

# **METROPOLITAN BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION**

## **MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING**

**March 6, 2007**

A meeting of the Board of Parks and Recreation of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee was held on Tuesday, March 6, 2007 at 1:30 pm in the Centennial Park Boardroom, 2565 Park Plaza, Nashville, TN. Board members present were: Ms. Susan Jones, Mr. James Lawson, Mr. Stan Fossick and Ms. Karen Johnson. Mr. Lamont Carter and Justice A. A. Birch Jr. were not in attendance.

Staff present were: Assistant Directors: Mr. Tim Netsch, Acting Assistant Director of Planning and Facilities Development; 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; Ms. Shain Dennison, Superintendent of Greenways and Captain Eric Snyder, Park Police.

### **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 6, 2007 APPROVED**

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Fossick, the Board approved the minutes of the board meeting held Tuesday, February 6, 2007.

#### **V. OLD BUSINESS:**

**05-06-10**

### **BOARD APPROVES REQUEST TO AMEND PREVIOUS APPROVAL TO HOST THE MUSIC CITY FESTIVAL**

Mr. Stuart McWhorter, Co-Chair of the Music City Festival, and Mr. Chris Conrad, representing IMG, were present to request permission from the board to amend previous approval to host a two day Christian Outreach Festival with Dr. Luis Palau in Riverfront Park in spring of 2007. A list of event sponsors was distributed to Board members with the announcement that this event would be considered a "Celebrate Nashville" event. The request to expand the logistics of the festival to include removal of the flagpoles and shrubbery from the Riverfront Park Arrival Court in order to place the main staging area at the intersection of 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue and Broadway, and thereby utilizing Riverfront Park as a secondary viewing area of the Festival was presented to the Board. Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Johnson, the Board granted approval with the understanding that Riverfront Park and the surrounding area be returned back to its initial and/or in an enhanced condition as prior to Festival set-up at no cost to Metro Government. Also, it was recommended by Marilyn Edwards, representing the Mayor's Office of Economic and Community Development, that contact with other Metro agencies (Public Works, Water Services, Metro Transit Authority, etc.) with regard to this event and their possible requirements and/or scheduled maintenance of the area be coordinated through Metro Parks Community Affairs and Special Events office.

V. OLD BUSINESS:

06-06-21

**BOARD DENIES 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. Fossick, the Board denied this request as it does not meet criteria of policy **3000.1 Naming of Parks** as established by the Board and to make exception to this policy because Mr. Mullins was the former director of the Sevier Park Community Center would be precedent setting to other requests.

06-06-22

**BOARD DENIES 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 resident of East Nashville and attorney.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Fossick, the Board denied this request as it does not meet criteria of policy **3000.1 Naming of Parks** as established by the Board

10-06-10

**BOARD DENIES 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. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Fossick, the Board denied this request as it does not meet criteria of policy **3000.35 Public Square** as established by the Board; however, Mr. Cole was informed that there are options available with regard to the establishment of memorials in Centennial and Warner Parks.

**V. OLD BUSINESS:**

**01-07-04**

**BOARD DEFERS REQUEST OF THE METRO ARTS COMMISSION TO APPROVE  
ART PROPOSAL TO BE INTEGRATED ON THE PUBLIC SQUARE**

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Fossick, the Board referred the request of the Metro Arts Commission to integrate an art proposal on the Public Square to the Board's Public Art Committee for report at the April Park Board Meeting.

**VII. CONSENT AGENDA:**

**03-07-01**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF THE NASHVILLE PEACE AND JUSTICE  
CENTER FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING A COMMEMORATION OF THE  
4<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE WAR IN IRAQ  
ON SATURDAY, MARCH 17, 2007, 1:30 - 3:30 PM IN OWEN BRADLEY PARK**

An application submitted by Ms. Jane Hussain, representing the Nashville Peace and Justice Center, requesting permission for amplification during a commemoration of the 4<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the War in Iraq on Saturday, March 17, 2007, 1:30 - 3:30 pm, in Owen Bradley Park was presented to the Board.

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

**03-07-02**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING A WEDDING  
CEREMONY AT THE CENTENNIAL PARK EVENT SHELTER  
ON SATURDAY, MAY 26, 2007, 4:00 - 9:00 PM**

An application submitted by Ms. Chrystal Pennington and Mr. Todd Mullins requesting permission for amplification during a wedding ceremony on Saturday, May 26, 2007, 4:00 - 9:00 pm, at the Centennial Park Event Shelter was presented to the Board.

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

**V. CONSENT AGENDA:**

**03-07-03**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF MOTHERS AGAINST DRUNK DRIVING  
FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING A 5K WALK  
ON SATURDAY, MAY 19, 2007, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM IN CENTENNIAL PARK**

An application submitted by Ms. Rosanna McDonald, representing Mothers Against Drunk Driving, requesting permission for amplification during a 5K Walk on Saturday, May 19, 2007, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm, in Centennial Park was presented to the Board.

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

**03-07-04**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF THE NASHVILLE RESCUE MISSION  
FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING A 5K RUN/WALK  
ON SATURDAY, MAY 12, 2007, 7:30 - 11:00 AM IN CENTENNIAL PARK**

An application submitted by Ms. Susan Hunter, representing the Nashville Rescue Mission, requesting permission for amplification during a 5K Run/Walk on Saturday, May 12 2007, 7:30 - 11:00 am, in Centennial Park was presented to the Board.

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

**03-07-05**

**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. Douglas Sladen, representing Nashville Pride, Inc., requesting permission for sound amplification and to serve alcohol during PrideFest in Centennial Park (front lawn area) on Friday, June 1 for a VIP Party and on Saturday, June 2, 2007 in the hospitality area was presented to the Board.

**V. CONSENT AGENDA:**

**03-07-05 (con't.)**

**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**

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

**V. CONSENT AGENDA:**

**03-07-06**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING  
AN ENGAGEMENT PARTY AT THE CENTENNIAL PARK EVENT SHELTER  
ON SATURDAY, MAY 19, 2007, 12:00 NOON - 11:00 PM**

An application submitted by Ms. Terache Cole requesting permission for amplification during an engagement party on Saturday, May 19, 2007, 12:00 noon - 11:00 pm, at the Centennial Park Event Shelter was presented to the Board.

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

**03-07-07**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING A WEDDING  
RECEPTION AT THE CENTENNIAL PARK EVENT SHELTER  
ON SUNDAY, MAY 20, 2007, 7:00 - 10:00 PM**

An application submitted by Ms. Erin Wilhite requesting permission for amplification during a wedding reception on Sunday, May 20, 2007, 7:00 - 10:00 pm, at the Centennial Park Event Shelter was presented to the Board.

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

**03-07-08**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING A WEDDING  
RECEPTION AT THE CENTENNIAL PARK EVENT SHELTER  
ON SUNDAY, MAY 20, 2007, 7:00 - 10:00 PM**

An application submitted by Ms. Racheal Roen requesting permission for amplification during a wedding reception on Sunday, May 20, 2007, 7:00 - 10:00 pm, at the Centennial Park Event Shelter was presented to the Board.

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

V. CONSENT AGENDA:

03-07-09

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING A PICNIC  
HOSTED BY THE GREYHOUND PETS OF AMERICA  
AT THE CENTENNIAL PARK EVENT SHELTER  
ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2007, 1:00 - 4:00 PM**

An application submitted by Ms. Mandy Jones, representing Greyhound Pets of America, requesting permission for amplification during a picnic on Sunday, September 16, 2007, 1:00 - 4:00 pm, at the Centennial Park Event Shelter was presented to the Board.

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

03-07-10

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF THE SCLERODERMA  
FOUNDATION/TENNESSEE CHAPTER FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING A WALK  
ON SATURDAY, JUNE 9, 2007, 8:30 - 11:00 AM IN CENTENNIAL PARK**

An application submitted by Mr. Charles Cowell, representing the Scleroderma Foundation/Tennessee Chapter, requesting permission for amplification during a Walk on Saturday, June 9, 2007, 8:30 - 11:00 am, in Centennial Park was presented to the Board.

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

03-07-11

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF THE ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION  
FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING A FUNDRAISING WALK  
ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2007, 9:00 - 11:00 AM IN CENTENNIAL PARK**

An application submitted by Ms. Kate Nelson, representing the Alzheimer's Association, requesting permission for amplification during a fundraising walk on Saturday, October 27, 2007, 9:00 - 11:00 am, in Centennial Park was presented to the Board.

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Mr. Lawson, 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. CONSENT AGENDA:

03-07-12

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF WALDEN'S PUDDLE  
FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING A 5K WALK  
ON SATURDAY, MAY 19, 2007, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM IN CENTENNIAL PARK**

An application submitted by Mr. Donald Deatheridge, Executive Director of Walden's Puddle, requesting permission for amplification during the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual "Making Tracks for Wildlife" 5KRun/Walk on Saturday, April 21, 2007 at the Shelby Bottoms Greenway was presented to the Board.

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

03-07-13

**BOARD GRANTS PERMISSION TO THE BELLEVUE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
TO HOST THE 30<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL BELLEVUE COMMUNITY PICNIC ON SATURDAY,  
MAY 19, 2007 WITH WAIVER OF USAGE FEE**

An application submitted by Ms. Gayla Pugh, Executive Director of the Bellevue Chamber of Commerce, requests permission for use of Bellevue Park and amplification during the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Bellevue Community Picnic on Saturday, May 19, 2007. (Event has been registered as a ***Celebrate Nashville*** event; therefore, usage fees have been waived, however group will pay for use of the Showmobile).

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

03-07-14

**BOARD GRANTS PERMISSION TO THE BELLEVUE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
TO HOST THE 30<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL BELLEVUE COMMUNITY PICNIC ON SATURDAY,  
MAY 19, 2007 WITH WAIVER OF USAGE FEE**

An application submitted by Ms. Debbie Pace, President of the Madison Rivergate Chamber of Commerce, requesting permission for amplification and waiver of usage fees during the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Madison Bluegrass Festival on Saturday, May 12, 2007, all day, in Stratton Park (fee for showmobile will be paid) was presented to the Board.

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

**VII. CONSENT AGENDA:**

**03-07-15**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF TRIPLE CROSS MINISTRIES, INC.  
FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING A HEALTH FAIR  
ON SATURDAY, APRIL 21, 2007, 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM IN MCFERRIN PARK**

An application submitted by Ms. Jo Justian, representing Triple Cross Ministries, Inc., requesting permission for amplification during a Health Fair on Saturday, April 21, 2007, 11:00 am - 4:00 pm, in McFerrin Park was submitted to the Board.

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

**03-07-16**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF DESTINATION NASHVILLE  
TO SERVE ALCOHOL DURING A PRIVATE EVENT  
ON TUESDAY, MAY 22, 2007, 7:00 - 10:00 PM IN RIVERFRONT PARK**

An application submitted by Ms. Tiffany Salmon, representing Destination Nashville, requesting permission to serve alcohol during a private event in Riverfront Park on Tuesday, May 22, 2007, 7:00 - 10:00 pm was submitted to the Board.

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Mr. Lawson, the board unanimously approved this request as follows:

**"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.**

**VII. CONSENT AGENDA:**

**03-07-17**

**BOARD GRANTS PERMISSION TO THE PERCY PRIEST YACHT CLUB  
TO BASE ITS REGATTA/SAILING ACTIVITIES  
AT HAMILTON CREEK SAILBOAT MARINA DURING THE 2007 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, not sell, alcoholic beverages 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 March 24 - 25, May 5-6, October 6-7, October 27-28, November 10, and December 9, 2007 was presented to the Board.

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Mr. Lawson, the board granted unanimous approval to the Percy Priest Yacht Club for the 2007 season

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS:**

**03-07-18**

**BOARD GRANTS APPROVAL TO THE FRIENDS OF WARNER PARKS  
TO HOST A TRAIL RIDE BEGINNING AT THE EQUESTRIAN CENTER  
IN PERCY WARNER PARK ON SUNDAY, MAY 20, 2007  
WITH WAIVER OF USAGE FEE**

A letter submitted by Ms. Eleanor Willis, Executive Director of the Friends of Warner Parks, requesting permission to host a trail ride (new event) beginning at the Equestrian Center in Percy Warner Park with waiver of usage fee on Sunday, May 20, 2007 (all proceeds will benefit Warner Parks) was presented to the board.

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Ms. Johnson, the Board approved request for the Friends of Warner Parks to host this event with fee waiver as it meets the required criteria established by the Board in May 2002

**03-07-19**

**BOARD GRANTS APPROVAL TO THE INTERNATIONAL MUNICIPAL LAWYER'S  
ASSOCIATION TO HOST SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT**

A letter submitted by Mr. Andy Wright, attorney for the City of Lebanon, Tennessee, requesting permission to host the International Municipal Lawyer's Association's annual softball tournament with permission to serve beer along with food in a designated tented area at the Shelby Park Softball Complex, October 27 - 31, 2007 was presented to the board. (Nashville is host city for the 2007 International Municipal Lawyer's Association's Annual Conference.)

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Fossick, the board approved Mr. Wright's amended request to host tournament only. No food or alcoholic beverages will be consumed on park property by outside caterers.

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS:**

**03-07-20**

**BOARD ACCEPTS DONATION FROM THE OLD TIMERS BASEBALL ASSOCIATION  
TO ASSIST IN FUNDING OF A NEW SCOREBOARD  
FOR THE BASEBALL FACILITY IN SHELBY PARK**

A letter submitted by Mr. Mickey Hiter, representing the Old Timers Baseball Association, requesting the Metro Parks to accept a \$5,000.00 donation toward the new scoreboard for the Old Timers Baseball Facility in Shelby Park was presented to the board. (Metro Council has appropriated \$14,000 toward the anticipated cost of this scoreboard.)

Upon motion of Ms. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Fossick, the Board accepted this donation to be used in addition to the \$14,000 Metro Council toward the purchase of a new scoreboard at the Old Timers Baseball Field in Shelby Park.

**03-07-21**

**BOARD DEFERS REQUEST OF MR. LARRY ODOM  
WITH REGARD TO THE DONATION OF APPROXIMATELY 25 ACRES  
TO METRO PARKS**

Councilmember Jim Forkum was present to represent the request of Mr. Larry Odom, Chairman and CEO of Odom's Tennessee Pride, with regard to the donation of approximately 25 acres at their former plant site located at 1201 Neely's Bend Road in Madison.

The Board unanimously deferred this request to committee. Committee is composed of Mr. James Lawson, Ms. Susan Jones and Mr. Lamont Carter.

**03-07-22**

**BOARD DEFERS REQUEST OF KING'S DAUGHTERS DAY HOME  
ASKING METRO PARKS TO DONATE APPROXIMATELY 100 FEET OF MADISON  
PARK PROPERTY TO EXPAND THEIR FACILITIES**

Councilmember Jim Forkum was present to represent the request of Ms. Candyee Goode, Executive Director of the King's Daughters Day Home, requesting the Board to consider donating approximately 100 feet of Madison Park property to expand the rear and right sides of their existing building.

The Board unanimously deferred this request to committee. Committee is composed of Mr. James Lawson, Ms. Susan Jones and Mr. Lamont Carter.

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS:**

**03-07-23**

**BOARD REJECTS DONATION OF LAND (HUTTON STONE QUARRY)  
LOCATED AT 7448 MCCRORY LANE  
AS PER METRO COUNCIL RESOLUTION 2007-1727**

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Mr. Lawson, the Board voted to not accept this property as it is not conducive to the Master Plan and would present considerable risk to the Metro Parks Department.

**03-07-24**

**BOARD ACCEPTS APPROXIMATELY 72 ACRES ON CULBERTSON ROAD FOR  
ESTABLISHMENT OF PARK AND GREENWAY ON MILL CREEK**

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Fossick, the Board voted to accept the acquisition of approximately 72 acres at 6006 and 6036 Culbertson Road, Map and Parcel #s 181-24 and 181-22 for establishment of park and greenway on Mill Creek providing all issues with accessibility to property have been resolved.

**03-07-25**

**BOARD APPROVES APPLICATION AND ULTIMATE ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT  
FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND  
CONSERVATION'S HERITAGE CONSERVATION TRUST FUND FOR  
ESTABLISHMENT OF A PARK AND GREENWAY ON MILL CREEK**

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Johnson, the Board approved application and ultimate acceptance, if awarded, of grant from the State of Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation's Heritage Conservation Trust Fund toward acquisition of the 72 +/- acres at 6006 and 6036 Culbertson Road, Map and Parcel #s 181-24 and 181-22, on Mill Creek for establishment of a park and greenway.

**03-07-26**

**BOARD APPROVES APPLICATION AND ULTIMATE ACCEPTANCE OF  
A GRANT FROM NYSCA FOR COACHES CERTIFICATION  
WITHIN METRO PARKS SPORTS DIVISION**

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Fossick, the Board approved application and ultimate acceptance, if awarded, of a grant in the amount of \$1,000 from NYSCA for certification of our coaches in training.

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS:**

**03-07-27**

**BOARD ACCEPTS DONATION TOWARD PURCHASE OF A GREEN ROOF  
FOR THE SHELBY BOTTOMS NATURE CENTER**

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Ms. Johnson, the Board accepted a donation of \$77,000 toward a green roof for the Shelby Bottoms Nature Center. A donation of \$10,000 has been submitted with the remainder of the \$77,000 to be raised by the donor over the next 6-8 month period.

**03-07-28**

**BOARD APPROVES CODE OF CONDUCT FOR BOARD MEMBERS**

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Fossick, the Board approved the following ***Code of Conduct for Board Members:***

**Metropolitan Board of Parks and Recreation  
Code of Conduct**

As a member of the Metropolitan Board of Parks and Recreation for Nashville, Davidson County, Tennessee, I acknowledge that I am expected to be knowledgeable about and involved not only in local recreational concerns and initiatives generated by the Board, but I am also expected to be aware of national and state issues and trends as the same may affect Metropolitan Nashville-Davidson County.

I acknowledge that the Board's mission, broadly stated, is to develop and implement recreational opportunities and programs that fulfill the recreational needs of every segment of our population, regardless of race, creed, color, gender, ability, or social condition. Specifically, I acknowledge that the Board's task is to develop procedures and policies that enable and encourage the Director and staff to progress toward the realization of the Board's general mission as above stated.

So that I may be a more effective member of the Board of Parks and Recreation, and consistent with the acknowledgements expressed above, I agree to conform my conduct within the following guidelines:

1. I recognize my duty to represent the collective interests of all citizens of Metropolitan Nashville-Davidson County;
2. I recognize my duty to conduct myself honestly and with integrity and forthrightness as to all Board matters;
3. I recognize my duty to avoid any conflict of interest, or impropriety, and I shall avoid the appearance of conflict of interest or impropriety;
4. I recognize that only the Chair of the Board or a duly authorized spokesperson may speak for or in behalf of the Board;
5. I shall not use my position as Board member for personal gain or for other self-aggrandizement;
6. I shall at all times respect the confidentiality of all privileged information that may come to me as a result of my membership on the Board;
7. I shall respect the other members of the Board and abide by Board actions and decisions regularly

And duly enacted.

Subscribed to this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2007

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

03-07-29

**BOARD ADOPTS**

**PARK POLICY 3000.39 AMUSEMENT RIDES AND CIRCUS/DANGEROUS ANIMALS AND POLICY 3000.40 OUTREACH AND/OR SHELTER ACTIVITIES**

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Fossick, the Board adopted the following policies:

**3000.39 Amusement Rides and Circus/Dangerous Animals**

- I. The Metro Parks and Recreation Department does not allow carnival and amusement rides in the Metro Parks.
- II. Inflatable equipment may be utilized in the Metro Parks upon securing a use permit issued by the Department. Permittee must possess the permit at all times while on Metro Parks' premises. Permits are available to private parties and commercial vendors upon meeting the Department's conditions.

III. Circus and/or Dangerous Animals:

A potentially dangerous animal will be defined by the conduct, characteristics, and personality of the animal in terms of whether or the not the animal can be maintained on a particular piece of property. The term "dangerous animal" is being used because **wild and exotic** pets are becoming common, such as the alligators that have been found in Tennessee. Therefore, to ensure the safety of other animals, visitors, the public and staff, **Dangerous Animals**, except for those used for demonstrative and teaching purposes by the Nashville Zoo and/or Metro Parks Nature Centers are prohibited within all Metro Parks.

**3000.40 Outreach and/or Shelter Activities**

- I. Public food distribution in Metro Parks is permissible:
  - A. at events permitted by the Metro Parks;
  - B. when such distribution is sponsored or co-sponsored by a department or agency of the Metropolitan Government or
  - C. by permit issued by the Director of Metro Parks

**PLEASE NOTE: Permit by the Metro Health Department may also be required.**

**IX. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS**

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

Mr. Wilson introduced Captain Eric Snyder, a 15-year Metro police department veteran, who assumed the leadership of the Park Police Division February 16, 2007. After his introduction Captain Snyder swore in 5 new officers.

**XI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS FROM STAFF**

**Community Garden Update**

Paul Widman in Vera Vollbrecht's absence reported that there were 40 in attendance for the community garden workshop held at Hadley Community Center. A "Grow Nashville" representative was present at the Nashville Lawn and Garden Show.

Shelby and Watkins gardens are being readied for planting.

**Miracle League Update**

Dottie Hale reported that she is working with the Nashville Sounds Baseball Organization to assist with grant funding for the Miracle League.

**Park Watch Program**

Capt. Eric Snyder reported that the website is being revamped so that interested volunteers will have the capability to become involved.

**Park/School Wellness Program**

No report since Alignment Nashville/Healthy Practices Program has not met since the February Board Meeting.

**XII. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR**

Mr. Wilson distributed an editorial from the February 2007 NRPA magazine "Prescription for Parks and Recreation" which highlighted Paul Widman and his efforts through Metro Parks. Also, the March issue of the magazine will include a follow-up to February.

Mr. Wilson also distributed copies of a letter regarding the MOU between Metro Parks and the Metro Police Department and stated that he will now begin sending week ending police activity reports to board members.

**XII. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR**

A recent council bill filed regarding “ethics legislation” comes at the expense of getting others involved as volunteers and asks for financial disclosures of board members and their spouses. Mr. Wilson asked that board members communicate their concerns to Councilmembers Cole and Ryman. Ms. Jones stated that she will prepare a letter to Council on behalf of the Parks’ Board.

Mayor’s Budget Hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, March 14, 10:40 am, in the Historic Metropolitan Courthouse and will be restricted to 10 minutes.

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

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

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

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**Ms. Susan Short Jones, Chairperson**