

METROPOLITAN BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

October 2, 2007

A meeting of the Board of Parks and Recreation of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee was held on Tuesday, October 2, 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, Mr. James Lawson, Ms. Karen Johnson and Ms. Tonya Jones. Justice A. A. Birch Jr. was not in attendance.

Staff present were: Assistant Directors: Mr. James Gray/Finance and Administration, Mr. Mike Bays/Consolidated Maintenance, 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; Ms. Shain Dennison, Superintendent of Greenways Development; Capt. Eric Snyder, Park Police and **Jon Michael, 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 Thursday, September 6, 2007.

VI. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

04-07-20

BOARD DEFERS REQUEST TO ESTABLISH SMOKE FREE CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUNDS AT ALL METRO PARKS' PLAYGROUNDS

The following draft regarding the use of tobacco products in Metro Parks was presented by Captain Eric Snyder on behalf of the appointed committee:

The Metropolitan Parks and Recreation Department understands and acknowledges that the use of tobacco products, especially smoking, creates health and safety hazards that present serious and harmful consequences for both users and non-users alike.

Therefore, in order to protect the thousands of families, pregnant women, children and infants that visit our parks and playgrounds, the Metro Parks and Recreation Department adopts the following policy regarding the use of tobacco products:

1. The use of all tobacco products is prohibited upon all the properties within all facilities in the jurisdiction of the Metro Parks and Recreation Department. This policy applies to all visitors to the park and staff of the department. Prohibited tobacco use includes any use of tobacco products. Examples include smoking cigarettes, cigars, or pipes and using smokeless tobacco products.

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

04-07-20 (con't.)

**BOARD DEFERS REQUEST TO ESTABLISH SMOKE FREE CHILDREN'S
PLAYGROUNDS AT ALL METRO PARKS' PLAYGROUNDS**

2. This policy excludes venues where alcohol is sold or otherwise permitted as these events/locations are primarily attended by adult attendees who choose to participate in such environments.
3. This policy shall take effect on January 1, 2008.

Mr. Jason Stamm, Tobacco Control Coordinator of the Metro Health Department was also in attendance to answer any questions the Board had with regard to the hazards of tobacco products.

After much discussion by the board, Mr. Lawson motioned to defer action on this policy for one meeting to grant the board time to review proposed policy and schedule a meeting of the board as a whole to discuss recommendation; Ms. Johnson seconded motion and the board approved. Park Staff will gather information from other cities to present to the board at their committee meeting.

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, requests permission 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.

Mr. Carter, chair of the board, deferred this request to the acquisition committee to present a staff report at their November meeting as this request is a City of Belle Meade zoning issue.

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

09-07-06

**BOARD APPROVES 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 Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Fossick, the board approved a tented area behind a thick tree line in the Vaughn's Creek area of Percy Warner Park off Highway 100 as an area conducive for alcohol consumption following the marathon. Mr. Rosenbloom thanked Bob Parrish for his assistance in locating an area of the park for this event.

09-07-08

**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.

At the request of Mr. Mathews this request was deferred until the November meeting as no required documentation has been submitted for review.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA:

10-07-01

**BOARD GRANTS PERMISSION TO THE INTERFAITH ALLIANCE OF MIDDLE
TENNESSEE FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING AN INTERFIATH VIGIL
ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2007 IN CHURCH STREET PARK**

An application submitted by Rev. Dan Rosemergy, representing the Interfaith Alliance of Middle Tennessee, requesting permission for amplification during an Interfaith Vigil on Thursday October 11, 2007, 11:30 am – 1:00 pm, in Church Street 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.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA:

10-07-02

**BOARD GRANTS PERMISSION TO CATHOLIC CHARITIES FOR AMPLIFICATION
DURING A BREAKFAST LUNCH CELEBRATION
ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2007
AT THE CENTENNIAL PARK EVENT SHELTER**

An application submitted by Mr. Scott Gubala, representing Catholic Charities, requesting permission for amplification during a breakfast lunch celebration on Wednesday, October 10, 2007, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm, at the Centennial Park Event Shelter 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.

10-07-03

**BOARD GRANTS PERMISSION TO DAVIDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY
CORRECTIONS FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING STAFF TRAINING
ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2007
AT THE CENTENNIAL PARK EVENT SHELTER**

An application submitted by Ms. Valda Cowan, representing Davidson County Community Corrections, requesting permission for amplification during staff training on Friday, October 19, 2007, 8:00 am – 4:30 pm, at the Centennial Park Event Shelter 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.

10-07-04

**BOARD GRANTS PERMISSION TO THE NASHVILLE-DAVIDSON COUNTY
VETERANS COORDINATING COUNCIL FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING ASSEMBLY
AND DISBANDMENT OF AN 11-11-11 REMEMBRANCE RIDE
ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2007 IN CENTENNIAL PARK**

An application submitted by Mr. Fred Tucker, representing Nashville - Davidson County Veterans Coordinating Council, requesting permission for amplification during assembly and disbandment of an 11-11-11 remembrance ride on Sunday, November 11, 2007, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm, in Centennial Park (front drive to the end of the divided lanes) was presented to the Board.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA:

10-07-04 (con't.)

**BOARD GRANTS PERMISSION TO THE NASHVILLE-DAVIDSON COUNTY
VETERANS COORDINATING COUNCIL FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING ASSEMBLY
AND DISBANDMENT OF AN 11-11-11 REMEMBRANCE RIDE
ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2007 IN CENTENNIAL PARK**

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.

10-07-05

**BOARD GRANTS PERMISSION TO MS. RACHEL CARNEY
FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING A WEDDING CEREMONY/RECEPTION
ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2007 IN CENTENNIAL PARK**

An application submitted by Ms. Rachel Carney requesting permission for amplification during a wedding ceremony and reception on Saturday, November 17, 2007, 2:30 – 4:00 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 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.

10-07-06

**BOARD GRANTS PERMISSION TO THE UGA BUSINESS PROGRAM FOR
AMPLIFICATION DURING AN INTRODUCTION TO THE MUSIC BUSINESS
PROGRAM ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2007
IN HALL OF FAME PARK**

An application submitted by Ms. Jody Jackson, representing the UGA Music Business Program, requesting permission for amplification during an introduction to the Music Business Program on Friday, October 12, 2007, 7:00 – 10:00 pm, in Hall of Fame Park.

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:

10-07-07

BOARD APPROVES PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE TENNESSEE TITANS AND METRO PARKS TO ASSIST FINANCIALLY IN THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF A MIRACLE PLAYGROUND IN SHELBY PARK HOWEVER BOARD DEFERS PLAYGROUND SIGNAGE REQUEST

Ms. Tresa Halbrooks and Mr. Bob Hyde, representing the Tennessee Titans, were present to request permission from the Metropolitan Board of Parks and Recreation to partner with Metro Parks to aid in the construction of the Titans Miracle Playground as part of the Miracle League Field and Park in Shelby Park.

Upon motion of Ms. Susan Jones, seconded by Ms. Johnson, the Board approved a partnership between the Tennessee Titans and Metro Parks to aid in the construction of a Miracle Playground in conjunction with the proposed Miracle League Field in Shelby Park and accepted a grant in the amount of \$25,000. This grant will assist in the design and construction of the playground once the site has been established. The Board deferred the request regarding signage to be placed at the playground site for one meeting.

10-07-08

COUNCILMEMBER DUVALL PETITIONS BOARD TO CONSIDER THE CONSTRUCTION OF A REGIONAL RECREATIONAL CENTER IN SOUTHEAST DAVIDSON COUNTY

Councilmember Robert Duvall was present to request board consideration to support an amendment to the Parks Master Plan to include consideration of a Regional Recreational Center for constituents of the 33rd District. Councilmember Duvall stated that there are 4 schools within a mile radius of the proposed site located at the Hamilton Church Road and Mount View Road and that a regional center constructed at this location would actually serve council districts 28 through 33.

Councilmember Vivian Wilhoite was also present to reiterate her request to the Board made prior to Councilmember Duvall contacting Parks. In 2006 she petitioned the board to take under consideration amending the Master Plan in support of her district in Southeast Davidson County. Also, she reminded the Board that the property Councilmember Duvall spoke of is actually in her district and she has been working to fund a center for the past four years.

X. INTRODUCTION OF STAFF, NEW EMPLOYEES, VOLUNTEERS

XI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS FROM STAFF

Community Garden Update

In Vera Vollbrecht's absence Paul Widman presented report. Christie Wiser is overseeing planting of fall garden at Shelby Community Center and on Saturday, October 13th a workshop on fall gardening and rain barrel collection will be held at the Warner Nature Center.

Miracle League Update

Dottie Hale reported that a meeting has been scheduled on Wednesday, October 3, 2007 with the Metro Purchasing Department to review nine proposals which have been submitted for consideration with regard to the Shelby Master Plan. She stated that once the site is established, field design can begin with a target completion date of summer 2008. Dottie was asked by Chairman Carter to research if there is another city which has both a miracle field and playground built adjacent to each other.

Park Watch/Trail Watch Program

Capt. Eric Snyder reported that access points directing Emergency Responders to parks and greenways sites have been designated and an ATV vehicle will be stationed at Stone Hall on the Stones River Greenway. He also stated that park police officers will begin issuing mock tickets to individuals leaving valuables in plain view inside their vehicles. Because more vehicle vandalism occurs this time of year, these tickets will remind park users to take precaution. All parks indicated as daylight to dusk parks should have signage posted within the next 30 days.

Park/School Wellness Program

Paul Widman reported that Metro Parks will work with Alignment Nashville for 1 year to implement "step teams" for the teen population at 15 recreation centers.

XII. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Wilson reported that he and Paul Widman just returned from Indianapolis, Indiana where they attended the National Recreation and Parks Association Conference. Billie Jean King presented the Keynote address and attributes her success because she was a public parks kid.

He thanked Susan Jones and Karen Johnson for attending the Fort Negley event and the events surrounding the dedication of the Shelby Nature Center and Cumberland Pedestrian Bridge. He announced the upcoming events:

Celebration of Cultures	Centennial Park	October 6 – 7
Ghost Glow/GFN	Shelby Street Bridge	October 9
Sunday in the Park/FOWP	Warner Park Ridgefield	October 14

XII. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

Vera Vollbrecht was installed as president of the TN Environmental Education Association at the annual TEEA Conference Business meeting in late September. She has put together an excellent board and has an impressive list of goals to accomplishment during her two years as president. She has been president-elect for two years and will serve on the board as past president for two years so this is a six year commitment to TEEA and environmental education. She is an excellent leader and is representing the Warner Park Nature Center and Metro Parks in a very professional and positive manner.

Sandy Bivens was the recipient of the 2007 TEEA Environmental Administrator of the year for Middle Tennessee. This is a big honor and just another addition to Sandy's list of awards!

XIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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

Mr. Roy E. Wilson, Director

Mr. Lamont Carter, Chairperson