

METROPOLITAN BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

February 5, 2008

A meeting of the Board of Parks and Recreation of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee was held on Tuesday, February 5, 2008 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; Ms. Jackie Jones, Superintendent of Community Affairs; Mr. Bob Parrish, Superintendent of Resource Management; Ms. Shain Dennison, Superintendent of Greenways Development; Captain Rich Foley, Park Police and **Ms. Theresa Costonis, Metro Government Legal Counsel.** Mr. Curt Garrigan/Planning and Facilities Development was not in attendance.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD JANUARY 8, 2008 APPROVED

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Fossick, the Board approved the minutes of the board meeting held Tuesday, January 8, 2008.

VI. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

Mr. Chris Koster, Riverfront Redevelopment Project Manager, was present to update the Board on the proposed development of the downtown east and west banks of the Cumberland River.

VII. INTRODUCTION OF STAFF, NEW EMPLOYEES, VOLUNTEERS

VIII. OLD BUSINESS:

01-08-09

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF SISTER CITIES OF NASHVILLE, INC.
TO HOST A TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS MARKET IN HALL OF FAME PARK**

Mr. Douglas Berry, representing Sister Cities of Nashville, Inc., was present to request permission to sponsor a traditional Christmas market with amplification, alcohol consumption, and waiver of fees November 28 through December 24, 2008, in Hall of Fame Park from the board. At the request of Boardmember Fossick at the January board meeting Mr. Berry submitted financial data from similar events held in Denver, Colorado and Akron, Ohio and also distributed letters of support from The Nashville Symphony and The District.

Upon motion of Ms. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Susan Jones, the board approved request to sponsor a traditional Christmas Market in Hall of Fame Park with a usage fee of \$6500.00 and contingent upon applicant acquiring all appropriate permits from the Metropolitan Beer Board and/or the Alcoholic Beverage Commission for consumption of alcoholic beverages.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS:

01-08-11

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF THE NASHVILLE AQUATIC CLUB
TO SOLICIT SPONSORSHIPS WITH LIMITATIONS
FOR THE PURCHASE OF A NEW SCOREBOARD**

Correspondence submitted by Ms. Margaret Akers, Board President of the Nashville Aquatic Club, requesting permission to solicit sponsorships for the purchase of new scoreboards for use in the natatorium of the Centennial Sportsplex was presented to the board for approval.

Upon request of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Susan Jones, the board approved the request regarding the solicitation of sponsorships for the purchase of a new scoreboard for the natatorium located within the Centennial Sportsplex with certain limitations. Ms. Theresa Costonis, legal advisor to Metro Parks and at the request of the board, will provide an interpretation of the rules and regulations of advertising within a Metro facility to staff to submit to NAC.

(PLEASE NOTE THAT MR. STAN FOSSICK ABSTAINED FROM VOTING.)

IX. CONSENT AGENDA:

02-08-01

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF CHURCH WORLD SERVICE
FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING THE CROP HUNGER WALK
TO BE HELD IN CENTENNIAL PARK ON SUNDAY, APRIL 6, 2008**

An application submitted by Mr. Kevin McCoy, representing Church World Service, requesting permission for amplification during the CROP Hunger Walk in Centennial Park, 12:30 – 5:00 pm on Sunday, April 6, 2008 was presented to the Board for approval.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Johnson, the Board approved this request with the understanding that the sound not be disruptive to those in the surrounding area and is subject to monitoring by park personnel.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA:

02-08-02

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF BROADMOOR FAMILY WORSHIP
FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING A COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT
TO BE HELD IN CEDAR HILL PARK ON SATURDAY, MARCH 22, 2008.**

An application submitted by Ms. Stephenie Chumley, representing Broadmoor Family Worship Center, requesting permission for amplification during a community Easter Egg Hunt in Cedar Hill Park, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm on Saturday, March 22, 2008 was presented to the Board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Johnson, the Board approved this request with the understanding that the sound not be disruptive to those in the surrounding area and is subject to monitoring by park personnel.

02-08-03

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF BROADMOOR FAMILY WORSHIP
FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING A COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT
TO BE HELD IN E. S. ROSE PARK ON SATURDAY, MARCH 15, 2008.**

An application submitted by Ms. Pam Cavala, representing Belmont Church, requesting permission for amplification during an Easter Egg Hunt in E. S. Rose Park, 11:00 – 3:00 pm on Saturday, March 15, 2008 was presented to the Board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Johnson, the Board approved this request with the understanding that the sound not be disruptive to those in the surrounding area and is subject to monitoring by park personnel.

02-08-04

**BOARD GRANTS APPROVAL TO THE HILLSBORO HOUNDS
TO HOST THE POINT TO POINT RACES
IN WARNER PARK ON SUNDAY, MARCH 16, 2008
WITH PERMISSION TO SERVE ALCOHOL**

Mr. Henry W. Hooker, President of the Hillsboro Hounds, was present to request from the board permission to host the ***Hillsboro Hounds Point to Point Races*** in Percy Warner Park with appropriate usage fees and serve alcohol in a restricted area of the box seats on Sunday, March 16, 2008.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Johnson, the Board granted unanimous approval to this request contingent upon applicant acquiring all appropriate permits from the Metropolitan Beer Board and/or the Alcoholic Beverage Commission. Permission was also granted for the Hillsboro Hounds to post temporary signage during this event. Please note that the signage must be removed at the conclusion of the races.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA:

02-08-05

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF THE MIDDLE TENNESSEE PONY CLUB
FOR USAGE FEE WAIVER FOR THE
55th RUNNING OF THE MTPC HORSE TRIALS AND 2008 USAGE FEES**

Correspondence from Mr. Thomas Moore, District Commissioner of the Middle Tennessee Pony Club, requesting waiver of fees for the 56th running of the MTPC Horse Trials held at the Equestrian Center of Percy Warner Park and 2008 usage fees was presented to the Board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Johnson, and accordance with park policy **3000. 28 Fee Waivers and Reductions**, the Board approved this request because of the improvements and ongoing maintenance provided the Warner Park Equestrian Area by the Middle Tennessee Pony Club.

02-08-06

**BOARDS GRANTS PERMISSION TO THE FRIENDS OF WARNER PARKS TO HOST FIVE
FULL MOON PICKIN' PARTIES; SUNDAY IN THE PARK; SPRING SPREE INCLUDING
THE BIKE TOUR AND THE CHILDREN'S PICNIC/HOUND DOG PARTY; AND A GOLF
SCRAMBLE IN WARNER PARK DURING 2008**

Ms. Eleanor Willis, Executive Director of the Friends of Warner Parks, was present to request permission from the Board to host the following events in Warner Park with waiver of usage fees, alcohol consumption and to remain in park after 11:00 pm for evening events:

Spring Spree

Bike Tour

Saturday, March 29, 2008

Children's Picnic

Saturday, April 12, 2008

Hound Dog Party

Saturday, May 3, 2008

Full Moon Pickin' Parties

Friday, May 16, 2008

Friday, June 20, 2008

Friday, July 18, 2008

Friday, August 15, 2008

Friday, September 12, 2008

FOWP Golf Scramble @ Harpeth Hills

undetermined date in the fall

Sunday in the Park

undetermined date in mid-October

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Johnson, the Board unanimously approved request to host the Friends of Warner Parks Golf Scramble at Harpeth Hills Golf Course with waiver of one-half greens fee as it meets the required criteria established by the Board in May 2002 and the "**Sunday in the Park**" fundraiser on a yet to be determined date in October 2008 at Ridge Field in Edwin Warner Park with waiver of all usage fees with permission to consume alcoholic beverages.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA:

02-08-06 (con't.)

BOARDS GRANTS PERMISSION TO THE FRIENDS OF WARNER PARKS TO HOST FIVE FULL MOON PICKIN' PARTIES; SUNDAY IN THE PARK; SPRING SPREE INCLUDING THE BIKE TOUR AND THE CHILDREN'S PICNIC/HOUND DOG PARTY; AND A GOLF SCRAMBLE IN WARNER PARK DURING 2008

Approval was also granted FOWP to host the **Spring Spree Bike Tour** on Saturday, March 29, 2008; **Children's Picnic** on Saturday, April 12, 2008; **Hound Dog Party** on Saturday, May 3, 2008 and five **Full Moon Pickin' Parties** to be held Friday, May 16, Friday, June 20, Friday, July 18, Friday, August 15, and Friday, September 12, 2008 in Warner Park with waiver of usage fees and permission to serve alcoholic beverages in a restricted area and to remain in the park after 11:00 pm.

All events involving alcohol are contingent upon applicant acquiring all appropriate permits from the Metropolitan Beer Board and/or the Alcoholic Beverage Commission.

02-08-07

BOARD APPROVES APPLICATION BY THE RECREATION, CULTURE AND WELLNESS DIVISION AND ULTIMATE ACCEPTANCE OF THE FOLLOWING GRANTS

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Johnson, the board approved application and ultimate acceptance by the Recreation, Culture and Wellness Division of the following Summer Youth Enrichment Grants from the Metropolitan Development and Housing Authority:

Music City Ballroom Kids - \$15,000 (third year program)

This program at 12 community centers (Hartman, Parkwood, Coleman, McFerrin, Hadley, Antioch, East, McCabe, Napier, Sevier, Watkins, Looby) will provide an introduction to Ballroom dancing with a hip attitude for today's youth. The program is a collaboration between Metro Parks and Friends of Metro Dance.

Cleveland Park Community Center - \$20,000 (first year program)

This grant program will offer children in the neighborhood of Cleveland Park Community Center, enrichment activities during the summer. Children participating will be from low-income families. Activities will offer recreation, education, social activities, and cultural art activities. The budget will provide recreation equipment, supplies, field trips and transportation.

X. NEW BUSINESS:

02-08-08

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF THE FRIENDS OF BEAMAN PARK FOR APPLICATION
AND ULTIMATE ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT
TO IMPROVE TRAILS IN BEAMAN PARK AND CONTINUATION OF THE INVASIVE
PLANT MANAGEMENT PROJECT**

Ms. Nancy Dorman, President of Friends of Beaman Park, was present to request permission from the Metropolitan Board of Parks and Recreation to apply and ultimately accept a \$100,000 grant to improve trails at Beaman Park from the Recreation Trails Program and continue the invasive plant management project for 2008 with funds made available by the USDA Forest Service through the Tennessee Division of Forestry.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Johnson, the board approved application and ultimate acceptance of a \$100,000 grant to improve trails at Beaman Park from the Recreation Trails Program and continuation of the invasive plant management project for 2008 with funds made available by the USDA Forest Service through the Tennessee Division of Forestry.

The Board expressed appreciation to the Friends of Beaman Park on the following accomplishments of 2007:

- Construction of a one-mile trail connecting the new nature center site to the existing trail system.
- Completed year four of the Beaman Park Non Native Invasive Plant Management and Landscape Restoration Program (Exotic plant removal and native re-planting) through a \$15,000 grant from the USDA Forest Service. Awarded \$16,000 grant to continue program for year five. Total funding over four years is \$46,000.
- Recipient of 2007 Governor's Environmental Stewardship Award for Natural Heritage Conservation for the above project.
- Designed and constructed a 56 foot long pedestrian bridge.
- Continued road-side litter pick up and illegal dump reporting and cleanup activities.
- FOBP volunteers 2007 – conducted 26 events with 183 volunteers for a total of 754 volunteer hours.

X. NEW BUSINESS:

02-08-09

**BOARD APPROVES GRANT FROM GREENWAYS FOR NASHVILLE
TO INCREASE THE HOURS OF THE DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR
FROM 19.5 TO 32 HOURS PER WEEK**

Correspondence from Ms. Jane Laub on behalf of Mr. John Norris, President of Greenways for Nashville, was presented to the board requesting acceptance a grant from Greenways for Nashville increasing the hours of the Development Coordinator from 19.5 to 32 hours per week with Metro Parks continuing to process weekly timesheets and paychecks on an on-going basis.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Fossick, the Board unanimously approved this request with the provision that Greenways for Nashville or Metro Parks may discontinue this agreement with a 30 day notice to the other party.

02-08-10

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF THE FRIENDS OF WARNER PARKS
FOR APPLICATION AND ULTIMATE ACCEPTANCE OF A \$500,000 GRANT
ON BEHALF OF METRO PARKS TO PURCHASE PROPERTY
ADJACENT TO WARNER PARKS**

Ms. Eleanor Willis, Executive Director of the Friends of Warner Parks, was present to request permission from the Metropolitan Board of Parks and Recreation to apply and ultimately accept on behalf of Metro Parks from the Local Parks and Recreation Fund a grant of \$500,000 to purchase 322 acres of land known as the H.G. Hill property. Matching funds for this grant will be provided by The Friends of Warner Parks with grants from corporations, foundations and private individuals.

Upon motion of Ms. Susan Jones, seconded by Mr. Fossick, the board approved application and ultimate acceptance on behalf of Metro Parks from the Local Parks and Recreation Fund of this grant as stated above.

XI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS FROM STAFF

Community Garden Update

Vera Vollbrecht reported that initial community garden meeting of 2008 was held at the Shelby Bottoms Nature Center. The first public program with reference to Vaughn's Gap Cave will be offered in April 2008. A meeting has been scheduled at Kirkpatrick Recreation Center regarding the interest in organizing a Somalian community garden.

LaDonna Redmond will present a food security summit and will afford staff the opportunity to make a presentation. Grow Nashville will host a booth at the Lawn and Garden Show and Earth Day.

XI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS FROM STAFF

Miracle League Update

Tim Netsch reported that we are still awaiting the go ahead from Purchasing; however, they are now reviewing and approving on a project by project basis.

**Park Watch/Trail Watch Program – no report
Captain Rich Foley**

Park/School Wellness Program

Paul Widman reported that the Kickoff of the Step Team Program with Dr Kim Wyche from Metro Health was held Saturday, February 2 at Hadley Regional Center with a team from TSU and Fisk University performing. All area youth and their parents were invited. This program has been funded by Project Diabetes of the Metro Health Department and is a sustainable program with staff currently being trained. The primary goal of this program is to increase physical activity with a built in educational component.

XII. UPCOMING SPECIAL ACTIVITIES/EVENTS – no report

XIII. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Wilson thanked Paul Widman for sheparding the upcoming Jr. Achievement Job Shadowing event scheduled for Friday, February 8th. The participants are students from William H. Oliver Middle School.

The Metro Employees Consolidated Charities Campaign awards ceremony was held Thursday, January 10 at 5:30 pm at the Fort Negley Interpretive Center. Metro Parks received award for total amount raised (\$37,527.50) and the Mayor's Award.

Mr. Wilson received notice on Friday, February 1 that all capital projects have been put on hold. He advised the board that he did not know what this actually means because to date there hasn't been any discussion with the Finance Department regarding this. He told the board that he will host a budget overview before or immediately after the March board meeting to update and better inform them on the current status of the upcoming 2009 budget.

XIV. ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Lamont Carter, board chair, named a **Public Art Sub-committee**; members are:

Susan Jones, chair

Justice A. A. Birch, Jr.

Jim Lawson

Tonya Jones

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

Mr. Roy E. Wilson, Director

Mr. Lamont Carter, Chairperson