

METROPOLITAN BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION

AGENDA FOR BOARD MEETING

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2007
(1:30 PM)**

**CENTENNIAL PARK BOARDROOM
2565 Park Plaza**

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. ROLL CALL**
- III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- IV. APPEAL OF DECISIONS**
- V. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**
- VI. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS**

Ms. Nancy VanReece, Executive Director of the Nashville Shakespeare Festival, requests permission to appear before the Board in honor of the completion of the 20th season of Shakespeare in the Park.

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

- 04-07-20** Ms. Enas Yousef requests the Board to establish smoke free playgrounds at all Metro Parks' children's playgrounds. (Captain Snyder will present report at meeting.)
- 07-07-12** 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.
- 09-07-08** Mr. Bert Mathews, representing The Mathews Company, requests permission from the Board to establish a friends group for Commerce Street Park.
- 10-07-07** Ms. Tresa Halbrooks, representing the Tennessee Titans, requests 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.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA:

- 11-07-01** Ms. Rachel Carney requests permission for amplification during a wedding ceremony on Saturday, November 17, 2007, 2:30 – 3:30 pm, in the Centennial Park Sunken Garden.

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VIII. CONSENT AGENDA:

- 11-07-02** Ms. Brandie Powell, representing the American Federation for Suicide Prevention, requests permission for amplification during an “Out of Darkness” community walk on Sunday, November 18, 2007, 1:00 – 3:00 pm, in Centennial Park.
- 11-07-03** Mr. James Lowe, representing Youth Life Learning Centers, requests permission to continue funding of a fulltime teacher/counselor up to 40 hours per week including any pay plan adjustments and merit increases on-going with Metro Parks funding the employee benefits while processing the weekly timesheets and paychecks. (NOTE: Youth Life Learning Center or Metro Parks may discontinue this agreement with a 30 day notice to the other party.)
- 11-07-04** Staff requests Board to approve application and ultimate acceptance of an Enhancement Grant from the Tennessee Department of Transportation for the Opry Mills Connector of the Cumberland River system.

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

- 11-07-05** Reappointment of Ms. Karen Johnson as member of the Park Board, representing the Metro Board of Education, effective September 25, 2007. (Ms. Johnson’s term will expire June 30, 2008.)
- 11-07-06** Ms. Amy Walters, representing a diverse group of downtown businesses and residents, requests permission from the Board to establish a friends group for Church Street Park.
- 11-07-07** Mr. Joshua Smith, owner of The Standard at The Smith House and representing the Urban Residents Association, the Nashville Street Life Project, the Nashville Downtown Partnership and the Downtown Library, requests permission from the Board to begin fundraising to pay for programming and safety in Church Street Park until the Friends of Church Street Park Group is in place.
- 11-07-08** Mr. William W. Hastings requests permission to fund and construct a 6 foot cedar fence on Metro Parks property, specifically Parmer Park, as a safety barrier for children at play in Parmer Park.

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X. INTRODUCTION OF STAFF, NEW EMPLOYEES, VOLUNTEERS

XI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS FROM STAFF

Community Garden Update – Vera Vollbrecht

Miracle League Update – Dottie Hale

Park Watch/Trail Watch Program – Capt. Eric Snyder

Park/School Wellness Program – Paul Widman

XII. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

XIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS