN BELLVUE PARK**

Mr. Alan Sissel, representing Monitor U.Com, Inc., was present to request the Board to accept a surveillance camera system and installation to monitor the log cabin in Bellevue Park as per request of Councilmember Charlie Tygard approved by Park Board on August 1, 2006.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Hannon, the Board accepted a surveillance camera system, consisting of a 4 channel digital recorder with 2 recording cameras to be monitored by internet, and installation for use in Bellevue Park at the log cabin location.

V. OLD BUSINESS:

10-06-10

**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.

The Board unanimously deferred this request until policy for Public Square is established and approved by the Board.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA:

12-06-01

**BOARD GRANTS PERMISSION TO THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS TO
RENEW THEIR PERMIT FOR FACILITY USE FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR**

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Fossick, the Board granted permission to the following organizations to renew Permit for Facility Use for a period of one year if they are in compliance with requirements of the permit.

Metropolitan Action Commission-Reservoir Community Center
Metropolitan Action Commission-Dudley Community Center
Cane Ridge Community Club-building in Cane Ridge Park
Nashville Amateur Radio Club-Corps of Engineers Bldg/Lock II Park
Charles Davis Foundation-former Ted Rhodes Clubhouse
Stones River Woman's Club-Two Rivers Mansion
Hadley Park Tennis Club-Hadley Park Tennis Center
Seven Oaks Baseball Association-2 youth ballfields-Seven Oaks Park
Nashville Aquatic Club-Centennial Sportsplex Aquatic Center
Nashville Old Timers Baseball Association-Shelby Park Baseball Field
Nashville Amateur Baseball Association-Seven Oaks Baseball Field
Nashville Metros-Ezell Park Soccer Field
Nashville Youth Soccer League-Heartland Park Soccer Complex
Dixieland BMX-BMX Track-Hamilton Creek Park
Joelton Community Club-Joelton Community Park
West Nashville Little League-3 youth ballfields-West Park
Flatrock Vols Youth Football League-Cane Ridge Park
Madison Titans Youth Football-football field-Stratton Elementary
Cougar Baseball Club-GNABA-1 ballfield-William Pitts Park
Charlotte Park Little League-Charlotte Park ballfields
Harpeth Youth Soccer – Harpeth River Park Soccer Complex
Una Recreation Center, Inc.-youth football fields-Una Park

VI. CONSENT AGENDA:

12-06-02

BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF THE UNITED CEREBRAL PALSY OF MIDDLE TENNESSEE, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE NASHVILLE STRIDERS, FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING RESOLUTION RUN 2007 IN HALL OF FAME PARK ON MONDAY, JANUARY 1, 2007

An application submitted by Ms. Deana Claiborne, Executive Director of the United Cerebral Palsy of Middle Tennessee, requesting permission for amplification during the **Resolution Run 2007** held in conjunction with the Nashville Striders on Monday, January 1, 2006, 7:00 am – 12:00 noon, in Hall of Fame Park was presented to the board.

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

12-06-03

BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF GREAT BIG SHOWS TO SELL ALCOHOL DURING A CONCERT AND CRAWFISH BOIL IN RIVERFRONT PARK, 12:00–11:00 PM, FRIDAY, MAY 11 AND SATURDAY, MAY 12, 2007

An application representing Mr. Rick Whetsel of Great Big Shows requesting permission to sell alcohol during a concert and crawfish boil on Friday, May 11 and Saturday, May 12, 2007, 12:00 – 11:00 pm, in Riverfront Park was presented to the Board.

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

12-06-04

BOARD APPROVES APPLICATION AND ULTIMATE ACCEPTANCE OF \$100,000 FROM THE U.S. SOCCER FOUNDATION BY THE RECREATION, CULTURE, AND WELLNESS DIVISION (SPORTS)

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Fossick, the Board approved application and acceptance of this request by the Division of Recreation, Culture & Wellness/Sports Division from the U.S. Soccer Foundation.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA:

12-06-05

BOARD APPROVES APPLICATION AND ULTIMATE ACCEPTANCE OF THE GOVERNOR'S HIGHWAY SAFETY GRANT AND THE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT BY THE PARK POLICE DIVISION

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

The Governor's Highway Safety Grant in the amount of \$5,000.00 to fund radar/laser detectors and other equipment to promote and enforce safe driving speeds in parks.

Homeland Security Grant in the amount of \$102,000.00 to fund ten computers for police vehicles and ten in-car video cameras which will allow the Park Police to serve Nashville and surrounding communities more efficiently.

12-06-06

BOARD APPROVES GRANT FROM THE FRIENDS OF CENTENNIAL PARK AND THE PARTHENON TO COVER THE SALARY EXPENSE OF THREE EMPLOYEES EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 31, 2006

A letter submitted by Mr. George Anderson, Chairman of Friends of Centennial Park and the Parthenon, was presented to the Board requesting approval of grant to cover the salary expense of three.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Fossick, the Board accepted the grant as follows:

Sylvia Feldman	\$ 60,000
Kimberlie Waugh-Bloodworth	\$ 20,000
Libby Lacock	\$ 21,000
TOTAL GRANT BASE AMOUNT	\$101,000

beginning December 31, 2006 on an on-going basis with Metro Parks funding the employee benefits of Sylvia Feldman and Libby Lacock (Kimberlie Waugh-Bloodworth's benefits will not be covered by Metro Parks) while processing the weekly timesheets and paychecks. (NOTE: Friends of Centennial Park and the Parthenon or Metro Parks may discontinue this agreement with a 30 day notice to the other party.)

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

12-06-07

**KAREN JOHNSON APPOINTED TO THE PARK BOARD BY THE METRO
NASHVILLE BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 1, 2006**

Lamont Carter welcomed Karen Johnson, as a member of the Park Board representing the Metro Nashville Board of Public Education, on behalf of the other members of the Park Board. Ms. Johnson's term is effective November 1, 2006. (Ms. Johnson's term will expire June 30, 2007).

12-06-08

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF RED BULL NORTH AMERICA
TO SELL ALCOHOL DURING FLUGTAG
IN RIVERFRONT PARK ON SATURDAY, JUNE 23, 2007**

Mr. Guy Richie, representing Red Bull North America, was present to request permission to sell alcohol during Flugtag on Saturday, June 23, 2007 in Riverfront Park from the Board.

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

12-06-09

**BOARD GRANTS PERMISSION TO JESSE WHITE, LIFE SCOUT TROOP 92,
TO DESIGN AND CONSTRUCT A PERIOD BUS SHELTER IN ELMINGTON PARK**

Mr. Jesse White, Life Scout Troop 92, was present to request permission from the Board to design and construct a period bus shelter, as an Eagle Scout project, in Elmington Park near the corner of West End and Elmington Avenues.

An elaborate detail of the period bus shelter Mr. White has designed is consistent with the character and era of the WPA stone plaza entrance to the park at the designated location of the proposed shelter and the Board commended him for his efforts. The Board also applauded Mr. White for the responsible manner in which he coordinated the project with the neighborhood associations, Metro Transit Authority, Metro Parks, Metro Historical Commission and the Boy Scouts of America.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Justice Birch, the Board granted approval of this project with Metro Parks being named as beneficiary of the completed work. Justice Birch commended Mr. White for his generosity in providing a shelter which will serve the park as well as provide protection from the elements for transit patrons.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

12-06-10

BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF THE BATTLE OF NASHVILLE PRESERVATION SOCIETY TO HOST A FUND RAISING EVENT AT FORT NEGLEY ON MAY 8, 2007 WITH ALL FEES WAIVED.

Mr. Douglas E. Jones, representing the Battle of Nashville Preservation Society, was present to request permission to host an event, with all fees waived, to raise funds for the Fort Negley Historical Preservation on May 8, 2007 at Fort Negley. All funds raised by this event will benefit the preservation of Fort Negley.

Because all funds raised by this event will benefit the preservation of Fort Negley this request meets Park Board **Policy 3000.28 Fee Waivers and Reductions**; therefore, upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Ms. Hannon, the Board approved this request.

12-06-11

BOARD ACCEPTS PROPOSED APPROPRIATION INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER RIP RYMAN TO PURCHASE AND INSTALL A NEW SCOREBOARD AT THE BASEBALL DIAMOND IN SHELBY PARK

Councilmember Rip Ryman was present to request the Board to consider acceptance of a proposed appropriation in the amount of \$14,000 to Metro Parks for the purpose of purchasing and installation of a new scoreboard at the baseball diamond in Shelby Park.

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Ms. Hannon, the Board accepted this proposed appropriation on behalf of Metro Parks and for the benefit of youth athletes in the Nashville-Davidson County area.

12-06-12

BOARD APPROVED REQUEST OF THE METRO ACTION COMMISSION TO RENOVATE AND EXPAND THE DUDLEY HEAD START CENTER IN DUDLEY PARK

Ms. Cynthia Croom, representing the Metro Action Commission, was present to request consideration of the Board to renovate and expand the Dudley Head Start Center (former community center) in Dudley Park.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Justice Birch, and based on the recommendation of the acquisition committee; the Board approved this request. (This facility is utilized by MAC as per annual permit approved by the Board each December for the following year).

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

12-06-13

BOARD APPROVES PURCHASE OF 11.37 ACRES AT THE CORNER OF LEBANON AND STONES RIVER ROADS FOR THE CREATION OF A NEW PARK ON THE STONES RIVER GREENWAY SYSTEM

Staff requests Board approval to purchase of 11.37 acres in two tracts at the corner of Lebanon Road and Stones River Road, Map and Parcel #'s 85-18 and 85-17 for creation of a new park on the Stones River Greenway system; reuse of existing historic structures for a new nature center for the communities of Donelson, Hermitage and Old Hickory; and establishment of Hermitage community trailhead and visitors center for the Stones River Greenway system.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Fossick, and based on the recommendation of the acquisition committee; the Board approved this request.

12-06-14

BOARD APPROVES PURCHASE OF MAP AND PARCEL NUMBERS 047-115 AND 047-113 ADJACENT TO BEAMAN PARK

Staff requests Board approval to accept land, Map and Parcel numbers 047-115 and 047-113, adjacent to Beaman Park to improve access, improve programming area for group gatherings, conserve additional open space and provide view shed protection for the park.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Justice Birch, and based on the recommendation of the acquisition committee; the Board approved this donation of 166 acres of flat road frontage.

12-06-15

BOARD APPROVES INTERIM CAMPING POLICY FOR BELLS BEND PARK

Upon motion of Justice Birch, seconded by Mr. Lawson, and based on the review by the sub-committee; the Board approved for 90 days the following Interim Camping Policy for Bells Bend Park.

INTERIM CAMPING POLICY FOR BELLS BEND

Rules and Regulations for Camping

- A. It is the policy of the Park Board that tent camping at Bells Bend Park be used for the following type of activities:

Programs sponsored by Metro Parks

Outdoor Recreation programming

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

12-06-16

BOARD APPROVES INTERIM CAMPING POLICY FOR BELLS BEND PARK (con't.)

Rules and Regulations for Camping

- B. Tent camping will be by permit only and will be allowed for one overnight session.
- C. Pitching tents is permitted only at designated sites.
- D. Digging or leveling of the ground at any campsite is prohibited.
- E. Camping equipment must be removed and campsites cleaned prior to departure. The permit holder agrees to reimburse Metro Parks for all costs incurred in performing clean up and repairs which the permit holder failed to perform.
- F. Quiet-time is between the hours of 10:00pm and 6:00am.
- G. Tent camping at Bells Bend is primitive. There are no bathing facilities, running water, or electrical hook-ups. There are portable restrooms.
- H. Gathering wood or plants, whether live, dead, or downed, is prohibited. Removing or defacing any natural or manmade feature in the park is prohibited.
- I. Camp Fires
 1. Campfires are allowed at the group ring and tent-site rings only.
 2. Firewood will be available by Metro Parks.
 3. Campfires should not be left unattended.
 4. Fires must be completely extinguished before left unsupervised.
 5. Non-burnable items must not be placed in the fire rings.
- J. Smoking is not allowed in the camping areas.
- K. All food and equipment used to prepare food must be kept sealed in a storage unit to prevent animal foraging. Trash must be stored in contained bins and packed out.

Fees and Charges for tent camping reservations at Bells Bend

- A. Tent camping is by permit only. It is the policy of the Park Board that tent camping at Bells Bend Park be used for programs sponsored by Metro Parks and for outdoor recreation programming. Metro Parks' sponsored programs take scheduling precedence. Outside organization requests are on a first-come, first-serve basis.
- B. Fees to be charged:
 - One tent-site with fire-grill.....\$10.00 resident/ \$11.00 non-resident
 - Exclusive use of tent-sites.....\$50.00 resident/ \$55.00 non-resident
- C. Method of payment: Reservation fees may be paid by cash, check, or money order and made payable to Metro Board of Parks and Recreation. Application for permit must be made at least 20 working days prior to date of use.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

12-06-17

BOARD OFFICIALLY NAMES PARK SITE DONATED BY UNA RECREATION CENTER, INCORPORATED

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson to suspend current procedure of referring this request to the naming committee and approve the official name of Una Park, seconded by Ms. Hannon, the Board agreed to officially name the park site Una Park. This park is located at 136 Una Recreation Center Road and was donated by Una Recreation Center, Inc.

12-06-17

COUNCILMEMBER VIVIAN WILHOITE OF THE 29TH DISTRICT APPEARED BEFORE THE BOARD

Councilmember Vivian Wilhoite appeared before the Board with reference to the 2002 Metropolitan Parks and Greenways Master Plan. Councilmember Wilhoite asked the Board to reconsider updating the Master Plan to include a community center for the constituents of her district. She stated that the southeastern area of Davidson County (council districts 28, 29, 30 and 31) is in need of a facility to be utilized for extended social and economic return. Mr. Wilson stated that property does need to be identified in this area and the Master Plan should be revisited at 5 year intervals to determine if all needs are being considered.

VIII. CITIZEN PRESENTATIONS

IX. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

Recognition of Cindy Dahlgren, Joey Millspaugh, Martin Goodwin and William Trotter, staff of Two Rivers Golf Course, by Cardiac Science for their quick medical response to Mr. Earle Smotherman, golf patron. Glen Spangler, representing Cardiac Science, was present to recognize Metro Parks for the steps taken to make AED's accessible to our facilities and present Dahlgren, Millspaugh, Goodwin and Trotter with tokens of recognition.

Mr. Smotherman was also present to again thank those employees responsible for saving his life. The cardiologist at Summit Hospital advised Mr. Smotherman that he had experienced sudden death and very few people survive it. He also stated that the perfect performance of the Two Rivers staff was why Mr. Smotherman is still with us today.

IX. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

Ms. Sylvia Feldman, Executive Director of the **Friends of Centennial Park and the Parthenon**, was present and recognized on behalf of the Friends of Centennial Park and the Parthenon as recipient of the Four Star Benefactor Award from the Tennessee Recreation and Parks Association at their annual conference held November 13 – 17, 2006 at Paris Landing State Park.

Metro Parks scored two awards from the **TRPA's Arts and Humanities Branch** with six categories for nomination: Dance, Humanities, Music, Theater, Special Events, and Visual Arts. One award was presented in each category.

In the **Visual Arts category**, the department won for its partnership with the Frist Center for the Visual Arts. This year the project was a mural at the recently renovated East, Douglas, Looby and Kirkpatrick Community Centers. At Douglas and East in particular, the goal was to cultivate more intergenerational activity between children and seniors.

Metro Parks' Musica de la Gente Festival last March at the Coleman Community Center won in the **Special Events category**. The Parks Department and the American Roots Education partnered to produce the festival that focused on introducing Hispanics to Metro Park programs and facilities. More than 1800 people attended the event.

The following park employees were elected to TRPA offices by their colleagues:

Traci Bennett-Hobek was elected as the 2008 chair for the Resource Management Branch.

Lamario Meddling was elected as vice-chair of the Ethnic Minority Section.

X. INTRODUCTION OF STAFF, NEW EMPLOYEES, VOLUNTEERS

XI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS FROM STAFF

Community Garden Update

Vera Vollbrecht distributed sub-committee lists of the Nashville Steering Committee to the board and informed them that this committee has only been in existence for 1 year, but currently moving to the next level. She also announced that on Saturday, February 10 a community garden training will be held with another training scheduled after work sometime in March at the Cohn Adult Learning Center.

XI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS FROM STAFF

Miracle League Update

Target completion date of the project is Fall 2007 and will be incorporated into the Shelby Park Master Plan.

Volunteer Ranger Program

Lt. Mitchell reported that a small town in Georgia has contacted the Park Police office requesting information on the Volunteer Ranger Program as well as the residents of Providence Park.

Park/School Wellness Program

Mr. Widman reported that communication between neighboring schools and Kirkpatrick and East centers has begun with the center staffs' presenting information to the Physical Education teachers to begin the process of bridging the gap.

XII. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

XIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Fast Track project listings including costs and projected completion dates were distributed to the Board. Mr. Wilson reported that with the passing of the Charter Amendment the budget process will be accelerated. He also stated that in a meeting on Friday, December 1st, Parks was once again asked to submit a budget at 90%. A meeting regarding the 07-08 fiscal year budget has been scheduled by the Metro Finance Director on January 31st.

Jenny Hannon announced her resignation from the Board effective December 31, 2006. She stated that it was a difficult decision to make, but her commitment to her family took precedence. She indicated that it was a true privilege to serve in this capacity and that one of her greatest enjoyments as a board member was participating in the employee service awards.

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

Mr. Roy E. Wilson, Director

**Mr. Lamont Carter, Vice-Chair
(in Ms. Jones absence)**