

METROPOLITAN BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

April 1, 2008

A meeting of the Board of Parks and Recreation of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee was held on Tuesday, April 1, 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. Curt Garrigan/Planning and Facilities Development, 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.**

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD MARCH 4, 2008 APPROVED

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Ms. Johnson, the Board approved the minutes of the board meeting held Tuesday, March 4, 2008.

VI. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

Dr. Shari Barkin of Vanderbilt Children's Hospital will present grant funded opportunities to be utilized at Coleman Community Center to the Board at an upcoming meeting as she was unable to attend the April meeting.

TIM NETSCH PRESENTS PROPOSED MASTER PLAN FOR A SCULPTURE GARDEN IN ST. BERNARD PARK

Tim Netsch, Superintendent of Planning for Metro Parks, presented a powerpoint presentation of the proposed Master Plan for a Sculpture Garden to be incorporated in St. Bernard Park to the Board. This master plan proposes walkways, site furnishings, landscaping, trellises, and the conversion of an existing stormwater detention pond into tiered raingardens. In addition, the plan is designed to accomodate the installation of public art and sculpture. Ginger Hauser-Pepper, as former district councilmember was present; however, current Councilmember Keith Durbin was not able to attend. Ms. Pepper spoke to the board referencing the need for a friends' group and her intentions to begin the process of establishment of such. Ms. Carol Ashworth, landscape architect, was present to answer any questions from the Board regarding the design and development of the sculpture garden within the 2 acre park located on 21st Avenue South.

VII. INTRODUCTION OF STAFF, NEW EMPLOYEES, VOLUNTEERS

Mr. Wilson introduced park employees, Michael Gooch, Jeremy Wilson, Deaundrial Crutcher and Stevon Neloms and thanked them for their assistance with the Step Teams in Metro Parks. A male step team representing Hadley Center placed 2nd in the competition held Saturday, March 29 in the Curb Center of Belmont University. A female step team representing Hadley Center and a male step team representing McFerrin Center also participated in the event. Approximately 100 peers of the step participants from the centers also attended the competition.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS: none

IX. CONSENT AGENDA:

04-08-01

BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF THE OASIS CENTER FOR AMPLIFICATION AND THE SERVING OF ALCOHOL IN A TENTED AREA OF CENTENNIAL PARK ON SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 2006 DURING DIVAS NASHVEGAS

An application submitted by Big Events, Inc., representing Mr. Hal Cato, Executive Director of the Oasis Center, requesting permission for amplification and alcohol to be served in a tented area during *Divas Nashvegas* (a ticketed event) on Saturday, April 12, 2008, 6:00 – 11:00 pm, adjacent to the Parthenon in Centennial Park was presented to the Board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Johnson, the Board unanimously approved this request with the understanding that the sound not be disruptive to those in the surrounding area and subject to monitoring by park personnel. Permission was also granted request to serve alcohol with the following guidelines adopted by the Board in August 2002:

- 1) All consumption of alcohol must take place in an enclosed tent which must be located at least 100 feet from the general public with a temporary fence surrounding the designated area.
- 2) Substantial food must be served in the designated area and all beverages served including alcohol must be in unmarked containers.
- 3) An admission fee for food and drink, including alcohol, will be charged to enter the area.
- 4) No on-site signage advertising the consumption of alcoholic beverages is allowed.
- 5) A minimum of one off-duty Park Ranger and/or Metro Police Officer must be hired to control and secure the area.
- 6) A specific site plan for the event delineating where the hospitality tent will be located is required and must be approved in advance by appropriate Parks' staff.
- 7) Additional insurance may be required by Metro's Risk Management Office for this privilege.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA:

04-08-02

BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF THE RECORDING ACADEMY FOR AMPLIFICATION AND THE SERVING OF ALCOHOL IN A TENTED AREA DURING A PRIVATE EVENT ON TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2008 IN OWEN BRADLEY PARK

An application submitted by Ms. Lyn Aurelius, representing The Recording Academy, requesting permission for amplification and alcohol to be served in a tented area during a private event on Tuesday, May 13, 2008, 8:00 am – 9:00 pm, in Owen Bradley Park.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Johnson, the Board unanimously approved this request with the understanding that the sound not be disruptive to those in the surrounding area and subject to monitoring by park personnel. Permission was also granted request to serve alcohol with the following guidelines adopted by the Board in August 2002:

- 1) All consumption of alcohol must take place in an enclosed tent which must be located at least 100 feet from the general public with a temporary fence surrounding the designated area.
- 2) Substantial food must be served in the designated area and all beverages served including alcohol must be in unmarked containers.
- 3) An admission fee for food and drink, including alcohol, will be charged to enter the area.
- 4) No on-site signage advertising the consumption of alcoholic beverages is allowed.
- 5) A minimum of one off-duty Park Ranger and/or Metro Police Office must be hired to control and secure the area.
- 6) A specific site plan for the event delineating where the hospitality tent will be located is required and must be approved in advance by appropriate Parks' staff.
- 7) Additional insurance may be required by Metro's Risk Management Office for this privilege.

04-08-03

BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF BELMONT UNIVERSITY FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING THE 8TH ANNUAL FAMILY LITERACY DAY TO BE HELD IN E. S. ROSE PARK AND EASLEY CENTER ON SATURDAY, APRIL 12, 2008

An application submitted by Mr. Tim Stewart, representing Belmont University, requesting permission for amplification during the 8th Annual Family Literacy Day on Saturday, April 12, 2008, 1:00 – 4:00 pm, in E. S. Rose Park and Easley Center was presented to the board for approval.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA:

04-08-03 (con't.)

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF BELMONT UNIVERSITY
FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING THE 8TH ANNUAL FAMILY LITERACY DAY
TO BE HELD IN E. S. ROSE PARK AND EASLEY CENTER
ON SATURDAY, APRIL 12, 2008**

Upon motion of Mr. James 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.

04-08-04

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING THE
FLAT ROCK FESTIVAL TO BE HELD IN COLEMAN PARK
ON SATURDAY, MAY 24, 2008**

An application submitted by Mr. Frank Feinstein requesting permission for amplification during the **Flat Rock Festival** on Saturday, May 24, 2008, 11:00 am – 5:00 pm, in Coleman Park was presented to the board for approval.

Upon motion of Mr. James 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.

04-08-05

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING
ELLIE'S RUN FOR AFRICA TO BE HELD IN EDWIN WARNER PARK
ON SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 2008**

An application submitted by Mr. David Gordon, chair of ERFA 2008, requesting permission for amplification during **Ellie's Run for Africa** on Saturday, June 14, 2008, 7:00 – 9:00 am, in Edwin Warner Park was presented to the board for approval.

Upon motion of Mr. James 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:

04-08-06

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF TANGO NASHVILLE
FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING WEEKLY DANCES
TO BE HELD AT THE CENTENNIAL PARK EVENT SHELTER
MAY 30 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 5, 2008**

An application submitted by Ms. Diana Holland, President of Tango Nashville, requesting permission for amplification during weekly dances on the following Fridays: May 30, June 13, July 11 and 25, August 8 and 22, September 5 and Sunday, June 29, 2008, 8:00 – 10:00 pm at the Centennial Park Event Shelter was presented to the board for approval.

Upon motion of Mr. James 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.

04-08-07

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING
THE 2008 NATIONAL MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS NASHVILLE WALK
TO BE HELD IN EDWIN WARNER PARK ON SATURDAY, APRIL 19, 2008**

An application submitted by Ms. Carrie Tessier, representing the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, requesting permission for amplification during the annual 2008 Multiple Sclerosis Nashville Walk on Saturday, April 19, 2008, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm, in Edwin Warner Park was presented to the board for approval.

Upon motion of Mr. James 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.

04-08-08

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF SAFE HAVEN FAMILY SHELTER
FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING THE HIKE FOR THE HOMELESS
TO BE HELD IN EDWIN WARNER PARK ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2008**

An application submitted by Ms. Nicky Nash, representing Safe Haven Family Shelter, requesting permission for amplification during *Hike for the Homeless* on Saturday, October 4, 2008, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm, in Edwin Warner Park at picnic shelter 11 was presented to the board for approval.

Upon motion of Mr. James 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:

04-08-09

**BOARD DEFERS REQUEST OF THE TSSAA TO USE THE
STEEPLECHASE COURSE IN WARNER PARK AND CHARGE ADMISSION DURING
THE 2008 STATE CROSS COUNTRY MEET,
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2008 WITH WAIVER OF ALL FEES**

A letter representing Mr. Bernard Childress of the TSSAA requesting permission to use the Steeplechase Course in Percy Warner Park and charge admission during the 2008 TSSAA State Cross Country Meet on Friday, October 31, 2008 with waiver of all fees was presented to the Board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Johnson, the Board deferred this request for one meeting. Captain Rich Foley of the Park Police is conducting research with regard to the weekday traffic volume and will provide the board a consensus of the effect of the cross country meet being held on a weekday as opposed to Saturday as in the past.

04-08-10

**BOARD APPROVES APPLICATION
BY THE RECREATION, CULTURE AND WELLNESS DIVISION
AND ULTIMATE ACCEPTANCE OF THE MY HOMETOWN HELPER GRANT**

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Johnson, the board granted permission to the Division of Recreation, Culture and Wellness of the Metropolitan Board of Parks and Recreation to apply and ultimately accept funds from General Mills for the Hamburger Helper "*My Hometown Helper*" grant. This program, if funded, will provide \$12,000 to purchase roller skates for community center youth and family recreation programs.

04-08-11

**BOARD APPROVES APPLICATION
BY THE PLANNING DIVISION OF METRO PARKS AND ULTIMATE ACCEPTANCE
OF THE LPRF GRANT AND THE RTP GRANT IF AWARDED**

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Johnson, the board granted permission to the Division of Planning of the Metropolitan Board of Parks and Recreation to apply and ultimately accept funds from Local Parks Recreation Fund (LPRF) Grant and the Recreation Trails Program (RTP) Grant for the Metro Park located on Morgan Road in Joelton, formerly known as the Tennessee Youth Center.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA:

04-08-12

**BOARD GRANTS PERMISSION TO THE NASHVILLE SOUNDS
TO IMPROVE FACILITIES ON THE GREER STADIUM SITE**

Correspondence received from Mr. Glen Yaeger, representing The Nashville Sounds, requesting permission from the Metropolitan Board of Parks and Recreation to improve, by construction, the Nashville Sounds Clubhouse on the Greer Stadium site in Fort Negley Park was presented to the board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Johnson, the Board approved this request as per terms of the current Greer Stadium lease between the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County and The Nashville Sounds.

X. NEW BUSINESS:

04-08-13

**BOARD DENIES REQUES OF THE CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY TO HOST
DISPLAYS OF DISASTER RESPONSE TECHNOLOGY BY VOLUNTEER MINISTERS
AT PUBLIC SQUARE AND COMMERCE STREET PARK**

An application submitted by Mr. John Franczak, representing the Church of Scientology, requesting permission to utilize Public Square April 21 – 26, 2008, 6:00 am – 11:00 pm and Commerce Street Park April 27 – May 3, 2008, 6:00 am – 11:00 pm to host Displays of Disaster Response Technology by Volunteer Ministers was presented to the board.

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Ms. Susan Jones, the board denied this request based on the following staff concerns.

- This event is not conducive to the requested park location of Commerce Street Park because of the amount of pedestrian traffic during the work week. This request does not meet park policy as activities slated for Commerce Street Park cannot begin until 6:00 am.
- The starting time of the event at Public Square is slated for 5:00 am. This, also, does not meet park policy as activities slated for Public Square cannot begin until 8:00 am.
- In correspondence accompanying your application with regard to talking with people about stress in their lives; staff is concerned with the formal education of those providing the counseling services.
- Parks has not been notified how your group plans to conduct fundraising activities.

X. NEW BUSINESS:

04-08-14

**BOARD DEFERS REQUEST OF THE PARTHENON STAFF
TO AMEND THE COLLECTIONS MANAGEMENT POLICY
FOR ART COLLECTIONS OF THE PARTHENON**

Ms. Brenna Cothron, Ms. Wesley Paine and Mr. Jose Ochoa were present representing the staff of the Parthenon Museum to request approval from the board of a Collections Management Policy for the art collections of the Parthenon.

Ms. Susan Jones, board member, voiced concern over the legality of using funds generated by the sale of an art object of question to acquire new collection objects as stated in the policy; therefore, Ms. Jones requested that the Metro Legal Department review this policy before the board acted upon it.

Therefore, upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Tonya Jones, the Board deferred amendment of this policy until Metro Legal completes policy review.

04-08-15

**ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009
EFFECTIVE MAY 2008 THROUGH APRIL 2009**

Upon motion of Ms. Susan Jones, seconded by Ms. Johnson, the Board elected:
Mr. Stan Fossick as Chairperson for one year

Upon motion of Mr. Fossick, seconded by Ms. Johnson, the Board elected:
Mr. Jim Lawson as Vice-chairperson for one year

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Susan Jones, the Board elected:
Mr. Roy Wilson as Secretary for one year

Park Board Officers to assume office May 1, 2008, as per section 1000.4 of the Metro Parks Policy Manual.

XI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS FROM STAFF

Community Garden Update

Christie Wiser in Vera Vollbrecht's absence reported that LaDonna Redmond presented a food security summit and visited Shelby Bottoms Nature Center. Grow Nashville hosted a booth at the Lawn and Garden Show and will host a booth at the Earth Day Festival.

Researching the possibility of beginning small raised beds community gardens at Cleveland and Kirkpatrick Community Centers.

XI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS FROM STAFF

Community Garden Update (con't.)

Bellevue is currently revamping their garden with assistance from Warner Park Nature Center.

Shelby Garden is doing very well and the fencing is keeping animals out.

Mr. Lawson requested a meeting with Vera Vollbrecht and Mr. Wilson in regard to taking community gardening to the next level.

Miracle League Update

Curt Garrigan reported that Metro Parks is waiting to proceed on construction of the Miracle League field as capital funding is presently on hold.

Park Watch/Trail Watch Program

Captain Rich Foley reported that the established program, links to Parks' website and tips to enhance crime prevention have been established as an informational sharing website. Also, non-emergency feedback from the public is desired.

Ms. Jackie Jones, Parks' Public Information Coordinator, reported that meetings are underway with Channel 3 to broadcast 30 and 60 second public service announcements featuring Captain Foley. Ms. Susan Jones, board member, asked if Parks is publishing the fact that there is a Park Watch Program. Ms. Jackie Jones replied that initially it was presented in the form of press releases, channel 3 and by the office of neighborhoods. Mr. Wilson stated that the process can be reiterated again.

Park/School Wellness Program

Paul Widman reported that three Metro Parks' Step Teams performed at Curb Center of Belmont University on Saturday, March 29th. Participating were a female, as well as a male team, representing Hadley Center and a female team representing McFerrin Center with approximately 100 center youth patrons attending the competition in support of their peers. In addition to participating on the step team, progress must be shown with school work and nutritional information is provided participants 3 days per week. Mr. Widman has presented this activity to Dr. Tina Bozeman of Metro Schools in the event she would like to include it as a part of their Physical Education curriculum.

XII. UPCOMING SPECIAL ACTIVITIES/EVENTS

Ms. Jackie Jones, Public Information Coordinator, announced the following upcoming activities/events:

The Healthy Nashville week of events begins Monday, April 7 for the Mayor's Let's Get Moving Challenge as "*Departments on the Move*" Day.

Wednesday, April 9 – Kids on the Move. Mayor Dean will teach an area P.E. class to highlight the need for children to get more exercise.

Thursday, April 10 – "Moving for Free" Day. Mayor Dean will highlight one of the ways to get moving for free in Nashville by walking at the East Community Center with Mrs. Velma Pennington, a 90 year old who walks four miles a day on the indoor track.

Friday, April 11 – "Move over Traffic" Alternate Commute Day Mayor Dean will walk to a bus stop and ride an MTA bus to work to highlight how easy it is to get more exercise, lessen the impact the daily commute has on the environment and save on fuel costs.

Coleman Center reopening – end of April
Cumberland Pedestrian Bridge – Saturday, May 3
South Inglewood Center reopening – late May
Bells Bend Nature Center opening – end of April
Beaman Park Nature Center opening - July

XIII. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Wilson announced to the Board that Metro Parks' budget hearing is scheduled for Thursday, May 29 at 5:00 pm in the Metro Council Chambers.

XIV. ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Wilson welcomed Mr. Hershell Warren, liaison to the board from the Mayor's Office. Mr. Warren stated that in a called session with members of the Board's Public Art Sub-committee and the Arts Commission that Mayor Dean encouraged the board to move forward with this project; therefore, he urged the board to resolve this issue at their May meeting.

Upon motion of Mr. Carter, seconded by Mr. Lawson and there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned to an executive session for board members led by Ms. Lora Fox of Metro Legal with regard to the renovation of E. S. Rose Park by Belmont University.

Mr. Roy E. Wilson, Director

Mr. Lamont Carter, Chairperson

