

# **METROPOLITAN BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION**

## **MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING**

**May 6, 2008**

A meeting of the Board of Parks and Recreation of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee was held on Tuesday, May 6, 2008 at 1:30 pm in the Centennial Park Boardroom, 2565 Park Plaza, Nashville, TN. Board members present were: Mr. Stan Fossick, Mr. James Lawson, Mr. Lamont Carter, Justice A. A. Birch Jr., Ms. Karen Johnson, and Ms. Tonya Jones.

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 APRIL 1, 2008 APPROVED**

Upon motion of Mr. Carter, seconded by Mr. Lawson, the Board approved the minutes of the board meeting held Tuesday, April 1, 2008.

#### **VI. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS**

#### **VII. INTRODUCTION OF STAFF, NEW EMPLOYEES, VOLUNTEERS**

#### **VIII. OLD BUSINESS:**

**01-07-04**

#### **REQUEST TO APPROVE ART PROPOSED FOR PUBLIC SQUARE DEFERRED BY BOARD AS PER REQUEST OF THE METRO ARTS COMMISSION**

Ms. Noree Boyd, Director of the Metro Arts Commission, asked for deferral until the June Parks Board meeting to present proposed art slated for Public Square to the board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Johnson, the Board unanimously approved this request.

**10-07-08**

#### **BOARD APPROVES REALLOCATION OF FUNDS FROM THE 2002 PARKS AND GREENWAYS MASTER PLAN**

Upon motion of Mr. Carter, seconded by Ms. Johnson, the board approved reallocation of funds for use in the construction of the McCabe Regional Recreation Center as presented by Curt Garrigan.

**IX. CONSENT AGENDA:**

**05-08-01**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF MR. JAMES BROWN  
FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING A WEDDING TO BE HELD  
IN THE PLAZA AREA OF THE PARTHENON IN  
ON SATURDAY, MAY 31, 2008**

An application submitted Mr. James Brown requesting permission for amplification during a wedding reception on Saturday, May 31, 2008, 5:00 – 11:00 pm, in the plaza area (tented) of the Parthenon in Centennial Park was presented to the board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Justice Birch, 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.

**05-08-02**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF MR. JAMES BROWN  
FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING A WEDDING TO BE HELD  
IN THE PLAZA AREA OF THE PARTHENON IN  
ON SATURDAY, MAY 17, 2008**

An application submitted by Ms. Jayne Bubis requesting permission for amplification during a wedding reception on Saturday, May 17, 2008, 7:30 – 11:00 pm, in the plaza area (tented) of the Parthenon in Centennial Park was presented to the board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Justice Birch, 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.

**05-08-03**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF NAILET PEREZ FOR AMPLIFICATION  
DURING A WEDDING/RECEPTION TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY, JUNE 8, 2008  
IN THE SUNKEN GARDEN AND EVENT SHELTER OF CENTENNIAL PARK**

An application submitted by Ms. Naillet Perez requesting permission for amplification during a wedding and reception on Sunday, June 8, 2008, 3:00 – 6:00 pm, in the Sunken Gardens and Event Shelter of Centennial Park was presented to the board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Justice Birch, 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:**

**05-08-04**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF BROOK BORGELT FOR AMPLIFICATION  
DURING A WEDDING/RECEPTION TO BE HELD ON FRIDAY, JUNE 20, 2008  
IN THE SUNKEN GARDEN AND EVENT SHELTER OF CENTENNIAL PARK**

An application submitted by Ms. Brook Borgelt requesting permission for amplification during a wedding and reception on Friday, June 20, 2008, 6:00 – 11:00 pm, in the Sunken Gardens and Event Shelter of Centennial Park was presented to the board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Justice Birch, 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.

**05-08-05**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF GABBY SHARPE FOR AMPLIFICATION  
DURING A WEDDING TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY, JUNE 22, 2008  
IN THE SUNKEN GARDENS OF CENTENNIAL PARK**

An application submitted by Ms. Gabby Sharpe requesting permission for amplification during a wedding on Sunday, June 22, 2008, 11:00 am – 2:00 pm, in the Sunken Gardens of Centennial Park was presented to the board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Justice Birch, 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.

**05-08-06**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF CATHERINE COHEA FOR AMPLIFICATION  
DURING A WEDDING TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 2008  
IN LOCK TWO PARK**

An application submitted by Ms. Catherine Cohea requesting permission for amplification during a wedding on Saturday, June 7, 2008, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm, in Lock Two Park (between the building and playground) was presented to the board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Justice Birch, 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:**

**05-08-07**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF OBERIA MOORE FOR AMPLIFICATION  
DURING A WEDDING TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 28, 2008  
IN THE SUNKEN GARDENS OF CENTENNIAL PARK**

An application submitted by Ms. Oberia Moore requesting permission for amplification during a wedding on Wednesday, May 28, 2008, 12:00 – 8:00 pm, in the Sunken Gardens of Centennial Park was presented to the board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Justice Birch, 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.

**05-08-08**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF AMERICAN PAPER AND TWINE COMPANY  
FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING A COMPANY PICNIC TO BE HELD  
IN EDWIN WARNER PARK ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER, 11, 2008**

An application submitted by Ms. Elaine Brian requesting permission for amplification during a company picnic for American Paper and Twine Company on Saturday, October 11, 2008, 12:00 – 2:00 pm, at picnic areas 6 and 10 in Edwin Warner Park was presented to the board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Justice Birch, 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.

**05-08-09**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF THE NASHVILLE SENTINELS OF FREEDOM  
FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING A 5K RUN/WALK  
TO BE HELD IN PERCY WARNER PARK ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 2, 2008**

An application submitted by Mr. Henry McFadden requesting permission for amplification during a 5k run/walk on Saturday, August 2, 2008, 7:30 – 9:30 am, in Percy Warner Park was presented to the board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Justice Birch, 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:**

**05-08-10**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF THE SCLERODERMA FOUNDATION  
FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING A WALK TO BE HELD  
IN CENTENNIAL PARK ON SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 2008, 8:30 – 11:00 AM**

An application submitted by Mr. Doug Blaise requesting permission for amplification during a walk on Saturday, June 14, 2008, 8:30 – 11:30 am, in Centennial Park was presented to the board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Justice Birch, 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.

**05-08-11**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF MOTHERS AGAINST DRUNK DRIVING  
FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING A 5K WALK TO BE HELD  
IN CENTENNIAL PARK ON SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 2008, 8:30 – 11:00 AM**

An application submitted by Mothers Against Drunk Driving requesting permission for amplification during a 5k walk on Saturday, June 14, 2008, 8:30 – 11:30 am, in Centennial Park was presented to the board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Justice Birch, 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.

**05-08-12**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF SPECIAL OLYMPICS NASHVILLE  
FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING A 5K WALK TO BE HELD  
IN SHELBY BOTTOMS ON SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 2008, 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM**

An application submitted by Mr. Michael Fox, representing Special Olympics Nashville, requesting permission for amplification during a walk and picnic on Saturday, June 7, 2008, 10:00 am – 6:00 pm, in Shelby Bottoms at the picnic shelter was presented to the board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Justice Birch, 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:**

**05-08-13**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF THE DAVIDSON COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING THE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP PICNIC TO BE HELD IN SEVIER PARK ON SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 2008, 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM**

An application submitted by Ms. Kathleen Starnes, representing the Davidson County Republican Party, requesting permission for amplification during their annual membership picnic on Saturday, June 14, 2008, 8:00 am – 3:00 pm, in Sevier Park was presented to the board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Justice Birch, 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.

**05-08-14**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF THE HILLSBORO HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1983 FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING THEIR 25 YEAR REUNION PICNIC TO BE HELD AT THE CENTENNIAL PARK EVENT SHELTER ON SUNDAY, MAY 25, 2008, 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM**

An application submitted by Mr. James Owen, representing the Hillsboro High School Class of 1983, requesting permission for amplification during their 25 year reunion picnic on Sunday, May 25, 2008, 10:00 am – 5:00 pm, at the Centennial Park Event Shelter Park was presented to the board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Justice Birch, 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.

**05-08-15**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF THE SURGICAL CLINIC FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING A COMPANY PICNIC TO BE HELD IN EDWIN WARNER PARK, PICNIC AREA 3, ON SATURDAY, MAY, 17, 2008**

An application submitted by Ms. Carolyn Lovelace requesting permission for amplification during a company picnic for The Surgical Clinic on Saturday, May 17, 2008, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm, at picnic areas 3 in Edwin Warner Park was presented to the board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Justice Birch, 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:**

**05-08-16**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF THE COVINGTON FAMILY FOR  
AMPLIFICATION DURING THEIR FAMILY REUNION  
TO BE HELD AT THE CEDAR HILL PARK PICNIC SHELTER 3  
ON SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 2008, 9:30 AM – 9:30 PM**

An application submitted by Ms. Janice Covington requesting permission for amplification during their family reunion picnic on Saturday, June 14, 2008, 9:30 am – 9:30 pm, at Cedar Hill Park, picnic shelter 3, was presented to the board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Justice Birch, 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.

**05-08-17**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF VANDERBILT INFORMATION CENTER  
FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING A COMPANY PICNIC TO BE HELD  
IN CENTENNIAL PARK ON FRIDAY, MAY 30, 2008**

An application submitted by Ms. Nanda Mineo requesting permission for amplification during an employee appreciation picnic for Vanderbilt Information Center on Friday, May 30, 2008, 9:00 am – 6:00 pm, at the covered picnic pavilion in Centennial Park was presented to the board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Justice Birch, 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.

**05-08-18**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF THE FRIENDS OF CHURCH STREET PARK  
FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING AN ITALIAN AFFAIR TO BE HELD  
IN CHURCH STREET PARK ON SATURDAY, MAY 17, 2008**

An application submitted by Ms. Amy Walters requesting permission for amplification during an **“Italian Affair”** on Saturday, May 17, 2008, 2:00 – 8:00 pm, in Church Street Park was presented to the board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Justice Birch, 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:**

**05-08-19**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF THE SINGER/SONGWRITER UNION  
FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING A FOLK MUSIC CONCERT TO BE HELD  
IN BELLEVUE PARK ON SATURDAY, MAY 31, 2008**

An application submitted by Mr. Josh Craig requesting permission for amplification during a folk music concert on Saturday, May 31, 2008, 6:30 – 10:30 pm, in Bellevue Park was presented to the board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Justice Birch, 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.

**05-08-20**

**BOARD GRANTS PERMISSION TO THE NASHVILLE PRIDE INC. TO HOST  
PRIDEFEST IN CENTENNIAL PARK ON SATURDAY, MAY 31, 2008  
AND ON SUNDAY, JUNE 1, 2008 WITH AMPLIFICATION  
AND PERMISSION TO CONSUME ALCOHOL**

An application submitted by Mr. Douglas Sladen, representing Nashville Pride, Inc., requesting permission for sound amplification and to serve alcohol during PrideFest in Centennial Park (front lawn area) on Saturday, May 31, 2008 for a VIP Party and on Sunday, June 1, 2008 in the hospitality area was presented to the Board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Justice Birch, the Board unanimously approved this request for amplification and to consume alcohol contingent upon applicant acquiring all appropriate permits from the Metropolitan Beer board and/or the Alcoholic Beverage Commission and subject to compliance of the following board policy in this regard:

- 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.



**IX. CONSENT AGENDA:**

**05-08-20 (con't.)**

**BOARD GRANTS PERMISSION TO THE NASHVILLE PRIDE INC. TO HOST  
PRIDEFEST IN CENTENNIAL PARK ON SATURDAY, MAY 31, 2008  
AND ON SUNDAY, JUNE 1, 2008 WITH AMPLIFICATION  
AND PERMISSION TO CONSUME ALCOHOL**

- 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.

Metro Parks reserves the right to close this hospitality area at any time if all of the above is not adhered to.

**05-08-21**

**BOARD GRANTS PERMISSION TO THE COUNTRY MUSIC ASSOCIATION  
TO SELL ALCOHOL DURING THE CMA MUSIC FEST 2008  
JUNE 4 - 8, 2008 IN RIVERFRONT PARK, HALL OF FAME PARK  
AND AREA UNDER THE SHELBY STREET BRIDGE**

An application submitted Mr. Dennis Freeman, representing the Country Music Association, requesting permission to sell alcohol during the CMA Music Fest 2008, June 4-8, 2008, in Riverfront Park, Hall of Fame Park, and area under the Shelby Street Bridge was presented to the Board. Amplification is also requested for Hall of Fame Park and Under the Bridge Mall.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Justice Birch, the Board granted approval to the Country Music Association to sell alcoholic beverages as per Metro Ordinance contingent upon applicant acquiring all appropriate permits from the Metropolitan Beer Board and/or the Alcoholic Beverage Commission. Also, amplification was approved for Hall of Fame Park and Under the Bridge Mall 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:**

**05-08-22**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF THE NASHVILLE SYMPHONY  
FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING A CONCERT TO BE HELD  
IN EAST PARK ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11, 2008**

An application submitted by Mr. Tim Lynch, representing the Nashville Symphony, requesting permission for amplification during a concert on Wednesday, June 11, 2008, 7:30 – 9:00 pm, in East Park was presented to the board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Justice Birch, 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.

**05-08-23**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF MONROE HARDING, INC.  
FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING A CORN HOLE TOURNAMENT TO BE HELD  
IN HALL OF FAME PARK ON SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 2008**

An application submitted by Ms. Patty Harman, President/CEO of Monroe Harding, Inc. requesting permission for amplification during a corn hole tournament on Saturday, June 14, 2008, 10:30 am – 5:00 pm, in Hall of Fame Park was presented to the board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Justice Birch, 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.

**05-08-24**

**BOARD GRANTS PERMISSION TO THE AMERICAN ARTISAN, INC. TO HOST  
THE 38<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL AMERICAN ARTISAN FESTIVAL IN CENTENNIAL PARK  
ON FRIDAY, JUNE 13, SATURDAY, JUNE 14, AND SUNDAY JUNE 15, 2008  
WITH AMPLIFICATION**

An application submitted by Ms. Nancy Saturn, representing The American Artisan, Inc. requesting permission for amplification during the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual American Artisan Festival in Centennial Park, 9:00 am – 7:30 pm, Friday, June 13, Saturday, June 14 and Sunday, June 16, 2008 was presented to the board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Justice Birch, the board unanimously approved this request for amplification 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:**

**05-08-25**

**BOARD GRANTS PERMISSION TO KINFOLKS RECORDS INC.,  
TO SELL ALCOHOL DURING THE SOULFOOD FESTIVAL  
ON SATURDAY, JULY 12, 2008 IN RIVERFRONT PARK**

An application submitted by Mr. Pat Williams, representing Kinfolks Records Inc., requesting approval from the Board to host ***The SoulFood Festival*** with permission to sell alcohol on Saturday, July 12, 2008, 3:00 – 11:00 pm, in Riverfront Park.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Justice Birch, the Board granted approval to Kinfolks Records, Inc. to sell alcoholic beverages as per Metro Ordinance contingent upon applicant acquiring all appropriate permits from the Metropolitan Beer Board and/or the Alcoholic Beverage Commission.

**X. NEW BUSINESS:**

**05-08-26**

**BOARD GRANTS PERMISSION TO THE NEIGHBORHOODS RESOURCE CENTER  
TO HOST THE HOT CHICKEN FESTIVAL IN EAST PARK  
ON FRIDAY, JULY 4, 2008 WITH AMPLIFICATION  
AND PERMISSION TO CONSUME ALCOHOL**

Mr. Billy Fields, representing Neighborhoods Resource Center, was present to request permission for sound amplification and to serve beer during the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Hot Chicken Festival in East Park on Friday, July 4, 2008 from the board. Mr. Fields stated that volunteers will police the area where beer is being served to make sure no children are in the vicinity.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Carter, the Board unanimously approved this request for amplification and to consume alcohol contingent upon applicant acquiring all appropriate permits from the Metropolitan Beer board and/or the Alcoholic Beverage Commission and subject to compliance of the following board policy in this regard:

- 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.

**X. NEW BUSINESS:**

**05-08-26 (con't.)**

**BOARD GRANTS PERMISSION TO THE NEIGHBORHOODS RESOURCE CENTER  
TO HOST THE HOT CHICKEN FESTIVAL IN EAST PARK  
ON FRIDAY, JULY 4, 2008 WITH AMPLIFICATION  
AND PERMISSION TO CONSUME ALCOHOL**

- 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.

Metro Parks reserves the right to close this hospitality area at any time if all of the above is not adhered to.

**05-08-27**

**REQUEST TO APPROVE HOSTING OF A DISNEY BLOCK PARTY SPONSORED BY  
THE CONSERVANCY FOR THE PARTHENON AND CENTENNIAL PARK  
DEFERRED BY THE BOARD AS PER REQUEST OF THE CONSERVANCY**

Ms. Sylvia Feldman, representing The Conservancy for The Parthenon and Centennial Park, asked that the request to host a **Disney Block Party**, July 15 – 16, 2008, in Centennial Park with a fee waiver be deferred.

Upon motion of Ms. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Carter, the Board unanimously agreed to defer request until their June meeting.

**X. NEW BUSINESS:**

05-08-28

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF THE GREENWAYS DIVISION  
FOR APPROVAL OF APPLICATION AND ULTIMATE ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT  
TO THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION IN  
THE AMOUNT OF \$400,000 FROM THE TENNESSEE HERITAGE  
CONSERVATION TRUST FUND PROGRAM**

Ms. Shain Dennison, representing The Greenways Division, was present to request approval from the board of application for and ultimate acceptance of a grant to the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation for \$400,000 from the Tennessee Heritage Conservation Trust Fund program to establish a fund for providing assistance to landowners donating conservation easements in Davidson County to help defray transaction expenses such as surveys and legal fees. The Land Trust for Tennessee is a secondary applicant. Metro's match, if awarded, would be up to \$250,000. (The \$250,000 is in existing greenway matching funds). The funds will be targeted to easements in the Beaman to Bells Bend corridor and the West Meade Conservancy area.

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

05-08-29

**BOARD APPROVES USAGE HOURS AT METRO PARK PLAYGROUNDS**

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Johnson, the Board unanimously approved dawn to dusk usage hours of the following Metro Park playgrounds:

AMQUI  
ANDREW JACKSON  
BORDEAUX  
CHARLOTTE PARK ELEMENTARY  
COCKRILL  
COLE  
CORA HOWE  
CRIEVE HALL  
CUMBERLAND  
DAN MILLS  
DODSON  
DuPONT  
FALL-HAMILTON

GATEWAY  
GLENCLIFF  
GOODLETTSVILLE  
HARPETH VALLEY  
HATTIE COTTON  
HENRY MAXWELL  
HERMITAGE  
HICKMAN  
HULL-JACKSON  
JONES PAIDEIA  
JULIA GREEN  
LAKEVIEW  
McGAVOCK ELEMENTARY  
MT. VIEW

**X. NEW BUSINESS:**

**05-08-29 (con't.)**

**BOARD APPROVES USAGE HOURS AT METRO PARK PLAYGROUNDS**

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Johnson, the Board unanimously approved dawn to dusk usage hours of the following Metro Park playgrounds:

NAPIER	RUBY MAJOR
NEELYS BEND	SHAYNE
NORMAN BINKLEY	SHWAB
J.E. MOSS	STANFORD MONTESSORI
OLD BRICK CHURCH	STRATTON
OLD CENTER	SYLVAN PARK
PARAGON MILLS	TOM JOY
PARK AVENUE	TULIP GROVE
ROBT. E. LILLARD (KINGS LANE)	TUSCULUM
ROSEBANK	UNA
ROSS	WHITSETT

**Neighborhood Parks closed dusk to dawn by Board action September 2007**

Public Square	One Public Square
Owen Bradley	One Music Circle East
Edmondson	1700 Charlotte Avenue
McKissack	28 <sup>th</sup> Avenue North/Torbett Street
Dallas H. Neil	1910 8 <sup>th</sup> Avenue South
Tony Rose	Music Circle East/Hawkins Court
St. Bernard	21 <sup>st</sup> Avenue South/St. Bernard
Bass	1604 Holly Street
Douglas	210 North 7 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> Avenue North
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)	900 Clifton Avenue
Elizabeth	1701 Arthur Street
Clinton B. Fisk	25 <sup>th</sup> Avenue North/Burch Street
Lock One	1530 Lock Road
Memorial	1105 Chadwell Drive
Peeler	2043 Neely's Bend Road
Willow Creek	1821 Westchester Drive

**X. NEW BUSINESS:**

**05-08-30**

**BOARD DEFERS REQUEST TO APPROVE  
GUIDELINES FOR ACQUISITION AND INSTALLATION  
OF PUBLIC ART IN METRO PARKS**

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Justice Birch, the Board unanimously deferred approval of proposed Guidelines for Acquisition and Installation of Public Art in Metro Parks until the June 2008 Parks Board meeting as requested by the Arts Commission.

**05-08-31**

**BOARD ACCEPTS FY2009 BUDGET REDUCTION CONSIDERATIONS  
FOR METRO PARKS**

Mr. Gray presented the following budget reduction considerations for FY2009:

<b>Warner Hours Reduction</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>Pos</b>	<b>FTE</b>	<b>Rev</b>
Proposed closing Warner Golf Course for three days a week	<b>-58,900</b>	<b>-5</b>	<b>-2.48</b>	<b>-50,700</b>
<b>Substitute Reductions in Lieu of Warner</b>				
Additional Reduction of Part-time Recreation Leaders	<b>-23,600</b>	<b>-3</b>	<b>-0.72</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Impact:</b> This modification would require a reduction in programs offered in a few community centers due to a reduction of operating hours. These part-time positions are currently filled.				
<b>Additional Reduction in Grounds Maintenance</b>	<b>-35,300</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>-1.00</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Impact:</b> This modification would require the department to make additional changes to the grounds maintenance mowing schedule. We have already prepared to change the mowing in some areas by an additional seven days to accommodate those modifications already.				
<b>Total Substitute Reductions</b>	<b>-58,900</b>	<b>-4</b>	<b>-1.72</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Tennis Center Reductions</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>Pos</b>	<b>FTE</b>	<b>Rev</b>
Tennis Center to Self-funded for 6 months of Year (Sep.-Feb.)	-59,300	-2	-2.43	-45,300
<b>Substitute Reductions in Lieu of Tennis Center (6 month) Reduction</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>Pos</b>	<b>FTE</b>	<b>Rev</b>
Administrative Office Support Rep	-33,400	-1	-1.00	0
<b>Impact:</b> This will eliminate the opportunity for the Administrative Division to hire an additional person to provide backup to the HR, Payroll, Accounting, and Records Management areas.				

**X. NEW BUSINESS:**

**05-08-31(con't.)**

**BOARD ACCEPTS FY2009 BUDGET REDUCTION CONSIDERATIONS  
FOR METRO PARKS**

	\$	Pos	FTE	Rev
Additional Reduction in Grounds Maintenance	-35,300	-1	-1.00	0
<p><b>Impact:</b> This modification would require the department to make additional changes to the grounds maintenance mowing schedule. We have already prepared to change the mowing in some areas by an additional seven days to accommodate those modifications already.</p>				
<b>Total Substitute Reductions</b>	<b>-68,700</b>	<b>-2</b>	<b>-2</b>	<b>0</b>

- These reductions along with those already discussed maintain a **total reduction of \$2,701,100 (-7.44%)**
- Parks has maintained the **total number of positions reduced at 136 (-11%) (135 is in the Mayor's Budget)**
- The total revenue impact if Parks make up revenue from **closing on Mondays at Wave Country is -56,600 (-.006)**

The break down of the position impacts are

	<b>Filled</b>	<b>Vacant</b>
Part-time	43	57
Full-time	<u>17</u>	<u>19</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>76</b>

Upon motion of Justice Birch, seconded by Mr. Lawson, the Board unanimously accepted budget reductions for FY2009 as presented by Mr. Gray.

**XI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS FROM STAFF**

**Community Garden Update**

Paul Widman reported in Vera Vollbrecht's absence:

- Grow Nashville booth at the Earth Day event was very successful.
- A new community garden is the Sylvan Street Garden and it is located in Kirkpatrick Park.
- Gregory Director is working as a seasonal with community gardens this summer.



**XI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS FROM STAFF**

**Miracle League Update**

Curt Garrigan reported that appropriation for the Shelby Master Plan is now in the budget. Mr. Carter, board member, asked that Parks contact the Titans and explain what is happening with regard to the field and their \$25,000 donation.

**Park Watch/Trail Watch Program**

Captain Rich Foley reported that the Park Watch link is on the central database program and accessible to the public to report issues.

**Park/School Wellness Program**

Paul Widman reported that Dr. Barkin will address the board at the June meeting. The Recreation staff is focusing all efforts on the opening of Coleman Regional Center.

**XII. UPCOMING SPECIAL ACTIVITIES/EVENTS**

Jackie Jones representing the Public Information Staff announced that the Hot Chicken Festival will be held in East Park early afternoon of July 4 before the celebration in Riverfront Park. Featured artists for the Riverfront event are Phil Vassar and Michael McDonald.

**XIII. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR**

Mr. Wilson reported that the Fireworks Policy has been amended to include open to the general public as follows:

*Fireworks in Metro Parks will only be permitted for events that are*  
***open to the general public*** *or at the discretion of the Director of*  
*Metro Parks or his designee.*

He also thanked all who attended and assisted in making the following events of Saturday, May 3 a success:

- the official dedication of the Cumberland Pedestrian Bridge
- Coleman Regional Recreation Center.

Mr. Wilson welcomed Justice Birch back and announced to the Board that Justice Birch will be honored by Community Nashville for a Lifetime Achievement Award on Thursday, May 8.

**XIV. ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Mr. Fossick asked that all board members try to attend Metro Parks' budget hearing before the Metropolitan Council on Thursday, May 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm in the council chambers.

Mr. Carter stated that Metro Legal has notified the Nashville Sounds that they are in default of their lease; therefore he asked Ms. Costonis, Metro Legal liaison to Metro Parks to report on the status of the Sounds' ownership at the June Board Meeting.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Carter and there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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**Mr. Roy E. Wilson, Director**

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**Mr. Stan Fossick, Chairperson**