

METROPOLITAN BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING September 6, 2007

A meeting of the Board of Parks and Recreation of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee was held on Thursday, September 6, 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, Justice A. A. Birch Jr., Mr. James Lawson, Ms. Karen Johnson and Ms. Tonya Jones. Mr. Stan Fossick was not in attendance.

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; Ms. Jackie Jones, Superintendent of Community Affairs; Mr. Bob Parrish, Superintendent of Resource Management; Capt. Eric Snyder, Park Police and **Tom Cross, Metro Government Legal Counsel.**

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AUGUST 7, 2007 APPROVED

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Susan Jones, the Board approved the minutes of the board meeting held Tuesday, August 7, 2007.

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Mr. Wilson introduced the coaches of the Metro Parks Softball team, Josephine Wright and William Hassell, to the Board. Metro Parks won the large division of the Metro Employees Tournament and went on to be crowned the overall winner.

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Lamont Carter expressed gratitude on behalf of the board to Mayor Bill Purcell for authoring the Parks and Greenways Master Plan, creation of Public Square and keeping his promise for better neighborhood parks. Mr. Carter then presented Mayor Purcell with a prism cut crystal award which stated

Bill Purcell

**THE PARKS AND GREENWAYS MAYOR
LEAVING A LEGITIMATE LEADERSHIP LEGACY**

September 2007

Mayor Purcell thanked the board for allowing him to attend this meeting. He stated his appreciation to the board for not only transforming our parks, but the entire city and the work of this volunteer board. This board has had the opportunity during the past 8 years to do what others have wanted with 179 million allocated in capital dollars and made certain that parts of Nashville which were underserved in the past are now flourishing. Through playgrounds and greenways every child in every neighborhood now have access to green space.

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He also stated that Roy Wilson was hired as the Metro Charter requires by the Parks Board and not only was it the best choice, it was the right choice. Mayor Purcell then acknowledged Curt Garrigan as the current Deputy Mayor on loan from the Parks Department and for serving as interim Director of Parks at the departure of Jim Fyke, former Director of Metro Parks.

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Ms. Arlene Lane, representative of Organized Neighbors of Edgehill (ONE), was present to address the board regarding the amended proposed contract and asked that her presentation be submitted as matter of record in the September board minutes as follows.

Organized Neighbors of Edgehill (O.N.E.) and the Edgehill Community (the "Community") urges the Parks Board to vote **against** the Amendment to the "Property Improvement and Lease Agreement" between Belmont University and the Metro government which was approved by the Metro Council, for the following reasons:

- (i) It fails to address the concerns Edgehill representatives expressed in their recent negotiations with Belmont;**
- (ii) It fails to incorporate most of the conditions required by the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) as part of its approval of Belmont's request for a special exception; and**
- (iii) This Amended Lease Agreement violates the Parks Board's own published rules and regulations regarding Public-Private Partnerships."**

I. There are five major positions of concern related to item (i), the Edgehill Community's negotiations with Belmont:

Position A: Specifically, the Community respectfully asked for **50%** of the **land** (approximately 5.25 acres) proposed in Belmont's athletic fields design (approximately 10.5 acres) to be set aside and guaranteed for green space and general, **spontaneous** (non-athletic team) **recreation**. In order to achieve this, the Community requested the **elimination** of one of the two **larger fields** (either the baseball stadium, or the soccer/track field). We asked this since:

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- (1) Over 70% (3,600 people) of the Edgehill population do not participate on baseball, softball, soccer, track, or football athletic teams and thus would never use the fields in Rose Park for that (team) purpose nor would they have sufficient access to useable green space for other purposes;
- (2) Over 1/3 of the population does not have their own transportation or the financial means to get to other recreational facilities and thus would essentially be denied access to available spontaneous recreational facilities; and
- (3) The 2002 Metro Parks Master Plan pledges:
 - (a) an “enhanced quality of life” including green space and recreational opportunities to better serve neighborhoods,
 - (b) “facilities that are responsive to the needs and interests of the citizens”; and
 - (c) “equal access to recreational facilities regardless of race or income”.

This **request** was **refused**.

The Amendment does not provide any guarantee that residents will have continuous access to space for spontaneous, non-athletic activities. Therefore, many Edgehill residents are being denied the rights pledged in the Master Plan. **The Parks Board should not approve the amendment without, at the least, requiring the removal of one of the larger fields and the reservation of 50% of the land in the fields area for spontaneous recreation, 100% of the time.**

Position B: Specifically, the Community asked for a **25% weekly** maximum (9 hours) of Belmont’s “**combined prime time use**” {*prime time = 2-6 on school days, 10-6 on weekends or 36 hours per week, August-May*} of the athletic fields. We asked for a **50% weekly** maximum (14 hours) of Belmont’s “**combined non-prime time use**” {*6-10 p.m. Sunday-Saturday, or 28 hours per week, August-May*} of the athletic fields. We asked for these limits so that Metro Schools and other Edgehill community users will have access to the fields when they need them most, which is during “prime time”. Belmont (and other private entities) might know their schedules 6 months in advance and request to reserve the space. Metro Schools and the current Community users will not know their needs six months in advance. The Schools and the Community **must** be given **absolute** priority, and majority access to the fields.

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Despite the fact that Belmont has repeatedly claimed that they would only use the fields 20% of the time, our **requests** were **refused**. These requests are **NOT** part of the Amendment . **The Parks Board should not approve the amendment without, at the least, requiring the reservation of 75% (27 hours) of the weekly prime time schedule for use of the athletic fields and 50% (14 hours) of the weekly non-prime time schedule for use of the athletic fields, for the Schools, the currently existing programs, and the Edgehill Community.**

Position C: Specifically, the Community asked that no games/matches/meets begin prior to **4:00 PM** on school days. This condition was requested because both Metro schools adjacent to Rose Park currently dismiss at **2:45 PM**, and students from both schools use sidewalks that cross every single vehicle entrance to the park. Belmont **refused** to **agree** to the **4:00 PM** starting time. Instead they said they would not start any games/matches/meets prior to **3:00 PM**. Realizing that spectator and participant traffic starts long before game-time, and continues up to and past game-time, it would be ludicrous and dangerous to have events begin at **3:00 PM** with school dismissal at **2:45 PM**. (The majority of traffic would be coming into the park at exactly the same time that the children are crossing the sidewalks over the vehicle entrances.) In order to insure that the majority of school related activities are over, the majority of the children and school-related traffic have left the area, and the speed limit is no longer 15 mph., **the Parks Board should not approve the amendment without, at the least, requiring that no games/matches/meets be allowed to start prior to 4:00 PM (or at least one hour after the latest dismissal time of the adjacent schools).**

Position D: Specifically, the Community asked that for the next 40 years, Belmont would not request the expansion of its "Institutional Overlay" north past Wedgewood. Edgehill has a long history of government (Urban Renewal) and private (Vanderbilt, Music Row, developers) entities trying to take over the indigenous residents' land. Belmont has a history of taking over land South of Wedgewood. The long-time and elderly homeowners and residents are trying to protect their longevity in the neighborhood. Belmont's take-over of Rose Park is a direct threat to the residents. Belmont **refused** this request. It is **NOT** part of the Amendment.

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Position E: Specifically, the Community asked for a **10-year lease**, with the ability for extensions. Where will you be in 40 years? What will you be doing? You don't know. Nobody knows. That is why we proposed a much more realistic 10 year lease with the ability for extensions, if all terms were in compliance. This **request** was **refused**. It is **NOT** part of the Amendment. It leaves the Edgehill population trapped for the next 40 years. **The Parks Board should not approve the amendment without, at the least, requiring that the terms of the lease be for 10 years, with the option for repeated extensions of the lease up to a maximum of 40 years.**

II. There are **eight** major positions of concern related to item **(ii)**, the **failure of the amendment to incorporate** most of the **conditions required by the BZA** as part of its approval of Belmont's request for a special exception:

The Metropolitan Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) approved Belmont's requested special exception subject to fourteen (14) enumerated conditions. Nearly all of those conditions are **not** included as terms in the amended lease between Metro Parks and Belmont University.

Position A: The lease does not restrict the fields' use from club/intramural sports as required by condition (2) in the BZA order.

Position B: Section 2 of the amended lease, "Improvements" provides that "No improvements shall place exterior chain link fence around the park." However, BZA condition (3) requires that the lease prohibit the installation of **any** "perimeter fencing to be placed around the park", whether chain link or not. Moreover, BZA condition (3) requires that parking lot entrances and playing fields **cannot** be **gated**. These requirements are not in the amended lease.

Position C: Section 22 of the amended lease, "Alterations and Improvements" restricts seating to 750 for the baseball field, consistent with BZA condition (4); however, it **fails** to restrict seating to "300 for the track/soccer area and 250 for the softball field" As required by BZA condition (4). The amended lease also **fails** to require that any additional seating be approved by the BZA per condition (4).

Position D: The amended lease does not provide for the installation of "**retractable netting**" to protect the schools from game play on the fields as required by BZA condition (5).

Position E: The amended lease does not **restrict amplified sound** during **school hours** as required by BZA condition (6).

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Position F: The amended lease does not adequately reflect BZA conditions (10) and (11) with regard to **restriction of parking areas** and **access drives** around the Carter Lawrence and Rose Park Schools as well as “**active traffic management**” at the entrance and exit to Carter Lawrence School on Edgehill Avenue when Belmont activities overlap with school dismissal time.

Position G: The amended lease does not require Belmont to **provide shuttle service** to and from Belmont University when “more than one Belmont competitive activity is occurring or when any single Belmont activity is expected to draw in excess of 500 patrons” as required by BZA condition (12).

Position H: The amended lease does not require the ball fields “be constructed so as to be **convertible for children’s use**,” as required by BZA condition (13).

For the above eight reasons related to the BZA Order, we ask that the **Parks Board not approve the amendment without, at the least, requiring that all of the terms of the BZA’s order be included in the amendment.**

III. There are **six** major positions of concern related to item **(iii)**, the Amended Lease Agreement’s violation of the Parks Board’s rules and regulations regarding **Public-Private Partnerships**:

We are here to state that the amendment **cannot legally be approved** because to do so **violates the Parks Board's published rules and regulations regarding Public-Private Partnerships, policy 3000.29.**

Position A: “This policy is applicable to only Parks and Recreation public assets which are **not currently being utilized** for Parks and Recreation services.”

Based on the Metro Parks January 2007 Staff Analysis, Rose Parks does **not** constitute a park “not currently being utilized”. The analysis shows that the Park is not only being used extensively by the two adjacent schools, Hume Fogg High School, and a number of other Community Programs, but that there would be conflicts in at least 7 months between the current uses and Belmont’s proposed use.

Position B: “Existing Metro facilities must be made available to all members of the public ON AN EQUAL BASIS.”

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The agreement does not make, as written, the ball parks equally available to the public on an "equal basis". The public schools and community athletic teams do not know their schedules six months in advance. The public can't reserve space six months in advance for spontaneous picnics, kite flying, dog walking, and neighborhood ball games.

Position C: "The opportunity to contract with Metro for services or for exclusive use of Metro property, as with a lease, must be made available to all qualified members of the public through SOME COMPETITIVE PROCESS...the Request for Proposal (RFP) is the process of choice."

To the community's knowledge, neither the RFP process nor any other competitive process, was applied to the redevelopment and lease of the athletic fields at Rose Park.

Position D: "The Public Interest" was not met, as the community meetings did not "ascertain the need for services...to validate the assumptions,"

Over the past 21 months a total of eight Community Meetings have been held on this issue, with attendance ranging from 50 to 200 people. At every meeting the overwhelming voice of the Edgehill community was against Belmont's proposal and the need for the services that Belmont was proposing. Only two of these meetings were sponsored by Metro Parks. Both of them occurred after Belmont had submitted its proposal. During the entire time, Metro Parks never offered any information to the community about any alternative (competitive) proposals. Both Metro Parks meetings had an attendance of 80-100 people. At the first meeting (March 16, 2006) the majority of the residents that spoke, spoke against the proposal. They specifically stated that Belmont was taking up too much land and wanted to use the fields too much of the time. They also spoke about the negative "quality of life factors" such as major problems with traffic, parking, and noise. At the second meeting (January 18, 2007) **everyone** from the community who spoke, spoke against the proposal. Not one person spoke for the proposal. One of the biggest complaints was that instead of reducing the amount of land that Belmont was going to use, and instead of reducing the amount of time they were going to use it, the newly revised proposal actually increased the amount of land to be used (a track was added) and increased the amount of time the land was to be used (Belmont added a track team and Metro Parks added the extensive use of the facilities by people from all over the city). On January 30, 2007 (the coldest night of the year, with a temperature in the upper teens), a community meeting was held by O.N.E. Approximately 60 people attended the meeting, with 42 being Edgehill residents. That night a vote was taken. One hundred percent of the Edgehill residents voted against Belmont's proposal.

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This vote was reported, in writing, to the Parks Board. A week later, on February 6, 2007, the Parks Board ignored the Community's opposition and voted 3 to 2 to support Belmont's proposal. On May 31, 2007, a community meeting was held by the district Councilman. Over **200** people attended the meeting. Every single resident of the more than 30 who spoke that night, spoke against the proposal. At two different times the audience requested that a vote be taken to show the community's position on the proposal. Both times the request was **denied** by the Councilman. It is plain to see that "the Public Interest" of the Edgehill community was not met, and the need for the services were not ascertained. Thus Metro Parks' assumptions were not validated.

Position E: This conflicts with the Metro Parks Master Plan "to better serve **neighborhoods**", "to be responsive to the **needs** and **interests** of **citizens**", "to significantly enhance their **quality of life**", and "to give **equal access** to parks and recreation programs **regardless of race or income.**"

Eighty percent of the residents of Edgehill are minorities, over 1/3 fall under the poverty level, and over 1/3 do not have their own transportation. As shown above, the Agreement is not responsive to the needs and interests of Edgehill citizens, does not, in their minds, enhance their quality of life, and does not give them equal access to parks and recreation programs. The fact that it is a wealthy, majority, private institution taking over a public park in a densely populated, low income, minority neighborhood cannot be ignored.

Position F: "Protecting Metro assets from being pledged for private use"

This agreement pledges public land for private use. When 22 acres (Clayco Rose Park-Cost Opinion, 11/30/06) of a 23.88 acre park (Roy Wilson, Metro Parks) are included in a public/private venture that proposes to use the park 603 times on 234 days or 85% of all calendar days between the months of Aug.-Nov. and Jan-May (O.N.E. Analysis of Prime Time Use By Belmont) it is obvious that public land is being pledged for private use.

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In summary, Organized Neighbors of Edgehill (O.N.E.) and the Edgehill Community request that the members of the Parks Board vote **against** the Amendment to the "Property Improvement and Lease Agreement" between Belmont University and the Metro government which was approved by the Metro Council because:

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Respectfully submitted by: King Hollands

Dr. Robert Fisher and Mr. Jason Rogers were in attendance to answer any questions or concerns of the board with regard to the proposed amendments to the established contract and lease terms.

Mr. Joseph Johnston, attorney for Sandra Walker and Janice Richardson, petitioners against Belmont University and Metro Parks was physically removed from the Board Meeting by park police as he attempted to address the board. Mr. Johnston was notified in advance that he could not address the board because his request was not received in the Metro Parks office by the cut-off date to be included on the agenda. Please note that Mr. Wilson extended the deadline for inclusion on the board agenda by 24 hours due to the Metropolitan Council Meeting being held on Tuesday, August 21st and Ms. Lane met this deadline.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Susan Jones, the board adopted the contract and lease terms with the inclusion of twelve amendments between Belmont University and Metro Parks with specific reference to E. S. Rose Park as summarized below:

- Belmont shall make every effort to include qualified minority and women-owned business in the construction improvements.

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- No improvements shall place exterior chain link fencing around the park. In addition, access to parking and to the park shall not be limited, unless specifically to improve the safety of Carter Lawrence Elementary School or Rose Park Middle School dismissal.
- Belmont agrees that during initial construction and future improvements it will minimize the disruption to adjacent public schools and residents, maximize the safety of school children and pedestrians, maintain as much access as possible to parks grounds, and minimize dust associated with construction.
- In order to ensure the community has access to the park and that programming for the community is enhanced, Belmont will annually make contributions of \$50,000 increasing 3% a year to the Metro Parks Department designated for the Easley Center to support improved programming for area youth and seniors.
- Belmont understands and agrees with the Parks Board's stated intent that adjacent public schools and Metro Parks activities will be given priority scheduling.
- Belmont shall not begin scheduled games until thirty minutes after dismissal by Rose Park and Carter Lawrence Schools.
- Belmont shall provide at least ten percent of its tickets per game, if issued, to the Easley Community Center for area children and community members to use.
- Belmont will not seek to have the Parks Board name any of the fields at Rose Park after Belmont University.
- To ensure the safety of pedestrians and minimize traffic and parking concerns, Belmont will fund all improvements authorized by metro that area set forth in the August 1, 2007 traffic study and the addendum to the traffic study presented on August 14, 2007. In addition, Periodic traffic monitoring will occur during the 07-08 academic year, paid for by Belmont if required by Metro. Ongoing traffic and parking monitoring may be required by the Parks Board resulting from an annual monitoring report. If such monitoring is required, consultants will be paid by Belmont.
- Belmont agrees to cooperate with any annual monitoring and annual reporting that the Metro Parks Department performs.
- Improvement in seating to the baseball field will be limited to no more than 750 seats. If seats beyond 750 are desired, Belmont will obtain approval from the Metro Parks Board and, pursuant to its permit, must obtain approval from the Metro Board of Zoning Appeals.

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- To increase positive relationships with the community, Belmont's Office of Student Financial Aid will provide two full tuition scholarships beginning in the first year of the lease and each year thereafter for four years until a maximum of eight scholarships a year are awarded to Edgemoor area residents who meet financial need standards and are academically qualified for admission. Additionally, Belmont will provide two partial tuition scholarships to eligible students. This scholarship and grant assistance will continue throughout the term of the proposed lease agreement. Council members from the 17th and 19th district will each appoint three members to the existing Belmont Advisory Committee. This committee will establish the boundaries for the scholarship recipients.

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BOARD AMENDS HOURS OF 28 NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS

As per action of the board at their August 2007 meeting regarding Eastland Park and upon recommendation of Lt. George Mitchell of the Park Police certain Metro Parks were submitted for approval as parks closed from dusk to dawn.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Justice Birch, the board approved amending the hours of the following parks; thereby bringing the total of dusk to dawn parks including Eastland to 29:

Owen Bradley	One Music Circle East
Edmondson	1700 Charlotte Avenue
McKissack	28 th Avenue North/Torbett Street
Dallas H. Neil	1910 8 th Avenue South
Tony Rose	Music Circle East/Hawkins Court
St. Bernard	21 st Avenue South/St. Bernard
Bass	1604 Holly Street
Douglas	210 North 7 th Street
Tom Joy	434 Joy Avenue
Oakwood	2615 Oakwood Avenue
C. R. Crawford	6043 Cane Ridge Road
Fort Negley	534 Chestnut
Woodbine	Oriel Street
Church Street	600 Church Street
Hope Gardens	1009 Phillips Street
Monroe St. Playground	1206 11 th Avenue North

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Lock Two	2650 Lock Two Road (water craft ingress/egress only)
Mildred Shute Mini	77 Fain Street
Bells Bend	4107 Old Hickory Road (by permit only)
Bordeaux Garden	1490 Snell Road
Bordeaux-Timothy	4100 Timothy Drive
Boyd (Preston Taylor)	3900 Clifton Avenue
Elizabeth	1701 Arthur Street
Clinton B. Fisk	25 th Avenue North/Burch Street
Lock One	1530 Lock Road
Memorial	1105 Chadwell Drive
Peeler	2043 Neely's Bend Road
Willow Creek	1821 Westchester Drive

08-07-28

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

Board defers request to incorporate a \$2500 surcharge to the current fee structure for event sponsors using the river barge stage in Riverfront Park indefinitely as per request of Mr. Wilson. This proposed surcharge will cover labor and parts to restore the stage to its original configuration if the event sponsor fails to do so. Presently there are three major groups which utilize Riverfront Parks and they will be held accountable by way of contractual agreement.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA:

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BOARD GRANTS PERMISSION TO CROSS TIMBERS FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING A CONCERT, CHURCH SERVICE AND PICNIC ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 AND SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 30, 2007 IN BELLEVUE PARK

An application submitted by Mr. Jack Ketteman, Youth Minister of Cross Timbers Freewill Baptist Church, requesting permission for amplification during a concert, church service and picnic on Saturday, September 29 (7:00 – 9:00 pm) and Sunday, September 30, 2007, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm, in Bellevue Park (green space, amphitheatre and picnic pavilions) was presented to the Board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Johnson, 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.

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**BOARD GRANTS PERMISSION TO BALM OF GILEAD CHURCH FOR
AMPLIFICATION DURING A COMMUNITY WIDE CHURCH PICNIC/OUTREACH
ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2007 IN MADISON PARK**

An application submitted by Ms. Breah Cunningham, representing Balm of Gilead Church, requesting permission for amplification during a community wide church picnic/outreach on Saturday, September 15, 2007, 1:00 – 7:00 pm, in Madison Park (picnic shelters 1 and 2) was presented to the Board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Johnson, 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.

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**BOARD GRANTS PERMISSION TO OPENED EYES MINISTRIES/ INTERNATIONAL
FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING AN OUTDOOR COMMUNITY OUTREACH
ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2007 IN WATKINS PARK**

An application submitted by Mr. Scott McClellan, representing Opened Eyes Ministries/Provision International, requesting permission for amplification during an outdoor community outreach on Saturday, October 6, 2007, 12:00 – 9:00 pm, in Watkins Park was presented to the Board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Johnson, 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.

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**BOARD GRANTS PERMISSION TO THE OASIS CENTER
FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING AN OUTDOOR ART EXHIBIT
“PINWHEELS FOR PEACE”
ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2007 IN HALL OF FAME PARK**

An application submitted by Mr. Brandon Hill, representing the Oasis Center, requesting permission for amplification during an outdoor art exhibit **“Pinwheels for Peace”** on Friday, September 21, 2007, 6:00 am – 10:00 pm, in Hall of Fame Park was presented to the Board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Johnson, 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.

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**BOARD GRANTS PERMISSION TO HILLVIEW ESTATES NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH
FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING A NEIGHBORHOOD PICNIC
ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2007 IN GRANBERY PARK**

An application submitted by Mr. Gerald Taylor, representing the Hillview Estates Neighborhood Watch, requesting permission for amplification during a neighborhood picnic on Saturday, September 8, 2007, 6:00 – 9:00 pm, in Granbery Park was presented to the Board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Johnson, 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.

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

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**BOARD DEFERS REQUEST TO SERVE BEER FOLLOWING
THE 2ND ANNUAL HARPETH HILLS FLYING MONKEY MARATHON
ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2007 IN PERCY WARNER PARK**

Mr. Trent Rosenbloom, representing the Harpeth Hills Marathon, was present to request permission from the Board to serve beer following the 2nd Annual Harpeth Hills Flying Monkey Marathon on Sunday, November 18, 2007 in Percy Warner Park.

Upon motion of Ms. Susan Jones, seconded by Mr. Lawson, the board deferred this request until a desired area of the park conducive to or permitted for alcohol consumption is located. Bob Parrish will represent Parks as the contact person with Mr. Rosenbloom regarding this request.

09-07-07

BOARD APPROVES THE ESTABLISHMENT OF FRIENDS OF BELLS BEND PARK

Ms. Julia Graves and Mr. Bill Coble, representing Friends of Bells Bend Park, were present to request consideration of the board to establish Friends of Bells Bend Park as an official volunteer support group to Metro Parks.

Upon motion of Ms. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Lawson, the Board approved this request as the group has submitted all documentation required of petitioning Friends groups.

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**BOARD DEFERS REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A FRIENDS GROUP
FOR COMMERCE STREET PARK**

A letter submitted by Mr. Bert Mathews, representing The Mathews Company, requesting permission to establish a friends group for Commerce Street Park was presented to the Board for approval.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Johnson, the board deferred this request indefinitely as no required documentation has been submitted for review.

X. INTRODUCTION OF STAFF, NEW EMPLOYEES, VOLUNTEERS

Paul Widman introduced the most recent editions to his staff:

Bobby Jones – Program Coordinator at Hartman Center

Chris Guerin – Rec Leader at Hartman Center

Tim Carter – Rec Leader at Madison Center

XI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS FROM STAFF

Community Garden Update

In Vera Vollbrecht's absence Paul Widman presented report. Christie Wiser and Katie Joyce conducted a very successful Rain Barrel seminar at Shelby Community Center on August 18th and on Saturday, October 13th a workshop on fall gardening will be held at the Warner Nature Center.

Miracle League Update

In Dottie Hale's absence Tommy Lynch stated that Dottie has met with 3 potential user groups for the field. Tim Netsch reported that nine proposals have been received for consideration with regard to the Shelby Master Plan and are optimistic of a spring opening. Mr. Wilson stated that he has met with representatives of the Tennessee Titans and they have committed to provide a playground adjacent to the field.

Park Watch/Trail Watch Program

Capt. Eric Snyder reported that he is in an ongoing discussion with the Metro Emergency Communications Division to designate access points directing Emergency Responders to parks and greenways sites because other Metro agencies are not as familiar with these locations as we are. Capt. Snyder is also working with the Hermitage Police Precinct to identify the graffiti artists who recently used Stone Hall as their canvas.

XI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS FROM STAFF

Park/School Wellness Program

Paul Widman reported that Metro Parks has been awarded a \$250,000 grant for 1 year to implement “step teams” at 15 recreation centers.

XII. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Wilson reported that Wave Country reported revenue in the amount of \$947,908 for the 2007 season with an attendance of 107,839.

The following events are scheduled with Mayor Purcell:

Saturday, September 8 th	1:00 pm	Dedication of Ft. Negley Interpretative Center
Saturday, September 15 th	10:00 am	Dedication of the Shelby Bottoms Nature Center
	10:45 am	Topping Off of the Cumberland River Pedestrian Bridge

XIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Justice Birch acknowledged staff for continuing the opening of recreation enters as cooling stations and expressed his thanks for adequately addressing concerns of the citizens of Nashville and Davidson County.

Mr. Carter asked that an email reminder be sent to board members with regard to upcoming events.

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

Mr. Roy E. Wilson, Director

Mr. Lamont Carter, Chairperson

