

METROPOLITAN BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

August 7, 2007

A meeting of the Board of Parks and Recreation of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee was held on Tuesday, August 7, 2007 at 1:30 pm in the Centennial Park Boardroom, 2565 Park Plaza, Nashville, TN. Board members present were: Mr. Lamont Carter, Ms. Susan Jones, Mr. Stan Fossick, Justice A. A. Birch Jr., Mr. James Lawson, Ms. Karen Johnson and Ms. Tonya Jones.

Staff present were: Assistant Directors: Mr. James Gray/Finance and Administration, Mr. Mike Bays/Consolidated Maintenance, Mr. Henderson Kelly for Mr. Paul Widman/Recreation, Mr. Tommy Lynch/Special Services; Mr. Tim Netsch, Acting Assistant Director of Planning and Facilities Development; Mr. Bob Parrish, Superintendent of Resource Management; Lt. George Mitchell for Capt. Eric Snyder, Park Police and **Jon Michael, Metro Government Legal Counsel**. Ms. Jackie Jones, Superintendent of Community Affairs was not in attendance.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD JULY 10, 2007 APPROVED

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Fossick, the Board approved the minutes of the board meeting held Tuesday, July 10, 2007.

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

04-06-21

**BOARD DENIES REQUEST TO PLACE
WELCOME TO BELLEVUE SIGNAGE ON PARK PROPERTY**

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Justice Birch, the Board denied Councilmember Charlie Tygard's request to place a "Welcome to Bellevue" sign on park property because request does meet the signage policy as established by the Parks Board at their July 10, 2007 meeting. **(PLEASE NOTE THAT BOARD MEMBERS KAREN JOHNSON AND STAN FOSSICK ABSTAINED FROM VOTING AND TONYA JONES VOTED NO.)**

The approved policy states:

3000.41 Signage in Metro Parks

Signage, not specific to Metro Parks or authorized park activities, e.g. temporary event signage, be placed in/on park properties unless mandated by Federal or State legislation is not permissible.

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

04-07-15

**BOARD DENIES REQUEST OF LIFE WORKS FOUNDATION TO IDENTIFY
PLANTINGS IN THE ROSE AND DAY LILY GARDEN OF HALL OF FAME PARK
WITH NAMEPLATE SIGNAGE**

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Susan Jones, the Board denied request of the Lifeworks Foundation to identify roses and day lilies with nameplate signage in an approved garden located in the triangular corner of Hall of Fame Park recognizing Nashville music artists and songs written in Nashville. This request was denied as it does not meet the signage policy established by the Parks Board at their July 10, 2007 meeting. This policy states:

3000.41 Signage in Metro Parks

Signage, not specific to Metro Parks or authorized park activities, e.g. temporary event signage, be placed in/on park properties unless mandated by Federal or State legislation is not permissible.

04-07-20

BOARD DEFERS REQUEST TO ESTABLISH SMOKE FREE PLAYGROUNDS

Ms. Enas Yousef has requested the Board to establish smoke free playgrounds at all Metro Parks' children's playgrounds. Committee recommends deferral until October 2007 so that a proposal accommodating to children and/or adults using Metro Park facilities not covered by the overall no smoking policy enforced in all Metro buildings as created by Metro Council legislation is thoroughly reviewed.

06-07-18

**BOARD DENIES REQUEST TO PLACE YELLOW RIBBON IN PUBLIC SQUARE IN
REMEMBRANCE OF OUR ARMED FORCES AS PER METRO COUNCIL
RESOLUTION NO. RS2007-1896**

Upon motion of Justice Birch, seconded by Ms. Susan Jones, and based upon committee recommendation, the Board denied request to consider Metro Council Resolution No. RS2007-1896 requesting appropriate yellow ribbons be placed in Public Square in remembrance of our Armed Forces in conflict overseas. **(PLEASE NOTE THAT BOARD MEMBERS KAREN JOHNSON, STAN FOSSICK AND TONYA JONES VOTED NOT TO ACCEPT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION THEREBY CREATING A TIE AND RESULTING IN BOARD CHAIR, LAMONT CARTER, VOTING TO BREAK TIE. MR. CARTER VOTED TO ACCEPT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION.)**

A resolution requesting the Mayor's Office and the Parks and Recreation Department to place appropriate yellow ribbons in the Public Square as a way to remember the men and women of our Armed Services in conflict overseas.

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

06-07-18 (con't.)

**BOARD DENIES REQUEST TO PLACE YELLOW RIBBON IN PUBLIC SQUARE IN
REMEMBRANCE OF OUR ARMED FORCES AS PER METRO COUNCIL
RESOLUTION NO. RS2007-1896**

The Acquisition Committee of the Parks Board met July 18, 2007 regarding this request and determined that no memorials be allowed in Public Square for a period of one year as per following decision made regarding Public Square by the Board in May 2007.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Fossick and based upon committee recommendation, the Board established a moratorium policy of one year for any requests for proposed permanent installations in the Public Square, which include, but not limited to memorials and public art. The committee suggested and the board agreed that the Public Square be allowed to season for one year.

07-07-11

**ROYAL LIFE INTERNATIONAL CHURCH WITHDRAWS REQUEST
TO HOST "GET YOUR ROLL ON . . .
BACK 2 SCHOOL OUTREACH/CAR AND BIKE SHOWCASE"**

Ms. Rosalind Reid, representing Royal Life International Church, withdrew previous request to host "Get Your Roll On . . . Back 2 School Outreach/Car and Bike Showcase" on Saturday, August 18, 2007, 4:00 – 7:00 pm, in Hadley Park with amplification.

07-07-12

**BOARD DEFERS REQUEST OF COUNCILMEMBER EVANS
WITH REGARD TO THE LONG TERM BENEFIT OF THE USE OF PROPERTY
ADJACENT TO WARNER PARKS AND ITS OVERALL MISSION OF METRO PARKS**

Councilmember Emily Evans, representing Council District 23, was present to address the Board with regard to property adjacent to Warner Park and the long term benefit of the use of the land to the overall mission of Metro Parks. Property referred to is a small grassy parcel across Page Road from the Belle Meade Entrance to Percy Warner Park. The parcel has been used increasingly over the past two decades for overflow parking by park visitors, especially runners, walkers, and bicyclists. It has also been permitted for overflow parking for large events at Cheekwood, and by neighbors holding events at their residences. Documentation has been requested to confirm if there is a reversionary clause that would return ownership to the donor family if the property ceases to be used for park purposes to beautify the entrance; therefore, board requested deferral for 3 meetings.

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

07-07-13

**BOARD GRANTS PERMISSION TO THE IROQUOIS STEEPLECHASE
FOR CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL TO CONSTRUCT A PERMANENT STRUCTURE
IN PERCY WARNER PARK**

Ms. Brenda Black, representing the Iroquois Steeplechase for Children's Hospital, requested permission from the Board to construct a permanent structure in Percy Warner Park adjacent to the Steeplechase grounds to accommodate the annual Iroquois Society party.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Suaan Jones and based upon committee recommendation, the Board, approved request to construct a permanent structure in Percy Warner Park adjacent to the Steeplechase grounds to accommodate the annual Iroquois Society party with the following stipulations:

- 1) Metro Parks staff will oversee and approve design and construction.
- 2) Building permit requires approval by Metro Historic Zoning Commission, due to historic significance of the steeplechase area in the Local Landmark program.
- 3) Construction zone will not impact the slope stabilization improvements undertaken by Metro Parks on the hillside behind the box seats.
- 4) Donor will have no use restrictions.

07-07-15

**BOARD APPROVES FUNDING OF A FOOTBRIDGE
IN EDWIN WARNER PARK**

Ms. Eleanor Willis, representing Friends of Warner Parks, requested approval from the board to fund the construction of a footbridge needed on the hiking trails in Edwin Warner Park and the placement of a plaque in honor of Bob Brown on the bridge at its completion.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Susan Jones and based upon committee recommendation, the Board approved construction of a footbridge in Warner Park and placement of a plaque in honor of Bob Brown on the bridge at its completion with Metro Parks' staff overseeing and approving design and construction of the footbridge.

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

07-07-16

BOARD ACCEPTS LIMESTONE SCULPTURE IN MEMORY OF ANN HORAN

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Fossick and based upon committee recommendation, the Board approved acceptance of a limestone sculpture created by artist Tom Rice in memory of Ann Horan, former Director of the Centennial Art Center and employee of Metro Parks for 30 years. Sculpture will be located in garden adjacent to the Art Center.

07-07-18

REQUEST TO TRANSFER WILLIAM EDMONDSON PARK TO MDHA WITHDRAWN

Request to transfer William Edmondson Park, a 0.9 acre green space separating John Henry Hale Homes and Charlotte Avenue, to MDHA for use as open space has been withdrawn.

07-07-23

**BOARD APPROVES 2008 CAPITAL BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT
OF 25.2 MILLION DOLLARS FOR METRO PARKS**

Upon motion of Ms. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Lawson, the Board approved Metro Parks 2008 Capital Budget in the amount of 25.2 million dollars.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA:

08-07-01

**BOARD GRANTS PERMISSION TO THE CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU
FOR ALCOHOL SALES/CONSUMPTION DURING THE MUSIC CITY JAM
ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 AND SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2007,
11:30 AM – 11:00 PM IN RIVERFRONT PARK**

An application submitted by the Convention and Visitors Bureau requesting permission for alcohol sales/consumption (alcoholic beverages containing less than 5 percent only) during the Music City JAM on Saturday, September 1 and Sunday, September 2, 2007, 11:30 am – 11:00 pm in Riverfront Park was presented to the Board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Fossick, the Board granted permission for the consumption and sale of alcoholic beverages, containing less than 5 percent alcohol as per Metro Ordinance, and contingent upon applicant acquiring all appropriate permits from the Metropolitan Beer Board and/or the Alcoholic Beverage Commission.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA:

08-07-02

BOARD GRANTS PERMISSION TO HOSPITALITY CONSULTANTS, LLC. FOR ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION AND AMPLIFICATION DURING A PRIVATE EVENT ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2007, 5:00 – 9:00 PM IN HALL OF FAME PARK

An application submitted by Mr. Randy Lesnick, representing Hospitality Consultants, LLC., requesting permission for amplification and to serve alcohol during a private event celebrating the 5th year anniversary of VACA Corporation on Thursday, October 18, 2007, 5:00 – 9:00 pm, in Hall of Fame Park was presented to the Board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Fossick, the Board granted permission for amplification and the consumption of alcoholic beverages, containing less than 5 percent alcohol as per Metro Ordinance, and contingent upon applicant acquiring all appropriate permits from the Metropolitan Beer Board and/or the Alcoholic Beverage Commission.

08-07-03

BOARD GRANTS PERMISSION TO MS. JILL HABBAT FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING A WEDDING CEREMONY ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 5, 2007, 10:30 AM – 12:00 NOON, AT THE LAKE PLAZA OF CENTENNIAL PARK

An application submitted by Ms. Kelli Huff requesting permission for amplification during a wedding ceremony on Sunday, September 2, 2007, 4:00 – 5:00 pm, 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 for amplification with the understanding that the sound not be disruptive to those in the surrounding area and subject to monitoring by park personnel.

08-07-04

BOARD GRANTS PERMISSION TO THE ASBS FOUNDATION FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING A NON COMPETITIVE WALK ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2007, 7:00 – 11:00 AM, IN HALL OF FAME PARK

An application submitted by Ms. Pam Davis, representing The ASBS Foundation, requesting permission for amplification during a non-competitive **Walk From Obesity** on Saturday, September 29, 2007, 7:00 – 11:00 am, 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 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:

08-07-05

**BOARD GRANTS PERMISSION TO PREVENT CHILD ABUSE TENNESSEE
FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING A 5k RUN/WALK ON
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2007, 9:00 – 10:30 AM, IN SHELBY PARK**

An application submitted by Ms. Carla Snodgrass, representing Prevent Child Abuse Tennessee, requesting permission for amplification during a 5k run/walk on Saturday, December 8, 2007, 9:00 – 10:30 am, in Shelby Park (Shelby Bottoms area) 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.

08-07-06

**BOARD GRANTS PERMISSION TO HCA FOR AMPLIFICATION
DURING AN EMPLOYEE CELEBRATION ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 1 AND
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2007 IN CENTENNIAL PARK**

An application submitted by Ms. Jennifer Neely, representing HCA, requesting permission for amplification during an employee celebration on Monday, October 1, 8:00 am – 3:00 pm, and Tuesday, October 2, 2007, 12:00 – 4:00 pm, in Centennial Park at the Parthenon steps and adjacent green space 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.

08-07-07

**BOARD GRANTS PERMISSION TO HABITAT FOR HUMANITY
FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING THE DEDICATION AND CELEBRATION
OF PROVIDENCE PARK ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2007**

An application submitted by the Nashville Area Habitat for Humanity requesting permission for amplification during the dedication and celebration of the completion of the Providence Park community on Sunday, October 21, 2007, 11:30 am – 4:00 pm, in Providence Park was presented to the Board.

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

VII. CONSENT AGENDA:

08-07-08

**BOARD GRANTS PERMISSION TO THE ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNCIL
FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING A PICNIC AT THE CENTENNIAL PARK EVENT
SHELTER ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2007**

An application submitted by Ms. Mary McKinney, representing Alcohol and Drug Council, requesting permission for amplification during a picnic on Wednesday, September 12, 2007, 10:30 am – 7:30 pm, at the Centennial Park Event Shelter 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.

08-07-09

**BOARD GRANTS PERMISSION TO PAMA FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING
CAUSE FOR THE PAWS AT PUBLIC SQUARE
ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2007**

An application submitted by Ms. Shannon Hooper, representing PAMA, requesting permission for amplification during *Cause for the Paws* on Saturday, October 6, 2007, 10:00 am – 7:00 pm, at Public Square 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.

08-07-10

**BOARD GRANTS PERMISSION TO THE GERMAN THEATER ABROAD
FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING A THEATER PERFORMANCE AT THE
CENTENNIAL PARK EVENT SHELTER ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2007**

An application submitted by Mr. Daniel Brunet, representing German Theater Abroad, requesting permission for amplification during a theater performance on Wednesday, October 24, 2007, 7:00 – 11:00 pm, at the Centennial Park Event Shelter 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.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA:

08-07-11

BOARD GRANTS PERMISSION TO THE NASHVILLE HUMANE ASSOCIATION FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING DOG DAY FESTIVAL AND THE MUTT STRUT WALK IN CENTENNIAL PARK ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2007

An application submitted by Ms. Lisa Reeves, representing the Nashville Humane Association, requesting permission for amplification during ***Dog Day Festival and the Mutt Strut Walk*** on Saturday, October 13, 2007, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm, in Centennial Park was presented to the Board.

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

08-07-12

BOARD GRANTS PERMISSION TO THE CENTENNIAL MEDICAL CENTER FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING A COMPANY PICNIC IN CENTENNIAL PARK ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2007

An application submitted by Ms. Lea Havens, representing Centennial Medical Center, requesting permission for amplification during a company picnic/family day on Saturday, October 20, 2007, 10:00 am – 5:00 pm, in Centennial Park was presented to the Board.

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

08-07-13

BOARD GRANTS PERMISSION TO DESTINATION NASHVILLE FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING A PRIVATE EVENT ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 11, 2007 IN HALL OF FAME PARK

An application submitted by Ms. Angela Dobbe, representing Destination Nashville, requesting permission for amplification during a private event on Saturday, August 11, 2007, 5:00 – 7:30 pm, 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 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:

08-07-14

**BOARD GRANTS PERMISSION TO ROBERT MURPHY FOR
AMPLIFICATION DURING A FAMILY REUNION
ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2007 IN HADLEY PARK**

An application submitted by Mr. Robert Murphy, Jr. requesting permission for amplification during a family reunion on Saturday, September 8, 2007, 10:00 – 6:30 pm, at the picnic shelter in Hadley Park was presented to the board.

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

08-07-15

**BOARD GRANTS PERMISSION TO THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY
FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING A CHARITY FUNDRAISER
ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2007 AT THE EAST BANK GREENWA**

An application submitted by Ms. Katie Peterson, representing the American Cancer Society, requesting permission for amplification during a charity fundraiser on Saturday, October 20, 2007, 7:00 am – 1:00 pm, at the East Bank Greenway 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.

08-07-16

**BOARD GRANTS PERMISSION TO THE COUNTRY MUSIC ASSOCIATION
FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING A SPONSOR RELATED EVENT
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3 – WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2007
IN HALL OF FAME PARK**

An application submitted by Mr. Dennis Freeman, representing the Country Music Association, Inc., requesting permission for amplification during a sponsor related event on Saturday, November 3 – Wednesday, November 7, 2007, time to be determined, 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 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:

08-07-17

**BOARD GRANTS PERMISSION TO MOUNT ZION BAPTIST CHURCH FOR
AMPLIFICATION DURING A MUSICAL CELEBRATION/COMMUNITY OUTREACH
ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 31, 2007 IN HALL OF FAME PARK**

An application submitted by Ms. Valerie King, representing Mount Zion Baptist Church, requesting permission for amplification during a musical celebration/community outreach service on Friday, August 31, 2007, 6:00 – 11:00 pm, 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 for amplification with the understanding that the sound not be disruptive to those in the surrounding area and subject to monitoring by park personnel.

08-07-18

**BOARD GRANTS PERMISSION TO BETHLEHEM CENTERS FOR
AMPLIFICATION DURING A COMMUNITY NEIGHBORHOOD FESTIVAL
ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 18, 2007 IN WATKINS PARK**

An application submitted by Mr. Steve Fleming, representing Bethlehem Centers of Nashville, requesting permission for amplification during a community neighborhood festival on Saturday, August 18, 2007, 11:00 am – 3:00 pm, in Watkins Park was presented to the Board.

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

08-07-19

**BOARD GRANTS PERMISSION TO MR. JOHN L. PERRY IV
FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING A WEDDING CEREMONY/RECEPTION
ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2007 IN CENTENNIAL PARK**

An application submitted by Mr. John L. Perry IV requesting permission for amplification during a wedding ceremony and reception on Sunday, September 9, 2007, 4:00 – 8:00 pm, in the Sunken Garden of Centennial Park and the Centennial Park Event Shelter 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.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA:

08-07-20

**BOARD GRANTS PERMISSION TO CROSS TIMBERS FREEWILL BAPTIST
CHURCH FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING A CARNIVAL
ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2007 IN BELLEVUE PARK**

An application submitted by Mr. Jack Ketterman, representing Cross Timbers Freewill Baptist Church, requesting permission for amplification during a carnival on Saturday, October 20, 2007, 12:00 – 4:00 pm, in Bellevue Park (green space, amphitheatre and picnic pavilions) 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.

08-07-21

**BOARD GRANTS PERMISSION TO THE CENTER FOR JEWISH AWARENESS TO
PLACE A MENORAH IN RIVERFRONT PARK ADJACENT TO THE HOLIDAY TREE**

Correspondence submitted by Rabbi Yitzchok Tiechtel, Executive Director of The Center for Jewish Awareness, requesting permission to place a nine-foot Menorah in Riverfront Park alongside the Holiday Tree December 3 – 26, 2007 and host a ceremonial lighting on the first night of Chanukah (Tuesday, December 4, 2007).

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Fossick, the board unanimously approved this request subject to the same rules as any other structure that the Board and Department allow. All typical insurance requirements apply, reasonable safety-related limitations on the size and weight of the structure will be imposed with use of an approved licensed engineer with regard to the support and placement of the Menorah. Also, the Board can reasonably require that expressive structures be accompanied by a sign to the effect that this display has been erected by a private organization and its presence does not constitute an endorsement by the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County of the organization or the display.

08-07-22

**BOARD GRANTS APPROVAL TO THE DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
TO RENEW ANNUAL LEASE NOY®-40727 FOR THE TERM OF
JULY 1, 2007 – JUNE 30, 2008**

A letter submitted by Claude E. Jones, Operations Branch- Department of the Navy, requesting renewal of Lease NOY®-40727 (land known as the Naval Reserve Center/Shelby Park) for the term of July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008 was presented to the board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Fossick, the board granted unanimous approval.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

08-07-23

BOARD GRANTS PERMISSION TO PIEDMONT POWER TO PURCHASE A UTILITY EASEMENT THROUGH EDWIN WARNER PARK

Ms. Carol Croft representing Piedmont Power was present to request permission to purchase a utility easement through Edwin Warner Park adjacent to Vaughn Road.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Johnson and based upon committee recommendation, the board granted Piedmont Power permission to purchase a utility easement through Edwin Warner Park adjacent to Vaughn Road contingent upon the following.

- That Piedmont Power and Metro Real Property Services agree on a price
- That Piedmont Power donates \$7,500 to Friends of Warner Parks to cover the cost of replacing and planting of the 27 damaged trees
- That Piedmont Power agrees to regrade the nearby ditch to a slope of no greater than 3:1, and seed and straw impacted areas

Bob Parrish, Superintendent of Warner Parks will act as contact person for Metro Parks

08-07-24

BOARD CHANGES HOURS OF EASTLAND PARK

A letter submitted by Ms. Jodi O'Hara and Ms. Julie Jones, representatives of the Eastwood Neighbors Association, requesting that the usage hours of Eastland Park be changed from daylight to 11:00 pm to daylight to dusk was presented to the Board. Their request was based on older youth occupying the park unsupervised late at night engaging in destructive activities such defacing picnic tables, writing gang tags on equipment and shooting fireworks. Lt. Mitchell was in agreement with the report of the Eastwood Neighborhood Association and stated that with the park closing at dusk, Park Police would now have the ability to question activities in the park.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Fossick, the granted approval to the request of the Eastwood Neighbors Association to amend the hours of Eastland Park; therefore, the hours of the park are now dawn until dusk. Upon completion new signage will be posted.

Lt. Mitchell will furnish a listing of other Metro Parks with the same characteristics as Eastland Park to board members for possible policy establishment.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

08-07-25

BOARD DENIES USE OF HARPETH HILLS GOLF COURSE
BY THE VICTORY GOLF TOUR

Correspondence submitted by the Victory Golf Tour requesting use of Harpeth Hills Golf Course for a professional women's golf tournament the week of May 19 through May 25, 2008 was presented to the board.

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Ms. Tonya Jones and based upon committee recommendation, the Board denied this request based on the following reasons:

- The golf course routinely generates over \$40,000 in revenue during that week due to the holiday and the fact that the weather is ideal for golf during this time.
- Parks' system has a yearly obligation to the Duffers Association for a Memorial Day weekend holiday tournament at Ted Rhodes Golf Course during the same week, so the displacement of local golfers would be maximized at a time when the request for usage is at its peak.
- Internet advertising, while having some benefit, does not present a value to the residents of Nashville who play golf at park facilities.
- There is no guarantee of generating the equivalent value of revenue through gate receipts for this type of event since it does not guarantee "big name" golfers to draw a huge gallery.
- The golf course would risk alienating local golfers during a peak time of the year when revenue generation and customer satisfaction is the highest concern.
- The history of major golf tours in Nashville has been one of little success. Both the LPGA and the Senior Tour have failed to generate crowds at upscale private facilities and have been discontinued.

08-07-26

BOARD GRANTS APPROVAL AND SUBSEQUENT ACCEPTANCE OF TWO
COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT GRANTS FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE

Upon motion of Ms. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Susan Jones, the Board granted approval and subsequent acceptance of two (2) \$10,000 dollar Community Enhancement grants from State of Tennessee Representative Ben West, Jr..

- One \$10,000 grant will be used to conduct requisite analysis of a site to create a public park in Antioch, Tennessee.
- The remaining \$10,000 grant will be used to purchase equipment associated with the renovation of recreation facilities in Antioch, Tennessee.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

08-07-27

BOARD APPROVES SURCHARGE TO CURRENT FEE STRUCTURE FOR STAKING IN CENTENNIAL PARK

Upon motion of Ms. Susan Jones, seconded by Mr. Lawson, the Board approved a \$1,000 non-refundable surcharge to be incorporated into the current fee structure for event sponsors wishing to stake in Centennial Park. This surcharge will cover replacement of equipment and labor to the park's irrigation system.

08-07-28

BOARD DEFERS ACTION ON APPROVAL OF A SURCHARGE FOR EVENT SPONSORS USE OF THE RIVER BARGE STAGE IN RIVERFRONT PARK

Board defers staff request to incorporate a \$2500 surcharge to the current fee structure for event sponsors using the river barge stage in Riverfront Park for one board meeting to establish appropriate language with regard to surcharge. This proposed surcharge will cover labor and parts to restore the stage to its original configuration if the event sponsor fails to do so.

X. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

Thomas Floyd, Metro Parks Sports Supervisor, introduced LaPauley Ridley, a participant at Easley Community Center in E. S. Rose Park. LaPauley finished in first place in the National Hershey Track Meet held in Hershey, Pennsylvania after winning competitions in Nashville and Chattanooga.

XI. INTRODUCTION OF STAFF, NEW EMPLOYEES, VOLUNTEERS

Mr. Wilson introduced Carolyn German to the Board as the newest member of the Cultural Recreation staff. Ms. German came to Metro Parks to fill the vacancy of John Holleman.

XII. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS FROM STAFF

Community Garden Update

Christie Wiser reported in Vera Vollbrecht's absence that this summer has been a very productive with the following accomplishments:

- Website was revised
- "Grow Nashville" brochure was created
- Potluck was held in East Park in an effort to promote Community Gardening Awareness
- Cooking class was held at Shelby Center on Thursday, August 2nd
- Rain barrel workshop is scheduled for August 18 at Shelby Center

XII. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS FROM STAFF

Miracle League Update

Dottie Hale reported that proposals for the Shelby Park Master Plan have been submitted and should be awarded soon and will proceed with schematic of field.

Park Watch/Trail Watch Program

George Mitchell reported for Capt. Eric Snyder that the program is ongoing and the installation of the security cameras have proven to be a crime deterrent.

Park/School Wellness Program – no report

Belmont/Metro Parks Update

Mr. Wilson reported that he met with the Parks Committee of the Metropolitan Council with regard to the Belmont University/Metro Parks Contract on July 16 and contract appeared on 2nd reading of the Council Agenda Tuesday, July 17. The next step will be the Board of Zoning Appeals meeting scheduled on Thursday, August 16 with Councilmembers Wallace and Pepper presenting report to the Board. Belmont has completed the traffic study. The final reading before Metro Council is scheduled for Tuesday, August 21.

XIII. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Wilson reported that use of the greens at McCabe Golf Course is being rotated because of the heat and the newness of the greens to protect new growth.

East Regional Center was awarded the ADA accessibility award “Excellence in Masonry” from the AIA.

Mr. Wilson asked Shain Dennison to address the Board with regard to an article appearing the *Tennessean* today, August 7th. Shain reported that the section of the Whites Creek Greenway the article is referring to is a pilot project from Hartman Park to Clarksville Highway. The Bordeaux/Whites Creek Alliance has been working with the Greenways staff and Metro Parks has no intention to infringe on area homeowners.

XIV. ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

September Park Board meeting will be held on Thursday, September 6, 2007.

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

Mr. Roy E. Wilson, Director

Mr. Lamont Carter, Chairperson

