

# **METROPOLITAN BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION**

## **MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING**

**June 3, 2008**

A meeting of the Board of Parks and Recreation of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee was held on Tuesday, June 3, 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. Ivanetta Davis Samuels, and Ms. Tonya Jones. Ms. Karen Johnson 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 MAY 6, 2008 APPROVED**

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Carter, the Board approved the minutes of the board meeting held Tuesday, May 6, 2008.

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

Dr. Shari Barkin of Vanderbilt Children's Hospital was in attendance to present grant funded opportunities to be utilized at Coleman Regional Center.

The Nashville Collaborative Team, which includes Metro Parks and the Monroe Carell Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt, will be working together to decrease childhood obesity. Dr. Barkin stated that the main focus of these opportunities is to strengthen the family unit as well as the neighboring communities.

Coleman Regional Center will serve as the flagship site during the summer of 2008. Through education grants:

- Dell Corporation will provide 3-5 computers to provide teens the learning tools to access health tips.
- Kroger and 2<sup>nd</sup> Harvest Food Bank will promote a teaching kitchen in order to instruct teens on healthy cooking skills.
- Mini health screenings will be held once a month

Tennessee Project Diabetes Grant will begin July 2008 and will provide skill-building programs for Latino families with young children.

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

Roy Wilson introduced the following employees to the board:

- **Linnann Welch, Manager of the Bells Bend Nature Center**
- **Chris Guerin, Naturalist at Bells Bend Nature Center**

**VIII. OLD BUSINESS:**

**05-08-30**

**BOARD APPROVES GUIDELINES FOR ACQUISITION AND INSTALLATION  
OF PUBLIC ART IN METRO PARKS**

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Carter and upon amendment of Justice Birch with regard to clarification of wording (changes will be noted in bold in the guidelines below); the board approved the guidelines as amended by a vote of 3 (Birch, Carter, Lawson) to 2 (Davis-Samuels, Jones).

**Guidelines for Acquisition and Installation of  
Public Art in Metro Parks**

The following (policies will guide) ***criteria are intended to guide*** the Board of Parks and Recreation in connection with any proposal for acquisition of or request for placement of public art in connection with any particular construction project on any new or existing site in any Metro Park:

- Installations shall be compatible with the individual park's design, and shall not restrict park operations in any way.
- The installations shall not obstruct pathways, open areas or other park features.
- Installations generally shall not alter designed landscapes or spaces, fountains, previously dedicated or memorialized spaces, or alter the original design intent of the park. Generally, the original design of the individual park should be respected.
- Public art installations generally shall not necessitate the removal of existing features, landscaping, or trees.
- Public art installations shall not limit the availability or flexibility of spaces for park activities or events.
- The size, number, and location of installations shall not impact park functions and operations, and shall minimize the potential for visual clutter, increased maintenance needs, and/or park alterations.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS:

05-08-30 (con't.)

**BOARD APPROVES GUIDELINES FOR ACQUISITION AND INSTALLATION  
OF PUBLIC ART IN METRO PARKS**

**Guidelines for Acquisition and Installation of  
Public Art in Metro Parks**

- The Public Art shall not impact public accessibility, health or safety.
- The Public Art shall be related in terms of scale, material, form, and content to immediate and adjacent buildings and landscaping so that it complements the site and surrounding environment.
- The proposed installation shall (removed-would) not conflict with local, state, federal ordinances and/or regulations

Other considerations for the approval of Public Art shall include, but are not limited to the following:

1. The compatibility of the Public Art with the unified design character or historical character of the site.
2. Approval of adequate funding for ongoing maintenance.
3. Compatibility with annual and/or scheduled events and activities
4. The impact on future development of park spaces, including requests for future public art proposals or other park appropriate amenities.
5. Displacement of public amenities

01-07-04

**APPROVAL OF ART PROPOSAL TO BE INTEGRATED ON THE PUBLIC SQUARE  
REFERRED TO PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE FOR RECOMMENDATION**

Ms. Sandra Duncan, representing the Metro Arts Commission, was present to request approval from the Board of an art proposal to be integrated on the Public Square. **Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Carter, the Board referred this request to the Public Art Committee for recommendation.**

Ms. Duncan provided a quick review of the art proposal to the board members and reported that The Public Square public art project is the city's second project under the "Percent for the Arts" ordinance that was adopted by Metro Council in 2000. Eight semi-finalists were selected from a pool of 171 artists from across the United States who responded to Metro Arts' Call to Artists issued in March 2006. The scope includes two separate projects for the new downtown Public Square, a four-acre park adjacent to the newly renovated Metro Courthouse.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS:

01-07-04 (con't.)

**APPROVAL OF ART PROPOSAL TO BE INTEGRATED ON THE PUBLIC SQUARE  
REFERRED TO PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE FOR RECOMMENDATION**

Rowe's concept proposal, titled Discovery and Exploration, consists of three bronze artworks that are approximately one-third human scale. The three representational sculptures, to be called The Spark of Discovery, The Scholar, and To the Moon, will be dispersed around the Public Square site. These statues will be elevated on a base but will be accessible to children.

Sayre's proposal includes a series of terrazzo artworks that incorporate kinetic and water elements, giving the Square's southern edge courtyards different but complementary personalities based on the theme of "a day in Nashville." For the east courtyard, Sayre's proposal includes four different arrangements of highly crafted terrazzo sculptures, each surrounding a wind-operated spire that will cavort with the wind and present a polished stainless steel surface to the sky in infinite variations. The kinetic elements take their inspiration from the cranes that once moved around along the working river on the East Bank. In the west courtyard, Sayre's proposal calls for another set of four different terrazzo sculpture arrangements. In what may appear to be random times, Sayre has proposed for the sculptures to emit a soft cloud of water fog which will gently loft across the reflecting pool. The fog element will be enhanced with an LED light feature, creating a strong night presence.

Metro has allocated approximately \$350,000 for the total of the Public Square project to be funded by Nashville's "Percent for the Arts" program.

Mr. Lawson asked that a layout of each suggested location of art within the Park be presented at the Parks' subcommittee meeting so that members of the committee could view the proposal by an enhanced visual aid.

Mr. Fossick appointed Sandra Duncan as an ad hoc member to the advisory committee as a representative from the Arts Commission.

05-08-21

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF MONROE HARDING, INC.  
FOR ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION 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 and **the consumption of beer** 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.

**IX. CONSENT AGENDA:**

**05-08-22 (con't.)**

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

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Carter the Board granted approval to consume/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.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Board approved request for amplification at the June board meeting with the understanding that the sound not be disruptive to those in the surrounding area and subject to monitoring by park personnel.

**06-08-01**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF CYNTHIA POWELL FOR AMPLIFICATION  
DURING A WEDDING TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, JULY 19, 2008  
IN THE SUNKEN GARDENS OF CENTENNIAL PARK**

An application submitted by Ms. Cynthia Powell requesting permission for amplification during a wedding on Saturday, July 19, 2008, 12:30 – 3:00 pm, in the Sunken Gardens of Centennial Park was presented to the board.

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

**06-08-02**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF DESMA CARTER AND TERRELL AMES  
FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING A WEDDING  
TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 17, 2008  
IN THE SUNKEN GARDENS OF CENTENNIAL PARK**

An application submitted by Ms. Desma Lassiter and Mr. Terrell Ames requesting permission for amplification during a wedding on Tuesday, June 17, 2008, 11:30 – 3:00 pm, in the Sunken Gardens of Centennial Park was presented to the board.

Upon motion of Justice Birch, seconded by Mr. Carter, 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:

06-08-03

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF DIESHEKA GOODRICH FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING A WEDDING TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY, JUNE 8, 2008 IN THE SUNKEN GARDENS OF CENTENNIAL PARK**

An application submitted by Ms. Diesheka Goodrich requesting permission for amplification during a wedding on Sunday, June 8, 2008, 1:00 – 4:00 pm, in the Sunken Gardens of Centennial Park was presented to the board.

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

06-08-04

**BOARD GRANTS PERMISSION TO CLEAR CHANNEL NASHVILLE FOR AMPLIFICATION AND ALCOHOL SALES/CONSUMPTION DURING THE MUSIC CITY BREWER'S FESTIVAL ON SATURDAY, JULY 26, 2008, 2:00 – 8:00 PM IN HALL OF FAME PARK**

An application submitted by Ms. Candace Price, representing Clear Channel Radio, requesting permission for amplification and alcohol sales/consumption during the *Music City Brewer's Festival* on Saturday, July 26, 2008, 2:00 – 8:00 pm in Hall of Fame Park was presented to the Board.

Upon motion of Justice Birch, seconded by Mr. Carter, the Board granted permission for the consumption and sale of alcoholic beverages, as per Metro Ordinance, and contingent upon applicant acquiring all appropriate permits from the Metropolitan Beer Board and/or the Alcoholic Beverage Commission.

06-08-05

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF THE TRIMBLE ACTION GROUP FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING A NASHVILLE NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME EVENT TO BE HELD IN DUDLEY PARK ON TUESDAY, AUGUST, 5, 2008**

An application submitted by The Trimble Action Group requesting permission for amplification during a *Nashville Night Out Against Crime* event on Tuesday, August 5, 2008, 4:00 – 9:00 pm, Dudley Park was presented to the board.

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

**06-08-06**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF HARPETH FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.  
FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING A COMPANY PICNIC TO BE HELD  
IN CENTENNIAL PARK ON SUNDAY, JUNE, 29, 2008**

An application submitted by Mr. Casey Conroy requesting permission for amplification during a company picnic on Sunday, June 29, 2008, 2:00 – 8:00 pm, at the Centennial Park Event Shelter was presented to the board.

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

**06-08-07**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF VETERANS AFFAIRS OF DAVIDSON COUNTY  
FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING AN EMPLOYEE PICNIC TO BE HELD  
IN CENTENNIAL PARK ON FRIDAY, JUNE, 13, 2008**

An application submitted by Mr. John Hall requesting permission for amplification during an employee picnic on Friday, June 13, 2008, 12:00 – 4:00 pm, at the Centennial Park Event Shelter was presented to the board.

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

**06-08-08**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF MERLENE BARLOW FOR  
AMPLIFICATION DURING A FAMILY REUNION  
TO BE HELD AT THE TWO RIVERS PARK PICNIC SHELTER 5  
ON SATURDAY, JULY 26, 2008, 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM**

An application submitted by Ms. Merlene Barlow requesting permission for amplification during a family reunion picnic on Saturday, July 26, 2008, 8:00 am – 6:00 pm, at Two Rivers Park, picnic shelter 5, was presented to the board.

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

**06-08-09**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST, INC. FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING A BICYCLING EVENT TO BE HELD ON STONES RIVER GREENWAY FROM PERCY PRIEST DAM TO SHELBY BOTTOMS ON SATURDAY, JULY 12, 2008**

An application submitted by Mr. Aaron Smith, representing Ambassadors for Christ, Inc, requesting permission for amplification during a bicycling event on Saturday, July 12, 2008, 6:00 am – 4:00 pm, on the Stones River Greenway from Percy Priest Dam to Shelby Bottoms was presented to the board.

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

**06-08-10**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF CATHOLIC CHARITIES FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING A BREAKFAST/LUNCH CELEBRATION TO BE HELD IN CENTENNIAL PARK ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2008**

An application submitted by Mr. Scott Gubala, representing Catholic Charities, requesting permission for amplification during a breakfast/lunch celebration on Wednesday, October 8, 2008, 8:00 am – 2:00 pm, at the Centennial Park Event Shelter was presented to the board.

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

**06-08-11**

**BOARD GRANTS PERMISSION TO BASS, BERRY AND SIMS, PLC TO CONSUME ALCOHOL DURING A COCKTAIL/DINNER PARTY ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 9, 2008, 5:30 – 9:30 PM, AT PUBLIC SQUARE**

An application submitted by Ms. Sarah Pittman, representing Bass, Berry and Sims, PLC, requesting permission to host a summer associate cocktail party and serve alcohol on Wednesday, July 9, 2008, 5:30 – 9:30 pm, at Public Square.

Upon motion of Justice Birch, seconded by Mr. Carter, the Board unanimously approved request for consumption of alcohol as per Metro Ordinance, and contingent upon applicant acquiring all appropriate permits from the Metropolitan Beer Board and/or the Alcoholic Beverage Commission.

**IX. CONSENT AGENDA:**

**06-08-11(con't.)**

**BOARD GRANTS PERMISSION TO BASS, BERRY AND SIMS, PLC  
TO CONSUME ALCOHOL DURING A COCKTAIL/DINNER PARTY  
ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 9, 2008, 5:30 – 9:30 PM, AT PUBLIC SQUARE**

Approval is also contingent upon requesting group adhering to all requirements of the policy for use of Public Square, specifically the following:

- No load in of anything until 4:00 pm
- Adherence of weight requirements of the Public Square
- Strike no later than 11:00 pm
- Bartender must serve wine and beer

**06-08-12**

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF CATHOLIC CHARITIES FOR AMPLIFICATION  
DURING A BREAKFAST/LUNCH CELEBRATION TO BE HELD  
IN CENTENNIAL PARK ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2008**

An application submitted by Ms. Carol McCullough, representing the Cleveland Park Neighborhood Association, requesting permission to host the CPNA Community Festival with amplification on Saturday, June 7, 2008, 12:00 – 3:00 pm, at the Cleveland Park Community Center and adjacent greenspace was presented to the board.

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

**X. NEW BUSINESS:**

**06-08-13**

**BOARD CONFIRMS APPOINTMENT OF IVANETTA DAVIS SAMUELS  
AS A MEMBER OF THE PARK BOARD**

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Carter, the Board unanimously confirmed the appointment of Ms. Ivanetta Davis Samuels as a member of the Park Board, effective May 6, 2008. (Ms. Davis Samuels' term will expire April 30, 2013.)

X. NEW BUSINESS:

06-08-14

**BOARD DENIES REQUEST OF NASHVILLE HELPING NASHVILLE TO SERVE ALCOHOL DURING A YOUTH FITNESS FAIR ON FRIDAY, JULY 4, 2008, 5:00 AM – 12:00 PM IN HALL OF FAME PARK; REQUEST FOR AMPLIFICATION WAS APPROVED**

An application submitted by Mr. Emmit Martin, representing Nashville Helping Nashville, requesting permission for amplification and the consumption of alcohol during a Youth Fitness Fair on Friday, July 4, 2008, 5:00 am – 12:00 pm, in Hall of Fame Park was presented to the Board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Carter, the board denied request for alcohol consumption during the Nashville Helping Nashville Youth Fitness Fair as this request causes concern especially since the event is scheduled to end at 12:00 noon and children are involved. Also, this event is scheduled for July 4 and all activities in the Riverfront Park and downtown area parks are designated as alcohol free/family friendly during this annual event. Please note that amplification was approved and is subject to monitoring by park personnel.

06-08-15

**BOARD DEFERS REQUEST OF THE BRALCO GROUP, INC (102.5 THE BUZZ) FOR ALCOHOL SALES/CONSUMPTION DURING A RADIO SPONSORED CONCERT ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2008, 12:00 – 11:00 PM, IN RIVERFRONT PARK**

An application submitted by The Bralco Group Inc., representing *102.5 The Buzz* radio, requests permission to sell alcohol during a radio sponsored concert on Saturday, September 13, 2008, 12:00 – 11:00 pm in Riverfront Park was presented to the Board.

Upon motion of Justice Birch, seconded by Mr. Carter, the board deferred request for alcohol consumption during a radio sponsored concert until all permit requirements have been completed.

06-08-16

**BOARD DEFERS ACQUISITION OF 40 ACRES ADJACENT TO HEARTLAND PARK TO THE PARKS BOARD'S ACQUISITION COMMITTEE**

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Jones, the board deferred staff request to accept acquisition of approximately 40 acres adjacent to Heartland Park on Stones River from Donelson Church of Christ for passive recreation use and canoe/small fishing boat access until the July meeting.

**XI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS FROM STAFF**

**Community Garden Update**

Paul Widman presented reported for Vera Vollbrecht. Paul introduced Gregory Director who will be working and focusing on community gardens this summer. A meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, June 3, 6:30 pm, at the Coleman Regional Center regarding the proposed garden at Coleman.

**Miracle League Update**

Curt Garrigan reported that Parks is awaiting word from Metro Purchasing before construction can begin.

**Park Watch/Trail Watch Program**

Captain Rich Foley – no report

**Park/School Wellness Program**

Report given by Dr. Sheri Barkin at the beginning of the board meeting.

**XII. UPCOMING SPECIAL ACTIVITIES/EVENTS**

Jackie Jones reported:

Monday, June 30 at 4:30 pm South Inglewood Community Center will reopen.

Friday, July 4 at East Park the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Hot Chicken Festival.

Friday, July 4 at Riverfront Park the Annual Independence Day Celebration.  
(Please get your ticket requests in to Mr. Wilson by Friday, June 6<sup>th</sup>.)

**XIII. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR**

Mr. Wilson thanked members of the Board for their support at Parks' budget hearing held on Thursday, May 29.

Mr. Wilson reported:

- Orientation for Ivanetta Davis Samuels at the July board meeting.
- Official board photograph will be made at 1:00 preceding the July board meeting.
- Nickelodeon has added Nashville to their tour stops this summer (July 19). It is a youth, family friendly event.
- June 7<sup>th</sup> is National Trails Day with events scheduled at the Nature Center sites all day.

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

Mr. Fossick made the following board appointments:

- Lamont Carter to serve on the Acquisition Committee.
- Ivanetta Davis Samuels to serve on the Public Art Committee and as liaison to the Arts Commission representing the Parks' board.

**REPORT ON NASHVILLE SOUNDS CURRENT LEASE OF FORT NEGLEY**

Ms. Theresa Costonis, liaison to the Parks' board from the Legal department, reported on the status of the Nashville Sounds' lease of Fort Negley Park (Greer Stadium) as requested by Lamont Carter at the May meeting of the board.

Ms. Costonis stated:

- Sue Cain, Metro Legal Department Director, sent letter to Glen Yaeger of the Nashville Sounds on April 22<sup>nd</sup> putting them on notice for lease default based on an ADA audit. This audit was performed at Greer Stadium in August 2007 and numerous infractions were indicated.
- Response from Glen Yaeger was received in the Metro Legal Department by fax on May 23 and stated that efforts to comply to the complaint of 2005 would address the audit; however, efforts were not sufficient.
- The Sounds have until December 31, 2008 to comply in order to regain the option to renew for 10 additional years and they would have to not be in default of compliance of existing lease.

With 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**